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Tenant from hell

by Jay Emeny

A British expatriate has warned Costa Blanca landlords after her villa was allegedly ransacked by a nightmare tenant who refused to pay rent before blackmailing her.

The British family left mouldy plates, take-away boxes, empty cans and stained sheets strewn all over the property when they

moved out as well as causing thousands of Euros worth of damage.

Kelly Louise Metcalfe, 34, was initially pleased to hear her Benidorm-based letting agency had found her a tenant for her villa, but soon after they moved in on November 8 last year, the problems began.

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Council pay-back time

THE Puchades family, early Benidorm developers, reclaimed €264 million from the town hall in compensation for Rincon de Loix land compulsorily purchased when the Sierra Helada was declared a national park in 2005.

Double crime

THE Guardia Civil arrested a Spanish man who stole a total of 250 kilos of avocados worth €500 on seven different occasions from an Ondara smallholding and also beat and injured a guard dog.

Cat food rap

A SAN VICENTE woman was fined €200 for leaving out food for strays, infringing local bylaws that allow volunteers to feed only the town's recognised cat colonies at set times.

EXCLUSIVE

From Front Page

SHORTLY after settling in, John Anthony Parkin - who lived at the property with his wife and children - began to claim there were 'problems' with the property and attempted to charge for replacements without providing proof appliances were broken.

Speaking to the *Euro Weekly News*, Kelly, from Burnley, said John "didn't put the electricity or water bills into his name," despite being warned he would be cut off by the energy provider if he failed to pay the bills.

"He would never call us when there was a problem," she said, before adding that he did not settle a single bill, leaving Valencia-based Kelly and her husband Hector more than €1,000 out of pocket.

After refusing to pay for 'work' carried out without permission, tensions escalated, with Mr Parkin demanding €350 and refusing to pay rent or move out until he received the money.

Then in a series of texts seen by *Euro Weekly News*, he admits to never intending to pay the rent as he was "busy sorting things out and getting legal ad-

Brit 'trashed expat home and blackmailed landlady'



TRASHED: John Anthony Parkin (inset) reportedly wrecked Kelly Louise Metcalfe's villa.

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vice" and once again demands money be transferred to his account if they want him to leave.

Eventually John agreed to meet the estate agent who would give him the money in cash - as Kelly did not want to send it directly to his account - after he signed a contract terminating his rental agreement.

Mr Parkin and his family left behind destroyed furniture, bricks in the pool - which will cost hundreds to repair -and is

believed to have been subletting the property without permission as there were beds found in the garage that were not there before. A flat screen TV that was there before they moved in is also missing. The damages alone are estimated to cost more than €1,000.

"The place stinks now, I've filed a report with the police in Benidorm, but I want to make sure others know of this so landlords beware," Kelly said.

Parkin spoke to UK media about the claims and while he did not deny refusing to pay rent and bills, he said he had no time to clean the premises before he left.

"It wasn't blackmail. Everything I have done is totally legal," he claims.

Mr Parkin has been involved in incidents in the past in the UK, including attempting to set fire to a mosque according to the BBC.

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All safe

THE occupants of a San Vicente apartment realised that fire had broken out when one of them was woken by flames licking at her leg. All three were affected by smoke inhalation before they were safely evacuated by fire-fighters, together with their cat and dog.

Fast turnover

A VILLENA beauty salon owner was charged with using the business to sell drugs after the Guardia Civil seized 706 grammes of marihuana and nine cocaine wraps. Their suspicions were aroused after noticing clients entering and leaving the salon too rapidly to have been receiving treatments.

A load of bull

THE Peña Taurina bullfighting association in Villena intends to sue the town hall unless it allows them to organise a bullfight during next September's fiestas. The people of Villena own the bullring, not the Green party that controls the town hall, the Peña's members maintained.

Montgo mishap

A FIRE BRIGADE helicopter evacuated a man of 40 hiking on Montgo with his family who fell seven metres in a spot which was inaccessible to rescuers. Badly bruised and with an open wound on his head, he was airlifted to a waiting ambulance and taken to Denia hospital.

Museum pieces

ESPADRILLES of different sizes, lead shot, ropes and crockery discovered while restoring Benidorm's 16th century Les Caletes lookout tower are now being dated and catalogued by Alicante's MARQ museum.

They will later return to Benidorm for the Boca de Calvari exhibition centring on the Sierra Helada.

GHOST TOWN: Villagers are possessed by evil spirits that emerge from a mysterious crack in the ground each year.

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 3



Black as the devil

Photo by Twitter

ACCORDING to legend, they escape the underworld through a mysterious crack in the earth once per year.

And in the small village of Luzon, Castile-La Mancha, the demons roam the streets in one of Spain's most macabre celebrations.

Known as the Festival of Devils and Masks [La Fiesta de los Diablos y Mascaritas], revellers daub their faces with oil and soot before don-

ning horns and cow bells as they transform into servants of evil.

A set of huge, fearsome teeth carved from a potato completes the fiendish look of the diablos, innocent villagers possessed by evil spirits.

They wander the village, 'cursing' onlookers by smearing them with black marks.

The only people safe from their sinister touch are the mascaritas, white-masked figures clad in tradi-

tional women's clothing.

While the first records of the bizarre ritual date back to the 14th century, its genuine origin is unknown.

Outlawed during the reign of former dictator Francisco Franco, the event was rebooted in the 1980s.

Today, any type of costume - from cartoon characters to nuns to pirates - can be worn to avoid the demons' wicked touch.

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Will to win

EWN scoops national award



'HONOURED': EWN publishers Michel and Steven Euesden (centre) accept their award.

THE *Euro Weekly News* has bagged a national press association award for the second year in a row.

It comes after Spain's leading English-language weekly newspaper picked up the Professional Trajectory Award at the 2018 Spanish Periodical Association (AEEPP) Awards.

According to the organisers, the award is won by a company 'for its successes and outstanding professional journey.'

The jury featured Jose Manuel Velasco, president of Global Alliance, the international confederation of PR and communication management associations, and Miguel Justribo, Corporate Communication Director of Telepizza Spain, among others.

Other winners included national daily newspaper *El Español*, Spanish news website *El Diario*, and American streaming giant *Netflix*.

The association said in a statement: "We want to recognise the *Euro Weekly* - the leading English newspaper - as an invaluable information resource for the foreign community living on our coasts."

The AEEPP Awards event is now in its 12th year and is considered to be among the most pres-

tigious press awards in Spain.

The AEEPP comprises around 100 publishing firms which together produce more than 900 titles covering both online and printed media, with an estimated annual readership of almost 130 million.

EWN publishers Michel and Steven Euesden were on hand to collect the award at the glittering gala event, which took place in the auditorium of the famous Royal Post Office building in Spanish capital Madrid.

After collecting the award, a delighted Michel said: "The *EWN* Media Group is a family of people who work day and night throughout the year with dedication and passion.

"We are so honoured to have received this award from the AEEPP.

"As a team we work hard and believe in the future of all printed and digital publications.

"We would like to give thanks to our wonderful clients and readers.

"But in the main this award is for a team that has given everything over the last year, and we must also recognise their partners, as anyone in the world who works in print will understand.

"A massive congratulations to everyone."

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Bonfire day

THE €338,189 improvements to Denia's Calle San Francisc conclude in May, but work will temporarily halt later this month so that the neighbourhood Falla can be set up for the March 19 fire fiestas.

Bug off

DESPITE Alcoy's fumigation programme to eradicate processionary caterpillar nests in the city's pines last November, more have appeared and are being treated by specialists using a low-toxicity pesticide that poses no danger to the public.

Hard facts

INTERNATIONAL analysts predicted the best year for Alicante Province's marble quarries since 2008, prompted by increased demand for natural stone in both developed countries and emerging economies.

Reluctance to go with the flow



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AMADORIO: Good water going to waste.

THE Amadorio dam in Villajoyosa is currently releasing water although it is only 40 per cent full.

The decision to open the sluice gates came from the Confederacion Hidrografica del Jucar (CHJ) which controls all waterways and bodies of water in the Jucar basin.

It did so following an inrush of water after recent rain and snow, complying with Plan Hidrologico Nacional (PHN) environmental flow directives designed to protect the ecosystems of Spanish rivers.

The move was criticised by the Marina Baja Water Consortium and agricultural growers belonging to the Comunidad de Regantes de La Vila irrigation group.

Both the Amadorio and Guadalest rivers are typical Mediterranean ramblas that

dry up in summer and have an abundant flow only after heavy rain.

Their respective dams are fed artificially, explained the Consortium's Jaime Berenguer: "Opening the sluice gates does not make sense."

He has been trying for the last three years for an amendment to the PNH regulations, he said. "They are imposing the same environmental flow that is stipulated for rivers in the north of Spain," Berenguer complained. The area's two most important rivers should not be compared with those in other parts of Spain, he insisted.

The Regantes were no happier, according to their director, Pedro Alemany, as members are obliged to pay for recycled water while watching 'clean' water run out to sea. "The CHJ is releasing water in line with the law,

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Purr-fect bikini bod

SHE'S the former Atomic Kitten singer who recently hit the headlines after changing her lifestyle.

Kerry Katona, 37, appeared keen to flaunt her beach body during a winter jaunt to Spain.

The Whole Again hitmaker slipped into a tiny fuchsia bikini as she showed off her toned physique while topping up her tan by the pool.

She again donned her favourite brown wig and posed for the waiting paparazzi before relaxing on a sun lounger and snapping some cheeky selfies.

The mum-of-four moved in with pal and Real Housewives of Cheshire stunner Ampika Pickston after splitting from third husband George Kay.

And she showed off her body transformation on Loose Women after revealing exercise changed her figure when she stopped taking drugs for bipolar disorder.

She said: "Exercise is a massive thing, more than anything and I've been off medication now for about eight months."

NAKED AMBITION: Emily Ratajkowski and (inset) her Vanity Fair Spain cover.

Photo credit Twitter



PINK AND PERKY: Kerry Katona.



Laying it bare

SHE'S the model who shot to fame after appearing semi-nude in Robin Thicke's controversial Blurred Lines video.

And Emily Ratajkowski, 26, again bared all as she appeared topless on the cover of Vanity Fair Spain before stripping naked in a series of sizzling snaps inside the glossy magazine.

And the Westminster-born stunner shared a sultry image from the shoot on social media after the eye-popping cover hit the shelves.

Pay slips don't lie

COLOMBIAN pop superstar Shakira has allegedly paid almost €20.5 million to Spanish tax authorities.

The Whenever, Wherever singer - who lives in Barcelona with footballer husband Gerard Pique - reportedly forked out after being warned she could be prosecuted for tax evasion.

But Spanish media have reported that she may appeal the sanction after paying more than €20 million in tax during 2011.

Is Love Island host dating CBB star?



Photo credit Twitter

FLACKING HELL: TV presenter Caroline.

SHE spends six weeks per year hosting ITV2's racy dating show Love Island in Spain.

But Caroline Flack, 38, showed she has been up to a little matchmaking of her own after stepping out with Celebrity Big Brother's Andrew Brady, 27.

The pair appeared totally enamoured as they were snapped enjoying an evening stroll in London, as they

walked arm in arm before Caroline brought her hand to rest on her toy boy's backside.

She is said to have enjoyed a 'string of dates' with the Cheshire-based project engineer after they met at a party.

They fuelled speculation over their blossoming relationship after sharing social media posts that appeared to be taken in the same room.

Classy ladies

THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF ATLANTA set tongues wagging after a set-to between Porsha Williams and Marlo Hampton in Barcelona.

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Death sentence for drugs mule

By Linda Hall

VICTOR PARADA, a Bolivian with relatives in Benilloba, faces execution in Malaysia for drug smuggling.

Victor, deported from Spain in 2009 for not having a residence permit, was arrested in Malaysia in 2013 after Customs officers found 450 grams of cocaine on him.

His case took more than four years to reach court and he was sentenced to death on January 5.

Victor's mother Silvia Vargas, believes he was forced to turn to smuggling to repay a debt.

With the help of relatives, she

scraped together enough to pay lawyers' fees but has now asked the Spanish authorities for help.

Silvia explained that when Victor arrived back in Bolivia he earned a precarious living as a carpenter, a trade he learnt in Spain.

After a work-related accident prevented him from working at all, Victor's partner left him and their child in 2013 and Silvia tried unsuccessfully to bring Victor and her grandson to Spain on a Family Reunification visa.

She has now lodged an appeal, although it could take up to two years before the case reaches court once more.

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Prison term for shooting dogs

TWO huntsmen received seven-and-a-half month sentences for shooting a dog and wounding another in Murla.

The men, aged 74 and 77 were out shooting and

opened fire on the dogs after they entered the private Castellet hunting reserve.

One returned to her owner, wounded and bleeding, who then chal-

lenged the two men who were holding shotguns, but they walked off without a word.

The other dog's body was found half-buried but reportedly disappeared

that same night.

The hunters later told a Benidorm court that they had mistaken the two dogs for rabbits. They were given leave to appeal against the sentence.

OUR VIEW

Spain's never-ending corruption problem

THE news that Spain has risen in a global corruption ranking may not come as a surprise.

The country has been plagued by scandal in recent years, with members of the Royal Family, political parties, large corporations, and the police implicated.

Its Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index score has now dropped by eight points (out of 100) since 2012, with its latest tally of 57 worse than most other European nations.

According to official figures, almost 1,500 individuals faced corruption trials in Spain between July 2015 and the end of 2016, while the issue has long ranked as the second biggest cause for concern after unemployment among the population.

In 2013 a European Council report questioned the integrity and impartiality of Spain's chief anti-corruption prosecutor, who was appointed by the government, and issued a series of 11 recommendations to help Spain tackle the problem.

But three years later, it concluded that none had been 'implemented satisfactorily.'

Some blame religion, since Catholicism allows for confession and absolution of sins, while others claim that corruption is a habit born in dictatorial times, when cheating the state was akin to an act of resistance.

And unless political forces can come together and deal with the issue as a state policy transcending individual parties, it appears that systematic corruption is here to stay.

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The lorry that never was

by Linda Hall

THREE Spanish men extorted €11,200 from an Ecuadorian shop-owner in San Vicente, after convincing him that they had Mafia connections.

A year ago, the Ecuadorian began to receive threatening phone calls after acting as an intermediary in an unsuccessful deal involving a €10,000 lorry.

The Sicilian Mafia was behind the sale and the shopkeeper would have to make good the lost €10,000 he was told.

For months he handed over his takings and when he ran out of ready cash, men came to his shop and took stock worth €8,000. Still unsatisfied, the extortion continued until he received a phone call from a man

with an Italian accent who threatened to kidnap his son.

If necessary a hitman would kill the rest of his family in Ecuador, he was warned.

Desperate, the shopkeeper contacted the Ecuadorian authorities, asking them to protect his family, and lodged a complaint to the Guardia Civil.

Investigators needed only a week to discover that there was no Mafia connection and the lorry had never existed.

The vehicle and the deal were the inventions of three local Spanish men aged 39, 42 and 45 who were arrested and charged with extortion, threatening behaviour, coercion, robbery and belonging to a criminal group. They were later released pending trial while the 39-year-old was issued with a restraining order.

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1. Choosing the right tax-efficient structure

A suitable tax-efficient structure – such as a pension plan or ISA in the UK – can keep most of your investments in one place and legitimately protect you from paying more tax than necessary.

This is usually more straightforward in the UK, where you are more likely to be familiar with the local rules. Here in Spain, however, with a foreign tax system, it can be much more complex. You need to understand your tax liabilities, here and in the UK, and recognise the tax-compliant opportunities available to you. An adviser who has cross-border experience and understands the Spanish taxation system will be best placed to help here.

Otherwise, you could find an investment portfolio that produces excellent returns, only to see them slashed by taxes that could have been avoided, or at least significantly reduced.

2. Identifying your particular

Wealth creation and management – Five key elements for success



By **Brett Hanson,**
Partner,
Blevins Franks

appetite for risk

Of course, no risk often means no returns. And arguably, even bank accounts are not 100% safe. Today's low interest rates mean that returns may struggle to keep up with inflation. Putting funds under the mattress is hardly the solution either!

Most of us recognise that some exposure to risk gives us a better chance

of outperforming inflation and producing real returns over time. However, without a clear and objective assessment of your appetite for risk, you could end up with an investment portfolio that does not suit you.

3. Matching your risk profile to the optimum portfolio

Every set of investments can be ranked according to an 'amplitude' of risk. Low amplitude brings less risk but also lower likely returns, while a higher amplitude potentially brings greater rewards. Where you feel comfortable within this range is best decided objectively.

Without professional, objective guidance to match you to your optimum blend of investments, you could find yourself with a portfolio that is either too risky or too cautious for you.

4. Diversification, repeat, diversification!

In any case you should ensure your

investments are suitably diversified so that you are not over-exposed to any given asset type, country, sector or stock.

By spreading across different asset types – equities, government bonds, corporate bonds, property, cash – as well as regions and markets, your portfolio has the chance to produce positive returns over time without being vulnerable to any single area under-performing.

5. Regularly review your portfolio

Finally, it is important to review your portfolio around once a year to re-balance it and make sure it is still in line with your unique risk profile, aims and circumstances.

As the world keeps turning and asset values rise and fall, your portfolio can shift away from the one designed to originally suit you. You may need to make adjustments to re-establish your original weighting, and also consider if any of your circumstances or goals

have changed.

In today's world, regular reviews are even more important to help control risk and encourage a positive effect on portfolio performance.

While there is no one size fits all solution for investing, these five key principles are the essential cornerstone of any successful wealth management strategy. Applying them in the right way can help you have the peace of mind to sleep at night, knowing your investments are best placed to meet the unique needs of you and your family.

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CV-800: Undulating sinuous curves entice bikers.

Mountain road 'not a racing circuit'

JIJONA Town Council unanimously agreed to ask the regional government to solve the Carrasqueta problem.

The CV-800 that links San Juan, Muchamiel, Jijona and Sarga includes the 1,020-metre Carrasqueta pass. Only 15 of the road's 35 kilometres are straight and it is a favourite route for bikers, with hundreds racing singly or in groups each weekend.

Accidents are frequent, sometimes with loss of life, and Jijona Town Hall has officially - but unsuccessfully - requested solutions since 2014.

The regional government also voted to ask the national government to install radar traps in 2016 but no action has yet been taken.

"Some motorcyclists go excessively fast although there are a few sections where the speed limit rises above 80 kilometres an hour. They behave as though they are on a racing circuit, without taking into account other people using the road," said Mario Carbonell who put forward the proposal.

The bikers were an additional danger for drivers entering from side roads af-

ter a continuous white line was painted down the middle of practically all of the CV-800 in 2011, the councillor said.

This has since been modified in some places but not others and drivers must often drive kilometres before they can legally cross it.

The town hall will again ask the regional government to 'urgently study how to improve and avoid these problems' while sending a copy of the request to the General Directorate of Traffic and the Guardia Civil.

NEWS EXTRA

Roman find?

CALPE cultural association ACEC accused the town hall of concealing the existence of Roman remains beneath the site of the recently-demolished Villas Neptuno where a developer intends to put up a 14-storey high rise building.

Flock care

FOR the second year, the regional government is offering a shepherding course, with classes on the physiology, nutrition and health of sheep/goats and milking.

All right

WITH the Diputacion Provincial Council under fire for allocating grants for building works there were complaints that towns refused subsidies, all have socialist or left-wing town halls.

Hitch for Line 1 passengers

PASSENGERS on Line 1 between Benidorm and Alicante City will have to make some of the journey by bus.

Renovations are being made to the rail bridge over the CV-759 road and five stations between Villajoyosa's La Creueta stop and Benidorm will be closed until March 15.

The entire bridge will be dismantled for any necessary repairs before the structure is replaced with the addition of a new platform, explained the region's rail operator FGV.

The CV-759 will be closed while work continues, but drivers will be diverted to another route.

Buses will be provided for passengers at the stops for La Creuta, Costera Pastor, Villajoyosa Hospital, La Marina-Finestrat and Benidorm.

They will run half-hourly but the 45-minute road jour-



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LA CREUETA: Line 1 stops here until March 15.

ney between the five stations will take considerably longer than the TRAM's 10 minutes.

Passengers bound for stops between Calpe and Denia

will be doubly unfortunate as this part of the journey must also be completed by bus during modernisation of Line 9 which will not be completed until late 2019.

NEWS EXTRA

Ice cream king

OSCAR PALACIO TOMAS, a 32-year-old from Pedreguer, recently returned from Madrid after winning the title of Spain's best ice-cream maker with a white Sacher Torte creation tasting of dark chocolate.

Sporting life

ONDARA Council modified zoning regulations enabling European sporting goods chain Decathlon to open a store in the Marjals industrial area, prompting a business-owner in the area to warn that he would appeal against the changes.

Rail link

THE six trains a day linking Villena and Alicante City will stop at Novelda, the national government's Ministry of Public Works announced, and should be operating before the summer.

MARIA JESUS, a 27-year-old nurse from Elda living in Valencia City, had four lovers when her husband was killed.

Their relations continued after Antonio Navarro, aged 36, was stabbed to death last August in the garage beneath the apartment where the couple lived in the city's Patraix neighbourhood.

Antonio, an engineer, was also from Elda and the couple had married in 2016.

Neither Tomas, Salva, Jose nor Sergio

A very merry widow

knew that the others existed but one of them, Salva, a 47-year-old nurse, is accused of killing Navarro with the connivance of Maria Jose, known as Maje.

Both were remanded in custody last December but Tomas, whom she had met in 2016, later told police investigators that Maje had hinted at wanting to

be rid of Antonio.

She told him that Antonio had cancer and ill-treated her, both lies, but dropped the subject when Tomas suggested reporting the alleged abuse to the police.

Neither was Maje interested in divorce because on Antonio's death she would receive a lump sum of up to €47,000 if he

died on his way to work, plus a lifetime pension of €1,100 a month. There would also be another monthly €1,600 if his death was 'non-accidental.'

It was Maje's relationship with Jose, whom she met last May that was her undoing and a jealous Salva, learning that she was planning to go to Italy with Jose, rang her and their unguarded, tapped conversation gave the already-suspicious police the evidence they needed.

In deep water

THE marine rescue service, Salvamento Maritimo, came to the aid of four divers whose hired boat drifted off.

They were diving at a depth of 60 metres between Villajoyosa and Campello when the boat broke down, the rescuers revealed afterwards.

Its two occupants could not prevent it from moving

from the pre-arranged spot but were able to contact the emergency services.

Salvamento Maritimo found and picked up the four divers who were safe and sound, according to sources, clinging to their marker buoy.

They were also able to locate the boat and after picking up its two occupants, towed it back to port.

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Export trade

THREE soundings by archaeologists have located an extensive Roman pottery works in Gata de Gorgos, which during the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD produced ceramics and wine amphorae for export from what is now Denia.

Off the hook

THE Valencia region's Upper Court ruled that Denia Council will not have to pay compensation to a developer whose land in the Racons 2 sector, formerly valued at €21.19 million, was worth €391,816 after reclassification.

Big queues

TWO people were slightly injured during a five-car collision inside the Novelda boundaries on the A31 Alicante-Madrid motorway that caused 10-kilometre tailbacks between Monforte and Petrel until the road was cleared two hours later.

Gangland killers

By Matt Ford

A COURT CASE involving 35 members of MS-13, the murderous street gang also known as Mara Salvatrucha, is underway on the Costa Blanca.

A total of 12 sessions are scheduled for the trial, which will run until May, with the defendants facing prison sentences of two to 30 years for a range of charges including illegal weapons possession, attempted murder, conspiracy to murder, money laundering and drug trafficking.

It comes after a major police sting saw investigators swoop on the gang's Spanish headquarters in Ibi, Alicante, plus cells in Madrid, Barcelona and Gerona in the wake of a wire-tapping probe.

The crackdown was designed to stop the organisation from expanding its operations in Spain, where it had been receiving funds from kingpins in the dangerous Central American country of El Salvador.

It also prevented the assassination of two people, including a man who witnessed the stabbing of a Romanian member of the Latin Kings - an enemy crew - in Alicante Port.

Among those on trial are several local bosses, who allegedly orchestrated violent territorial battles with rival gangs and set up drug trafficking networks.



Photo credit: Guardia Civil/Twitter

STREET WARRIORS: A gang member at the time of his arrest and (inset) the men arrive at Alicante's provincial court.

But the majority are 'soldiers,' many of them children, who committed robberies and other petty crimes to pay the monthly membership fee of €100.

According to reports, defence lawyers have negotiated a number of reduced sentences in exchange for confessions, although this has not been made official with the trial due to recommence on Thursday March 8.

Originating in Los Angeles, United States, most MS-13 members are from Central America, particularly El Salvador.

They are famed for the tattoos covering their bodies and their motto 'Mata, roba, viola, controla' (kill, steal, rape, control). The gang is mostly active in the US, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Canada, and was planning to gain a foothold in Spain.

Cash needed for school improvements

by Linda Hall

ALL political parties on Campello Council voted in favour requesting a €19m regional government allocation for the town's schools.

Funding would come from the Edificant programme where the regional government puts up the cash but the municipality involved processes and carries out the project.

Campello Town Hall hopes to receive €10.1m for extensions and renovations at the Enric Valor high school plus €5.9m for a fifth primary school that will solve overcrowding at the Fabraquer school and move children out of the prefabs now in use.

Another €1.5m is needed for improvements at the Fabraquer school that include a new dining room and €1.3m for the Pla Barraques centre, which needs an outside staircase, emergency exits as well as a gym and renovations to the toilets in the main building.

It is up to the regional government to decide which of the projects can be carried out via the Edificant programme.

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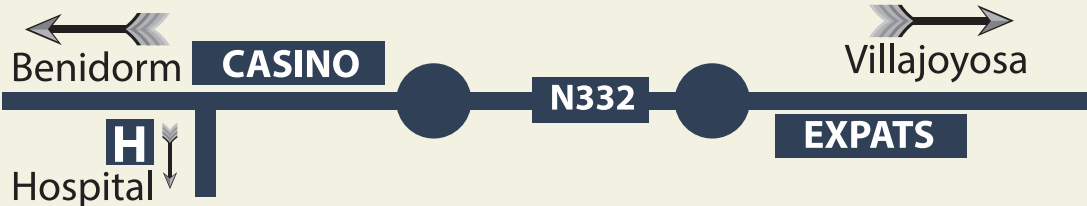
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Let's party (five times)

BENIDORM Town Hall amended plans for street parties at the point where Calle Bilbao meets the Levante beach.

The initiative to bring more trade to beachfront businesses has not been discarded and there will still be five parties each year although these include three that have been organised for the last two years.

Originally the town hall and Ociobal, the local association that represents pub, club and bar-owners, had agreed on eight themed street parties in addition to those already held.

The change of heart came after Opposition parties on the local council questioned some



CALLE BILBAO: Party time all year round.

of the concessions to business-owners, obliging the town hall to revise the scheme.

The five parties - Kids (May 20), St John's Eve (June 23) Low Festival Pre-party (July 26), Benidorm Pride (September 9) and New Year's Eve - include music and will adhere to 'set, regulated schedules,' said Benidorm's Public Safety councillor Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate.

Halloween has been dropped but on St Patrick's Day, St George's Day and during November town fiestas, bars and pubs on the seafront and in Calle Bilbao can decorate their premises and the street.

AbsoLOOtely great idea

BENIDORM'S seafront will have more toilets this year, and they will be cleaner.

The first totally adapted and accessible module will be tried out on the Levante beach, beside the Biblioplaya library.

The self-cleaning loos in the Rincon de Loix are to be moved to the end of the Avenida de la Armada Española on the Poniente beach, near the Local Police station.

The Rincon gets new, adapted toilets as does the Tamarindo zone at the end of the Poniente beach while the existing public convenience in the Paseo de Colon will receive another module.

All the toilets will be cleaned more often, said councillor Lorenzo Martinez, who is in talks with the Beaches concessionary to allocate a cleaner to each beach.

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Preparing for Brexit.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



Over the last 2 weeks I have had the pleasure of joining Sarah-Jane Morris, the British Consul, at a series of meetings helping to update the British population here in Spain, on Brexit.

Chorus Financial attended in the official capacity as financial advisor to Brexipats In Spain, Spain's biggest organisation lobbying for the post-Brexit rights of British residents in Spain.

Over the 8 meetings, which ranged from Pilar De La Horadada in the South, to Javea in the North, we had a total attendance in excess of 2000 people. After short introductions by Sarah-Jane and Richard Hill of Brexipats In Spain, the meetings moved to an open Q+A.

The 'agreement' on citizen's rights, is in fact 'an accord', and will only become binding as and when all other elements of the negotiation fall into place. Sarah-Jane summarised the accord as follows:

- To fall within the accord, you must be a fully signed up resident of Spain before 'Brexit day' March 29th 2019. Efforts were made by local town officials to encourage people to look into this ASAP. In some areas, where waiting times for an appointment are usually a matter of days, they currently stand at 6+ weeks. As we near the cut-off point, these

waiting times are expected to increase; it is best to book your appointment as early as possible.

- **Pensions uplift** – triple lock is a guarantee to increase the state pension every year by the higher of inflation, average earnings or a minimum of 2.5%. It currently extends to EU residents, and the intention is to maintain this post-Brexit for those of you living in Spain.

- **EHIC** – the European Health Insurance Card is intended for medical treatment only for those travelling within the EU. It should not be used by those intending to stay full-time in Spain, and the Consul warned that there has been an increase in problems for Brits in Spain trying to use the EHIC for long-term medical care. The accord intends for EHIC to remain in place post-Brexit. For British state pensioners, your EHIC should be provided by the UK, for other British, Spanish based residents, your EHIC will be provided by Spain.

- **Healthcare** – the UK currently pays approximately €3000 to Spain for each UK state pensioner who resides

here. This guarantees healthcare for British state pensioners in Spain as long as they are legally registered residents. The intention is to maintain this agreement post Brexit. For Brits working legally in Spain, they will automatically be covered, and early retirees have the option to pay into the Spanish healthcare system after 1 year of residence, at a rate of €60 per month.

There were many other areas covered following dozens of questions over the 8 meetings, but I simply don't have the space to cover them all! The overriding message was if you intend to remain in Spain post-Brexit with as little disruption as possible, then ensure you are on the padron and registered as resident – your local town council will help with this.

Chorus are actively assisting the British community here in Spain to prepare for Brexit with expert financial planning.

Areas to consider include:

- **A full review of your UK private**

- and company pensions.** With Pension Freedoms coming as a result of EU legislation, now could be the last opportunity to take advantage of pension flexibility with regards private or company pensions. Pension Freedoms has the potential to maximise your retirement funds, plan for tax efficient drawdown in Spain, and leave more to your loved ones when you pass away.

- **Savings and Investment reviews.** Saving and investment plans that are popular in the UK, including ISAs, UK investment bonds etc., can be incredibly inefficient once you become a Spanish resident, potentially resulting in you paying higher than necessary taxes and creating complex accounting requirements. There are simple solutions available to ensure moving to Spain doesn't result in higher taxation on your savings and investments.

- **Inheritance Tax Planning.** Spanish IHT is based on a very different system to the UK, so expert planning should be considered if you wish to reduce the potential inheritance tax your loved ones will need to pay.

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PUPILS from La Nucia's Employment Workshop have built a birdwatching hide at Pareto de la Rompuda dam.

The Pinar de Garaita IX workshop is a town hall initiative which provides work for 24 unemployed La Nucia residents together with training that will eventually help them enter the jobs

market.

The €560,640 project financed by the regional government, the town hall and the European Social Fund entails a year's work and training.

Work, earn and learn

The pupils, who are paid the established minimum wage, work as they learn and learn as they work on projects that benefit the municipality, the town hall explained.

They have improved the approach to the small dam and cleared away reeds and undergrowth so the observa-

tory gives a clear view of the birds and waterfowl that nest there or pass through on their migratory journeys.

The hide, the third of La Nucia's BTT mountain bike routes, begins and ends at the Ciudad Esportiva sports complex.

The 22.6-kilometre circuit, also known as the Ruta

del Agua, skirts the River Guadalest as well as several irrigation dams, the Font de la Favara cascade, the old washhouse and the Sequia Mare irrigation channel.

A map of the route can be downloaded from <https://es.wikiloc.com/rutas-cicloturias/red-btt-la-nucia-ruta-3-ruta-del-agua-16899201>.

NEWS EXTRA

Train track plans

TRACK operator Adif has taken over the 38-kilometre section between La Encina in Alicante and Xativa (Valencia) and will modify the double Iberian track to international standards to accommodate the high speed AVE.

Toy story

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Print job

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HIDE: La Nucia's mayor Bernabe Cano visits birdwatching post.

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Bidding a sad farewell to Forges

THE death of Spain's best-known and best-loved cartoonist, Forges, was a particular blow for Jesus Pobre.

Antonio Fraguas, the cartoonist's real name - Forges was the English translation of his surname - had spent holidays there for many years, describing it as his 'Corner of peace.'

Born in Madrid 1942, he was the second of nine children and started work at the age of 14 at the state broadcaster. It was here that he began drawing and his first cartoon was printed in the now-defunct newspaper, *Pueblo*.

Forges died of pancreatic cancer last month and his last cartoon appeared on the same day that his death was announced.

According to Jesus Pobre mayor Javier Scotto, he was "one more resident, interested in the town's daily life."

"He used to arrive with his family and people here are convinced that this was inspiration for his cartoons about in-laws,"



TRUE TALENT: Forges alongside one of his cartoons.

Scotto said.

But Forges did more than joke about brothers-in-law and for decades provided a running commentary on a changing Spain, laughing at it and gently chastising its foibles, pretensions, eccentricities - and football.

His cartoons had appeared for the last 23 years in the national daily, *El Pais*, and Juan Luis Cebrian, former editor of the group, described Forges' humour as "always amiable, incapable of doing harm, the humour of nostalgia and disappointment, but never sadness."

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Promoting equal rights

LA NUCIA Town Hall has used a €33,400 subsidy from the regional government's Equality Agency to engage an official who will advise women on their rights and services that promote equality.

Small fry

FIFTY kilos of fish that were confiscated at Altea port as too immature for sale was donated to the charity run by La Prosperidad Residents Association.

Where there's a well there's a way



Photo credit: Callosa town hall

MORE WATER: Josep Saval and an engineer at the Maus site.

23 arrested in drugs raid

By Tom Woods

THE National Police have arrested 23 people in an operation designed to dismantle a sophisticated drugs trade network in Alicante City.

Four 'narco-pisos' - private homes used for the consumption and sale of illicit drugs - were raided, and stockpiles of cocaine and heroin were seized.

The raid yielded a horde of illegal goods including firearms, 500 packages of heroin and cocaine, piles of cash, five precision scales and defence spray.

Investigations began two months ago when officers became aware of a series of drug hubs in Alicante City.

Officers then discovered that the 'narco-pisos' were endowed with high quality security equipment, including surveillance cameras above every door.

The cameras were monitored 24 hours a day and covered the interiors and exteriors of all four houses, while each of the homes had a system of metal gates that guarded access.

However, this was not enough to keep the police at bay permanently, and on February 23 officers carried out their raids and made the arrests.

The detainees are 17 men and six women of Spanish nationality, between 32 and 51 years of age.

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A NEW perforation has been made to recover the Maus well in Callosa.

The water will be used to supplement the domestic supply but engineers must first take readings to determine the capacity of the well. This will enable them to decide on the most suitable and economically viable pumping method for bringing the water to the surface.

Once the water has been analysed, all relevant information will be passed on to the Diputacion, Alicante's Provincial Council, which will put the plan into action.

"Ultimately we aim to use this aquifer as an alternative to the Pozos de Sacos, which is the principal source of the water that we use in Callosa," said the local mayor Josep Saval.

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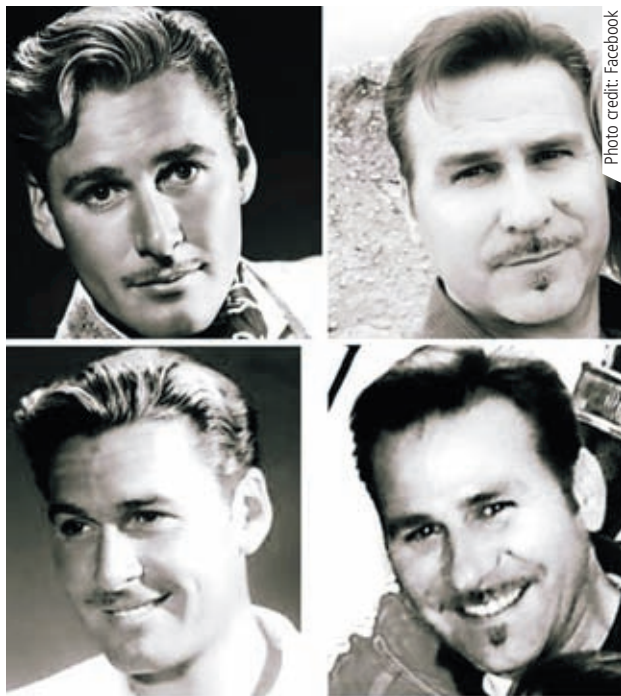
He should be so lucky

ALEJANDRO MORANT, Busot's mayor and vice-president of Alicante's provincial council, the Diputacion, has updated his profile picture on Facebook.

He posted two of his own photos beside those of the 30's Hollywood swashbuckler Errol Flynn, presumably to demonstrate a likeness between them.

Morant heads the Diputacion's Treasury department and is known for combining constant Facebook activity with controversial comments.

These included the suggestion that Spain's president Mariano Rajoy should resign in 2016 from the Partido Popular, the party to which Morant belongs. At the time Rajoy was attempting to form a government following the December 2015 election but failed to obtain backing from the socialist leader Pedro Sanchez. This led Morant to comment that he should "make this sacrifice" and step aside to let others lead the party.



COMPARISON: Errol Flynn and Alejandro Morant.

More recently, Busot Town Hall was found to have received one of the largest-ever Diputacion handouts, which the courts have now suspended as a precautionary measure.

Morant was also called on

not long ago to explain how an employee at the Doctor Esquerdo mental health centre in Alicante City, which belongs to the Diputacion, collected his pay for 15 years while alternating sick leave with holidays.

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WASTE NOT: A variety of professionals shared ideas on sustainable waste.

Not a wasted meeting

THE University of Alicante's Institute of Water and Environmental Sciences has held a conference on economics and sustainability in waste management.

Both residential and industrial waste was evaluated, as well as the role of the city council in the administration.

The event was attended by the Director General of Climate Change, Joan Piquer, who asked officials and politicians 'to put the emphasis on the process, to see what we all can do to reduce the amount of rubbish that we take to our garbage bins, and recycle as a means to prevent both eco-

nomic and environmental problems.'

The President of the Consortium, Manuel Pineda, stressed that the fundamental problem of waste management is 'the slowness of administrative and judicial procedures.'

Mr Pineda added that the politicisation of the issue is another of the major problems, 'especially when the elections are approaching and the political parties work with very short term objectives.'

Mr Piquer also announced that he will be attending a citizens' meeting this Saturday with the residents of Dolores, for further discussions on the matter.



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Workers beat the clock

YET again Benidorm Town Hall postponed its digital clocking-on and clocking-off system for 800 municipal employees.

Using the 27 fingerprint scanners, installed in municipal offices and premises last November, was supposed to become obligatory last month.

This has been delayed owing to computer problems that will not be resolved until mid-month town hall sources revealed.

Once operational, the digital system will keep a tally of the number of hours worked by each employee.

Workers who fail to complete the required 37.5 hours a week will be given the choice of making up the lost time but those who refuse will have the short-fall docked from their pay.

INTERACTIVE: Kids explore the museum's exhibitions.



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Villajoyosa town hall

MAGAZINE: Published once every two years.

Ministry input from local museum

VILAMUSEU in Villajoyosa is the only municipal museum that is represented on the committee of the official publication, *Museos.es*.

The magazine, which appears once every two years, focuses on national and international museums and is published by the Ministry of

Culture's Directorate of State Museums.

Vilamuseu's director Antonio Espinosa has collaborated with Spain's leading museum experts and directors on the last two issues.

The *Museos.es* committee is preparing to meet in Madrid within the next few days to start planning the

next edition and Espinosa's continuing presence was recently confirmed by the Ministry.

He played an active part in suggesting themes and authors for the last two issues, Ministry sources said, with special emphasis on ethics, accessibility, interpretation and mediation.

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Not a load of rubbish

COMMUNAL rubbish containers have been removed from the streets of Orba.

The town hall, run by the Compromis party, has returned to door-to-door rubbish collection and the system has now been in place for almost two weeks.

Residents leave out different rubbish in black or white bins, depending on the day of the week.

At present 20 per cent of Ondara's rubbish is recycled, the town hall explained, but this should rise to 70 per cent with door-to-door collections, which will also make life easier for residents, particularly the elderly.

"Door-to-door collection belongs to the 21st century," Services councillor Guillem Marhuenda maintained.

The cost of rubbish collection will be reduced and income from recycling increased, the streets will look better without the communal containers and there will be more public spaces, he added.

CORREOS was due to stop delivering door-to-door mail to 21,262 properties on Denia urbanisations on March 5.

Denia Town Hall has now asked the postal service to postpone its plans until October 31, to give the council time to install centralised groups of mailboxes in the Montgo, La Pedrera, Les Rotes and Les Marines areas.

The town hall is currently in talks with Correos, while studying the best locations for the banks of mailboxes, explained Denia's mayor Vicent Grimalt.

It was important to adjust the number of mailboxes to the number of residents interested in using them, added Deputy Mayor Rafa Carrio. This would prevent spending more than was necessary by installing too many or afterwards finding that there were too few.

The town hall is willing to solve the problem by covering the cost of installing the banks of mailboxes but they will later charge residents for them.

Urbanisations go postal



Photo credit: Mine

LA PEDRERA: Residents will lose door-to-door deliveries.

Using them was 'a personal question' according to Maria Josep Ripoll, Urban

Quality and Territory councillor, who explained that as well as paying for their

mailboxes, residents would also need to register with Correos.

NEWS EXTRA

All charged up

LOCKERS incorporating chargers for mobile phones will be installed on a trial basis on Benidorm's beaches later this year, although the town hall has not yet revealed how many or the cost of the project.

Gap bridged

THE footbridge linking Benidorm's Els Tolls district with the Palau sports complex and local schools is now open to the public following safety checks and adjustments to the streetlights.

Turfed out

ALCOY City Hall is spending €53,857 on renewing the sand on paths at the Pintor Gisbert park and substituting existing grass with artificial turf to bring savings on irrigation water.

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The Supreme Court states Banco Popular (Banco Pastor), SGRCV and BBVA are to return the money paid for off plan properties, for not issuing compulsory individual bank guarantees.

Buyers who received a Bank Guarantee / Insurance Policy to cover payments made towards their property (or even those who never had this because the developer or bank failed to comply with the Law) could benefit from a Supreme Court of Spain Judgment, which has ordered these entities return all the money invested, plus interest, from the time payments were made, to the buyers of off plan properties.

The Supreme Court has made clear that:

- If other buyers in the same resort received individual bank guarantees, then **all buyers** should have received them. Not having an individual bank guarantee

would not stop them from claiming the money from the bank.

- If the amount covered by the bank guarantee is lower than the money actually paid to the developer, the bank should pay back **the full paid amount plus interest**.
- If there is not an individual bank guarantee, but there is a general bank guarantee, this should cover **all buyers** as though they were issued an individual bank guarantee.
- There is no need to sue the developer, before suing the bank.

If you bought a property off plan, paid a deposit or even made stage payments, whether you received the compulsory individual bank guarantee or not, you might be interested to learn more about your rights.

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Planning and Urban Legality - The registration of a property in the land registry does not imply that it complies with the urban planning and legal obligations covering municipal planning etc.

Thus, it is perfectly possible that a property that does not comply with municipal regulations is correctly registered, but for example its build surface is greater than the allowed one, that the distance to the boundaries

“ It is essential that buyers and sellers make all the necessary checks.

has not been respected on the construction, that it is affected by a construction of roads and part of the land must be surrendered, or even that there is a demolition order, a sanction procedure, etc and none of this is reflected in the property registry.

Therefore, it is essential that buyer and seller make all the necessary checks to ensure that the property they are buying or selling complies with and respects

the urban legality, which goes beyond the verification of the land property registration.

Occupation Licence - As we have pointed out in numerous articles, the current occupation licence of a property is the document that proves that the property can be used as a dwelling, that it can be occupied and that the supplies of water, electricity and other utilities may be contracted.

The existence or not of this occupation licence in second-hand property transfers is not reflected in the land registry and it is not required by the notaries at the time of granting the deed of purchase.

Therefore, if when buying you are only reviewing and checking the land registry registration, you could purchase a perfectly registered

property but without the occupation licence and therefore you cannot legally occupy it, or use it as a home, with all of the negative implications that would exist.

So, if you are going to buy or sell a property, real estate or house in Spain, you must understand that the correct inscription at the land registry is a fundamental verification, but it is not the only one that you (or your lawyer) must undertake, to make sure that you buy or sell correctly without taking unnecessary risks.

If you are in this situation and are going to buy or sell a property in Spain, **contact us and we will help you.**

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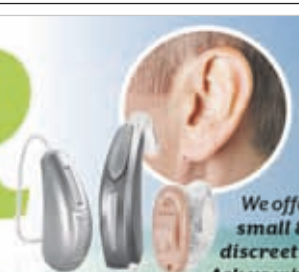
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Marza has another go

GENERALITAT Education chief Vicente Marza continues to cling to his plurilingual plans for the region's state schools.

He intended all lessons to be taught in Valenciano, Spanish and English but the project was weighted heavily in favour of Valenciano, critics complained.

Widespread opposition in Alicante led to a legal challenge from the provincial council, the Diputacion, which maintained that Marza's project was discriminatory and ignored the province's 'special characteristics.'

The appeal was upheld by the Valencia region's Upper Court of Justice which suspended the new Education law as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile Marza ceded to some of the pressure and agreed that schools would teach 25 per cent of lessons in Spanish, 25 per cent in Valenciano and 15 per cent in English.

It would be up to individual schools to decide what language or languages would be used for the remaining 35



VICENT MARZA: Education chief does it his way.

per cent of lessons.

Marza has now announced that this arrangement would apply to compulsory education for the six to 16 age group. Infants will be taught 90 per cent in Valenciano, he said, as they will speak Spanish at home with parents who prefer that language.

Teachers and parents with

children at state and state-aided schools who back freedom to choose the language they are taught in were quick to condemn the latest move.

There have been four changes in plurilingual legislation in the last five years and language was being turned into a legal issue, they complained.

Lost and found

A WOMAN who left a purse containing €929 in an Elda supermarket was traced thanks to her car's number plate.

The manager contacted the Local Police, explaining that there was no identification inside the purse apart from a fuel card for use at petrol stations.

Officers, together with the supermarket manager, examined CCTV footage and pinpointed the moment when the woman paid her bill and left without her purse.

Thanks to the General Directorate of Traffic's database they identified its owner via her car registration, a shop-owner from neighbouring Petrer who was able to retrieve her purse that same evening.

Tables turned on critics

MARINA SALUD, the Denia hospital concessionary, challenged accusations of lengthy waits for surgery and first consultations with specialists.

According to the regional government and the unions, some patients must wait six months or even a year for some procedures. Marina Salud not only denied these claims but created a 'Transparency' section on its website to prove them wrong.

Waiting lists for operation and delays in seeing a specialist in practically all de-

partments are lower than those experienced by state-run hospitals in both the Valencian Community and the rest of Spain, according to a table shown on Marina Salud's website.

The Generalitat's Health department has said in the past that it does not trust Marina Salud's figures, but the concessionary company pointed out that the calculations for the table were based on the same criteria as those used in the public sector.

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Fair dos

AS International Women's Day approaches, Alfaz Council voted in favour of joining the Marina Baja Equality Committee (CCIMB). The committee introduces equality policies by encouraging social, financial, work-related and cultural development. It also hopes to stem discrimination through awareness, intervention and promoting women's associations.

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BRITISH Consul Sarah-Jane Morris advised Alfaz's UK-born residents to register on the Padron before March 2019.

The Consul was accompanied by lawyers Richard Hill and Ignacio Pellicer from Brexpaths in Spain and her talk at the Forum Mare Nostrum, which included ques-

tions and answers, was attended by more than 300 people.

This was one of many British Consulate meetings with expatriates throughout

Spain, held to ensure that their concerns regarding healthcare, pensions and residency rights are understood by the UK's Brexit team and can be highlighted during their negotiations in Brussels.

At present no-one knows exactly what will happen after Brexit, but it is vital that UK-born residents should legalise their situation in Spain before March 2019.

Alfaz's Other Nationalities councillor Martine Mertens stressed the town hall's commitment to collaborating with the Consulate



FULL HOUSE: Alfaz's British residents at the Consul's meeting.

and holding as many meetings as required to clarify the situation.

British expatriates, who were formerly reluctant to register, will be helping Alfaz as well as themselves as

the official census has been slashed by 3,100. The town hall is currently appealing against this reassessment, which will bring a reduction in cash allocations from the national government.

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Pigeon eyes



BIRD IS THE WORD: Luis Miguel Morant and the Alfaz del Pi Pigeon Keeping Society.

ALFAZ DEL PI will host the Regional Pigeon Racing Championship next month, in which pigeons from all across the provinces of Alicante and Valencia will compete.

A total of eight trials will be held from March 3 and until March 30. Releases of the pigeons will take place every Tuesday and Saturday from 5pm to 7.30pm. The total quota permitted for the participants will be 95 racing pigeons.

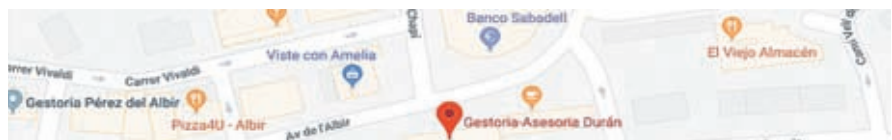
Apart from the prizes specified for the winners, the participation in this event will allow up to the first 15 pigeons the possibility of qualifying to participate in the Valencia and

Spain Pigeon Racing Championship finals.

Pigeon racing involves releasing specially trained pigeons, which are supposed to return to their homes over a carefully calculated distance.

The time it takes the bird to cover the set distance is measured, along with its rate of travel, and compared with all the other pigeons competing to conclude which returned home the fastest.

Local sports councillor, Luis Miguel Morant, recently attended an event to present the upcoming competition organised by the town's Pigeon Keeping Society.



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Teulada Moraira

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Youth opportunities

THE 'Joves Oportunitats' (JOOP - opportunities for young people) project has started in Teulada Moraira.

The first edition of JOOP is currently under way and was developed by Teulada Council and financed by the European Social Fund. It targets young people who dropped out of school early and are out of work.

Fifteen youngsters aged 16 to 21 now participate in the project, to help them find work by offering counselling and training. The group will attend classes for four months with a coach who will work with them individually and in groups.

Councillor Daniel Ibanco encouraged the young participants to enjoy the experience.

Committee serves up a treat

THE 2018 Sant Vicent Ferrer fiesta committee recently presented the show 'Aquelles nits d'estiu' (those summer nights) to the delight of local audiences.

They performed at the Teulada Moraira Auditorium on February 24 and 25.

Carlos Linares, mayor of Teulada Moraira, Rosana Caselles, councillor, and the president of the fiesta committee, Isabel Buigues, revealed approximately 100 people were involved in the production, including members of the children's, junior's and adult's committees, either acting, helping with the stage props or making the costumes.

They also thanked everybody for their great effort during the last few months in making this performance possible.

A charity shop with a difference

OVER five and half years ago the Moraira HELP charity shop opened and so cava, strawberries and cream cakes were a must to celebrate.

The wonderful team of volunteers running the shop in Moraira not only collect, iron and display the goods to raise the charity funds, but they also sort the medical equipment to lend out to people in the Moraira, Teulada, Benitachell area.

This is the difference that the shop makes to the community, as it not only raises funds but it loans out the equipment and arranges hospital beds and hoist loans too for the infirm.

So please remember they are there for you but they do need your continued support to be able to help so many in need of care and attention.

Last year together with the local Lions they purchased a new scanner (ultra sound) machine for the Moraira and Teulada medical centres to share. They purchased eight new radios for the Benitachell



GREAT TEAM: Some of the volunteers with the shop manageress Rita.

Volunteer Firemen.

They have paid for and helped finance respite care stays in the Teulada Residential home. This is just some of what HELP of Denia and Marina Alta does along the coast from Denia to Calpe and inland including towns such as Vergel, Els Poblets, Ondara, Benimeli, Tormos, and more. Of course they have to thank the volunteers for all they do and also the supporters and those who donate to HELP.

They are always happy for more people to help out at the shop so let them know if you are interested. The web page is www.helpofdenia.com, where you can find more information on what they do.

Visit their Facebook page 'Help of DAMA' to see what events and activities they are offering. They are also very much in need of new volunteer interpreters and receptionists to help at Denia Hospital. Contact the office in La Xara on 966 427 044 to find out about joining them.

Tax cuts

TEULADA has introduced a new plan to reduce taxes, amounting to a deduction of 6 per cent for the current fiscal year and next. This was allegedly made possible as the council finished 2017 with no debt, meaning all money earned from taxes can be allocated to citizens to help 'improve their quality of life.'

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Hiker saved

A WOMAN from South America had to be rescued while hiking on the path that joins Javea Port with Cabo de San Antonio, after reportedly falling and fracturing her leg. The victim was first moved to the Denia fire station by the fire department's helicopter, and then driven to hospital to be treated for her injuries.

THE seventh edition of the *javeamigos.com* 'Mirador Challenge' will take place on Sunday April 8, a 29-kilometre endurance test for walkers which covers all the official viewpoints along the coastline of Javea.

The challenge is simple. Thirty teams of five depart from Mirador La Granadella in the early morning and pass through a series of checkpoints along a defined route to the finish line amongst the old windmills of Mirador Els Molins, located high above the Marina Alta town. The route crosses through the open spaces of Granadella and La Plana whilst also clinging to the cliff-edge through Ambolo, Costa Nova and Portitxol.

They compete in one of two disciplines. The 'Leisure' option sees teams complete a series of tasks whilst walking along the route; time is not important, aside from a set maximum time limit of seven hours to complete the

The Mirador Challenge returns



BREATHTAKING: Teams (inset) trek across the Javea coastline for the Mirador Challenge.

challenge. The 'Sports' category is for those teams who want to cover the distance in the fastest time possible by

walking; running attracts time penalties, even disqualification in persistent cases.

Once again the Mirador Challenge will count on the support of prestigious local companies such as Javea Home

Finders, Hamilton's of London, Bar Quo Vadis, Telitec Communications, Digby's Sports Bar and many other sponsors who contribute to help the organisers offer the best possible event.

Participants receive a commemorative t-shirt and every person who finishes will get a medal. There are mid-race snacks available as well as post-race snacks and drinks at the finish line including something a bit stronger to celebrate the achievement.

The 'Miradores de Javea' is a network of viewpoints renowned for their stunning vistas across the bays, coves and beaches of this spectacular stretch of the Costa Blanca coastline.

For more information about the Mirador Challenge, head to the website: www.javeamigos.com.

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Chopper business

A HELICOPTER owned by the Alicante Provincial Fire Brigade landed in Javea as the first stop of a route taken by local officials to help them choose the locations of several new helipads, which will form part of Alicante Province's official emergency plan.

The proposed area for the new helipad in Javea is a parcel of council-owned land on Calle Garcilaso de la Vega, in the Pou de Moro area. It is located between the port and the historic centre, reportedly free of any phone cables that could obstruct landing manoeuvres and linked to a road which guarantees an access route for ambulances and other vehicles in an emergency situation.

Travelling in the helicopter were the Provincial Deputy for Emergency Situations, Jaume Lloret, and the Chief Intendant of the Firemen Associa-



Photo credit: Ayuntamiento de Xàbia

TOUCH DOWN: The helicopter lands in Javea.

tion, Vicente Baeza. They have already begun talks with the mayor of Javea, José Chulvi, and the Local Police regarding the suitability of the space to build the helipad, which will provide assistance in all kinds of circumstances, from fires to floods.

For the local officials, having this kind of helicopter base is allegedly of vital importance so they can provide citizens with the best and quickest response in an emergency situation.

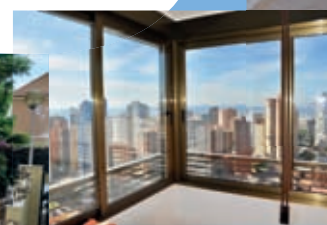


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House fire horror

NEIGHBOURS rescued two young children from a house fire in Spain - but a six-month-old baby tragically died.

The grandmother, who was looking after the rescued two children, aged five and seven, was also rescued from the fire on one floor of the three-storey property.

The 112 Andalucia emergency control centre reported the fire broke out at 5pm last Friday in Albolote (Granada) in Andalucia, southern Spain.

Guardia Civil officers have opened an investigation and psychological support has been offered to the family.

Easter flight fear Ryanair boss warns of strikes

LOW-COST Irish airline Ryanair's CEO Michael O'Leary has warned of potential strikes in Europe during Easter week.

Earlier this month O'Leary warned of possible disruptions as the airline prepares to extend its recent recognition of pilot unions to cabin crew staff but did not specify what markets were likely to be hit.

He said the airline would rather see bookings damaged by the uncertainty around a strike than give in to 'laughable' union demands.

According to respected news agency Reuters he told a press conference in Lisbon, "We had a strike in Germany on December 22... we expect the next one will be in Ireland - or

maybe it will be in Portugal - during Easter week."

However, no flights were cancelled during the four-hour strike in Germany before Christmas which O'Leary referred to.

Irish pilot union FORSA/IALPA has not announced any strike plans, but has said pilots had rejected an offered pay rise from Ryanair.

It added that the airline was refusing the union's demand to be recognised as the exclusive body for collective bargaining.

O'Leary said he was making 'significant progress' in talks with SPAC, the Portuguese pilots union, but management had offered a pay rise directly to Portuguese pilots and that 75 per cent of pilots had accepted the

offer.

A Ryanair spokesperson said, "As we explained in our Q3 results on February 5 last 'as we finalise union discussions along similar lines to that agreed in the UK, we expect some localised disruptions and adverse PR so investors should be prepared for the same'."

The February third-quarter results statement said, "In certain jurisdictions unions representing competitor airlines will wish to test our commitment to our low cost, high pay/high productivity model to disrupt our operations."

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Migrant numbers triple

Emergency services overwhelmed

THE amount of people who came to Spain by boat as migrants stood at almost 22,420 last year, with nearly 250 people losing their lives at sea.

Migrants arriving in the country by land and sea numbered almost 28,590 in 2017.

The amount of people travelling on other routes into Europe fell, according to a human rights group.

The Andalucian Human Rights Association (APDHA) said there were no adequate structures or means to offer people dignified treatment when they arrived.

This was evident in Malaga, Barbate and Motril, some of the main entry points for those arriving by sea, they added.

“The measures of containment agreed with origin countries, repression exercised against migrants and closing Europe’s borders have not been capable of stopping the movement of people,” the group said.

“The reality is unbearable,” they added.



NUMBERS TRIPLE: Almost 22,420 people attempted to reach Spain by boat last year.

More than 6,000 people have died trying to reach Spain in the last 20 years, according to data

from APDHA.

The group said the figure could be higher because for every per-

son that was confirmed dead there were two unaccounted for.

Extreme poverty, armed con-

flicts and a lack of opportunities for the future meant that for many leaving their countries for Europe was the only alternative, they added.

Morocco was the main country of origin for migrants arriving in Spain. Algeria, Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Gambia and Syria followed but sub-Saharan Africans were the largest single group, APDHA said.

Figures showed there was a fall in the number of women making the journey to Spain but that the number of migrant children arriving had risen by more than 66 per cent.

Wooden craft, jet skis, toy boats and surfboards were among the ways used to make the journey, according to the group.

APDHA said: “Barbed wire, patrol boats, returns, death and suffering cannot continue to be the response of this country to people fleeing war or hunger. History will judge us by the cruelty and inhumanity exercised by our rulers.”

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Blazing controversy

Police slammed over shock video

POLICE in Spain have attempted to defend their actions after a video appears to show officers 'ignoring' a man lying unconscious on the ground after leaping from his apartment to escape a fire.

The 40-year-old man jumped around six metres from his first-floor balcony and lay unconscious on the pavement as officers appeared to ignore him.

He is now in an intensive care unit in hospital in a critical condition.

The incident happened in Calle Espinosa in the San Anton neighbourhood of Cartagena in southern Spain.

A video shot by a neighbour shows that, for more than two minutes, members of the Local and National Police forces ignore the critically injured man lying on the ground.

However, the Local Po-



FIRE JUMP: The man lies unconscious on the floor after leaping from his blazing flat.

lice of Cartagena say that the video 'is only an extract' of what happened, and that, moments before the officers, immediately after arriving at the scene, had approached the person to check their status, and, once they found that he was unconscious, and did not respond, called the health

teams to act.

The Local Police stress that its officers are trained in first aid and say that 'a person in that state cannot be moved because of the risk of causing more serious injuries.

Therefore, they say that the actions of the officers 'was the correct one.'



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Labour supports women's strike

AT its AGM, Costa Blanca North's Labour International branch voted to back a general strike called by the Spanish Women's Federation for March 8. On this, International Women's Day, more than 100 women's groups want women to boycott work, study and consumer activities to demand gender equality and an end to gender violence.

The Archbishop of Toledo said in December 2017 'a macho reaction only comes about when the wife asks for a separation.' The response then was one of outrage. Now the Women's Federation are calling the strike to raise awareness of the issues and the outmoded views of the Archbishop and others like him.

The Federation is celebrating 30 years of existences.

Town hall led Consulate talks reach nearly 2,000 Brits

BRITISH Consul Sarah-Jane Morris visited nine towns in the Alicante Province over the past month to update British nationals on the progress of the citizens' rights part of the Brexit negotiations and to answer questions.

Mrs Morris also reminded British nationals of the benefits of registering as a resident in Spain, both with the National Police ('residencia') and with their local town hall ('padron').

Attendance across the towns was high, the Consul having reached nearly 2,000 people. Representatives of Brexipats in Spain pressure group were also on the panel at the meetings, as were local mayors and councillors. Various topics came up during the question and answer sessions, especially regarding healthcare, pensions and residency rights and obligations.

On residency rights, all speakers were united in encouraging British nationals to check they are properly registered in Spain, and to get regis-



Photo credit: British Embassy Press Department

BRITISH CONSUL: Sarah-Jane Morris in Javea.

tered if they haven't already done so. Consul Sarah-Jane Morris said, "I would advise anyone who is concerned about Brexit to make sure they always go to the original source for information. Everything that has

been discussed and agreed so far can be found on the gov.uk website - it's easy to check and sign up for email alerts.

"I also picked up that a lot of people are still not clear about their resi-

dency status in Spain in terms of renewing their residency and padron. As I said in the meetings, I will follow this up with the relevant local authorities and we will continue to publish up-to-date accurate information on our gov.uk website and Brits in Spain Facebook page."

The number of British people registered on the padron, the local register held by the town halls which is used to allocate funding from central government, has been in decline over the past few years.

Mrs Morris stated that despite the one million homes in Spain owned by British citizens, less than 300,000 are registered on the padron nationally. Town hall representatives welcomed attendees at the meetings to come and check their registration status at their local town hall office.

The Consul finished the meetings by reminding people to check for updates about the Brexit negotiations from the official sources, namely the gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/world/brexit.



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On a day trip

A FULL coach of Calpe U3A members set off for La Zenia Boulevard shopping complex boasting 150 shops. The journey took two hours with the usual comfort stops.

They were blessed with fine weather. They arrived at 11am which gave them all six hours to max out their credit cards and sample the delights of the Che Argentina restaurante, Decathlon and Primark.

After a successful day out they boarded the Ifach coach and set off for Calpe.

The hold of the coach was groaning with the many purchases and even a roll of lino from Leroy Merlin!



CALPE U3A: Off to La Zenia.

They arrived back at the two drop off points at 7pm. A big thank you to the travel team.

The next meeting is at the Hotel Sol Ifach on Thursday March 15 at 10.30am, all welcome.

Valentine's a night to remember

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DELIGHTED: Presenting the painting.

RBL immortalise Capilla de las Mil Palmeras in oil

IGNACIO RAMOS, the mayor of Pilar de la Horadada, was the guest of honour at last Thursday's meeting of the Royal British Legion held in Mil Palmeras.

The mayor was accompanied by Pilar Maria Samper, the councillor for Tourism and Commerce in the town, where he was presented with an oil painting of the local Catholic Church, La Capilla de las Mil Palmeras, by the President of the Orihuela Costa and District Branch, Pastor Keith Brown.

A decision to make a suitable presentation to the town was made in appreciation of the outstanding support provided to the Branch in all of the 10 years since it was first formed.

In that time the one constant factor has been the use for its Remembrance Services of La Capilla de las Mil Palmeras so it was thought that an oil painting of the church might be an appropriate gift.

The project was discussed at a chance meeting with well-known local artist and RBL supporter Suzanne Stokes, and with the assistance of her photographer husband, David, a number of suitable images of the church were captured and the venture was underway.

When Suzanne spoke to the Branch President after the presentation she admitted to just how nervous she had been on accepting the commission. "Being an artist who specialises on the human form I was extremely worried that I might not be able to do the building justice. It is a beautiful church and there were lots of elaborate shadows and reflected light that I had to consider, but on seeing the reac-

tion of the mayor and the branch members to the painting I am absolutely delighted at how it turned out."

In thanking the branch members Mayor Ignacio Ramos was clearly delighted by the gesture. He spoke of his appreciation of the RBL, the good work that they do and the importance of the role that they play in the local community. He talked of the two world wars, the awful losses that had been suffered across Europe, the Commonwealth and the rest of the world by all nations, and the importance in ensuring that it must not happen again.

As he addressed the branch the mayor became quite emotional. He said how deeply moved he was by the presentation, the kind words from members and the genuine affection that he felt from within the room as the presentation was made.

Following the departure of the mayor, Pastor Keith welcomed Sheila Chinnock to the front of the room. He explained how, in recent years, Sheila had donated numerous paintings to local charities on the Costa Blanca, and last year how she had combined her two hobbies to create a poppy calendar in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion.

The calendar features some of Sheila's most popular poppy paintings, including the one that was commissioned by Stevie Spit for his Royal British Legion and AECC fundraiser at Benidorm Palace.

As a result of her endeavours Sheila was able to present the proceeds from the sales, almost €250, to the RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser, Eddie Coleman.

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SWEDEN



On the hunt

HUNTERS in Sweden have officially been given permission to reduce the country's lynx population during a licensed hunt from March 1 to April 15 to protect the local reindeer.



HUNTED: Sweden's lynx population.

Starry fries

SWEDEN has just been granted its first ever Michelin three-star restaurant, after the honour was awarded to Stockholm's Frantzén during a gala in Copenhagen and the country now has 26 restaurants in the Michelin Guide.

Leaders meet

SWEDISH Prime Minister Stefan Löfven will meet Donald Trump in the

White House on March 6 to discuss how the two countries can work together on defence, external relations and security.

Foreign meddling

SWEDEN'S intelligence service

has warned that 'foreign powers' might attempt to interfere with their upcoming general election in an attempt to weaken the democratic system, as has reportedly happened in countries such as the USA.

GERMANY



Pay bumped

WORKERS for the world's largest car-maker Volkswagen in Germany announced they had secured a 4.3 per cent pay bump, as well as tripled contributions to their company pension fund.

Russian email story alleging cooperation between Russian trolls and the Social Democrat party's youth leader after a satire magazine revealed it duped the paper with false information.

Fake news

BILD, Germany's biggest newspaper, came under fire for publishing a fake

Boar bating

GERMANY has issued a decree allowing hunters to shoot wild boar to stop

the animals from passing the African swine fever virus on to farm pigs.

Locked up

A 53-YEAR-OLD German Catholic priest was sentenced to eight and a half years in prison, and years of therapy in a psychiatric institution beforehand, for more than 100 cases of sexual abuse.

FRANCE



Snowed in

A LANDSLIDE trapped 2,000 people in the Monts d'Olmes ski resort in the Pyrenees after it blocked the only access road to the town.

Rough census

AT least 3,000 homeless people are living on the streets of Paris according to data gathered by the city's first ever homeless census, which is believed to be a low estimate.

Tourist hotspot

VISITOR numbers in Paris have hit a record high according to tourism officials, with the city receiving 2.9 million more visitors last year than the year before, an increase of 9.5 per cent.

Bill bother

FRANCE has unveiled a controversial new immigration bill which has been criticised by rights groups for being too soft and branded repressive by NGOs.

BELGIUM



Protect privacy

A BELGIAN court has ordered Facebook to stop illegally collecting their user's data or they will face up to €100 million in fines, and has also been ordered to delete all the data it gathered on Belgian citizens.

Rapid rise

THE Belgian-raised Australian Senator Mathias Cormann, who spoke little English before he first visited the country, became Australia's acting prime minister for a few days while Malcolm Turnbull visited the US.

Gun scare

POLICE in Brussels locked down part of a suburb amid reports that someone had been murdered and there was a gunman still at large.

Car crazy

A NEW study revealed Brussels residents walk less than their European peers and only 6 per cent of their journeys are made on foot or by bicycle.

NETHERLANDS



Medal winners

THE Netherlands' women's speed skating team succeeded in taking home the silver at the South Korea Winter Olympics while the men's team took home the bronze.

Green gain

MOST of the large-scale solar power farms in the Netherlands are reportedly being built by non-Dutch companies because the substantial subsidies available for the projects attract foreign developers.

Narco state

DUTCH police have warned the Netherlands is on its way to becoming a narco-state, saying organised gangs have free rein and many victims do not report incidents.

Baby break

NEW dads in the Netherlands will get five days paid leave - up from two days - during the first four weeks of the baby's arrival from next year.

NORWAY



Safety first

THE Norwegian Public Roads Administration has allegedly ordered 800 reflective vests to give to rental car companies in order to protect tourists that stop to take photographs while driving.

Curler cheated

NORWEGIAN curler Magnus Nedregotten called on Winter Olympics organisers to find out if they could expedite the investigation into the Russian athlete, who beat him to bronze, that failed a drugs test so he could claim the medal.

New tip-off

POLICE in Hordaland County have announced they plan to reopen an investigation into the disappearance of 32-year-old Trine Frantzen who vanished in 2004 after receiving a new lead.

Off the hook

A MAN accused by police of being behind an arson attack against an asylum centre and sentenced to seven years in prison has been acquitted after his brother confessed his guilt.

DENMARK



Top nosh

TWO new restaurants in Denmark were handed their first Michelin stars: MeMu in Vejle and Jordnær in Gentofte meaning the country now has 30 stars awarded across 26 restaurants.

Call for action

DANISH Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen pleaded with Donald Trump on Twitter to "respond to the request of your youngsters who demand gun control" in the United States, following the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

New worlds

A DANISH PhD student from the Technical University of Denmark has reportedly discovered 95 new exoplanets - planets that orbit around other stars - with the help of the Kepler telescope.

Axe attacker

POLICE arrested a 29-year-old man at a strip club who was suspected of attacking a couple with an axe in Birkerød and then robbing a bank two days later.



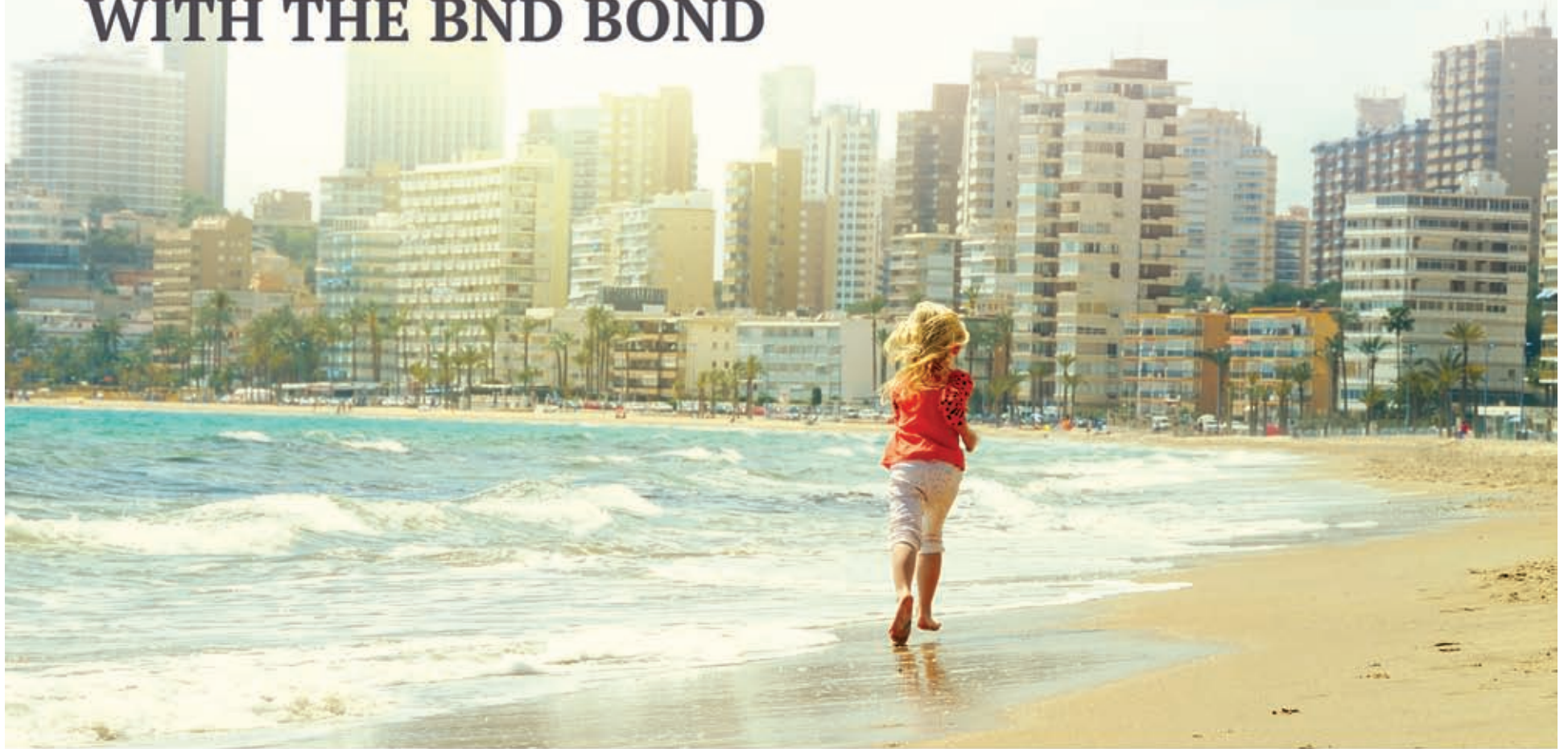
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Opposition leader faces jail

CHARGED: Alexei Navalny was arrested in February following a protest rally.



■ PRESIDENTIAL contender Alexei Navalny has been charged with breaking public embassy laws and could go to prison for a month if found guilty. Navalny has called on his supporters to boycott the upcoming election, which President Vladimir Putin is expected to win, and instead monitor polling stations.

Duma gets holiday

■ DEPUTIES in the Russian legislature have been sent back to their constituencies for three weeks to work with voters ahead of the country's presidential election this month. The break for Duma members has been called to stop them diverting attention away from the presidential campaign, according to sources quoted in the Russian media.

Corruption ranking

■ RUSSIA has come in 135th place in Transparency International's World Corruption Index, putting it among the bottom 50

countries in the table. The news comes as the country saw a series of anti-corruption rallies and fraud cases that implicated senior government officials last year.

Nemstov plaque

■ OFFICIALS in Moscow have approved plans to install a memorial to Boris Nemstov, an opposition politician killed outside the Kremlin three years ago. Nemstov was a critic of President Vladimir Putin and was shot while crossing a bridge in the city in February 2015.

Syria Ceasefire

■ RUSSIA'S Foreign Minister has said the country is prepared to study UN proposals for an end to fighting in Syria. Sergey Lavrov added the government in Moscow would consider ceasefire plans if the Islamic State and Jabhat al-Nusra groups are excluded from it. He said Russia was concerned about its diplomatic and trade offices coming under fire in Damascus.

Dawn has broken

■ FRANZ JOSEF LAND'S polar night is over after the sun rose over the Arctic archipelago for the first time since October last year. The territory, which is around 1,100 kilometres from the North Pole, is in darkness for around four months during the winter and temperatures can reach minus 30 degrees Celsius.



SUNRISE: Russia's northernmost Arctic territory got its first glimpse of sunlight in four months.

Cheap flight island boom

IRISH budget airline Ryanair has announced a €162 million investment in Palma de Mallorca Airport.

The splurge will see the no frills carrier base two additional aircraft at its Balearic Islands hub during the peak holiday season, bringing its fleet to 10.

It will also launch six new routes to France, Germany and Luxembourg including Berlin Tegel, Düsseldorf, Luxembourg, Nuremberg, Strasbourg and Stuttgart. The move will see Ryanair fly a total of 53 routes from Mallorca this summer.

TV rights in streamland

By Matt Ford

SPANISH production firm Mediapro is set to auction off TV rights to European football in Spain.

The move comes after Mediapro last year teamed up with Qatar-based beIN Sports to win rights to the next three seasons of the UEFA Champions and Europa Leagues, narrowly beating rival Telefonica.

And the broadcaster is now looking to make a profit on its investment.

"We'll ask for offers to be sent to us at the beginning of March," said Mediapro President Jaume Roures. "Then at

the start of April, we'll see where the genuine interest is."

Digital giants Netflix and Amazon could enter the bidding, although there exist doubts over whether they have the technical capacity to stream live matches to millions of viewers.

The rights to the Spanish La Liga for 2019-2022 are also set to be sold over the next few months, and La Liga president Javier Tebas has admitted he is aiming to rake in €1.3 billion per year, a 30 per cent increase on the cur-

rent deal.

But industry experts say he is being optimistic after Sky recently paid just over €4 billion for the 2019-2022 English Premier League rights, 16 per cent less than the previous agreement.

A report from Credit Suisse said: "Mediapro seems to be trying to generate interest in the football rights from new over-the-top (OTT) players, but the lack of OTT interest in the recent UK Premier League... suggests global OTT players such as Amazon are less likely to bid for Spanish domestic football."

Bottom line cranked up

SPAIN'S Banco Sabadell has revealed plans to increase profits by almost 80 per cent over the next three years.

The country's fifth-biggest lender said it is aiming for a cost-to-income ratio of 47 per cent by 2020, down from over 50 per cent last year.

Sabadell bought British bank TSB from Lloyds in 2015 and will this year stop paying its former owner to operate its legacy banking platform after it launched its own version at the end of 2017.

Quote of the Week

"We are analysing a deduction in income tax that recognises the inherent costs of disability for taxpayers of a very advanced age." Spain's Finance Minister Cristobal Montoro after being quizzed on the recent countrywide protests over pensions.



BREXIT BARGAIN: Gibraltar Airport and (inset) Alfonso Dastis with the UK's Secretary of State for Exiting the EU David Davies.

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Fuel's gold for Spanish firm

MADRID-BASED energy behemoth Repsol has confirmed the €3.81 billion sale of its 20 per cent stake in Spanish utility Gas Natural to Rioja Bidco Shareholdings - a company controlled by international private equity firm CVC Capital Partners.

Top partners

SPAIN has reinforced its position as Morocco's top trading partner for the sixth consecutive year as turnover between the countries reached a staggering €57.8 billion in 2017, according to the European Commission's statistics branch Eurostat.

Juicy profits

FRENCH telecommunications giant Orange has revealed that Spain was its fastest growing market in 2017, with the company's 20 million Spanish customers generating €1.58 billion in pre-tax profit for a 17 per cent year-on-year rise.

Spain demands rock share deal

SPAIN has demanded joint control of Gibraltar Airport in the wake of Brexit.

Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis spelled out the plans in an interview likely to infuriate the British and Gibraltar governments.

Speaking to *The Financial Times*, the official said Spain is seeking a bilateral deal which will include the two countries "managing the airport together" while co-operating more closely on tax

fraud and tobacco smuggling.

He also admitted the Spanish government's ultimate aim is to obtain sovereignty over the rock.

"Sovereignty is something we aspire to, that we are not renouncing, but in these negotiations it is not the issue," he said, before claiming the government's main focus is on easing transport between Gibraltar and Spain, with ideas including a common border control and pre-registering frequent visitors.

€2.5 billion investor lift

SPANISH state-owned lender Bankia plans to fork out €2.5 billion of excess capital to shareholders between 2018 and 2020.

The firm's new strategic plan comes in the wake of its €22.4 billion bailout in 2012.

And it is now aiming for a €1.3 billion profit in 2020 as it moves away from mortgage lending towards consumer loans, proper-

ty development and corporate activities after the European Union eased several restrictions.

Meanwhile, British insurance firm Aviva has confirmed it is to offload its Spanish life insurance and pensions assets Cajamurcia Vida and Caja Granada Vida to Bankia for €202 million, retaining only a handful of small stakes.

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Micro Focus International	2,063.00	32.00	1.58	9,003.18
Mediclinic International	604.10	-4.30	-0.71	4,460.33
Marks & Spencer Group	300.10	0.70	0.23	4,851.49
Mondi	1,884.75	7.25	0.39	9,354.19
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	224.35	0.35	0.16	5,227.55
National Grid	763.10	5.10	0.67	25,184.42
NMC Health	3,484.00	-14.00	-0.40	7,070.56
Next	4,925.50	-3.50	-0.07	7,149.56
Old Mutual Group	254.90	0.80	0.31	12,464.97
Paddy Power Betfair	8,460.00	25.00	0.30	7,190.49
Prudential	1,831.00	-1.50	-0.08	47,941.62
Persimmon	2,481.00	9.00	0.36	7,673.01
Pearson	710.60	10.60	1.51	5,484.69
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,018.00	98.00	1.66	41,306.45
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	270.90	2.50	0.93	33,193.27
Royal Dutch Shell	2,264.25	5.75	0.25	103,803.33
Royal Dutch Shell	2,293.00	8.00	0.35	85,528.19
RELX	1,517.00	-1.00	-0.07	16,133.58
Rio Tinto	4,020.75	19.25	0.48	54,056.41
Rolls-Royce Group	838.50	1.70	0.20	15,612.10
Randgold Resources	6,112.00	98.00	1.63	5,808.29
RSA Insurance Group	640.00	0.20	0.03	6,270.14
Rentokil Initial	293.75	0.15	0.05	5,427.48
Sainsbury (J)	256.95	1.45	0.57	5,591.80
Schroders	3,426.50	-0.50	-0.01	7,865.58
Sage Group (The)	705.00	7.00	1.00	7,648.75
Segro	589.60	2.20	0.37	5,843.05
Shire	3,002.00	-22.00	-0.73	27,228.40
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,505.00	9.00	0.36	6,196.20
Sky	1,104.75	0.25	0.02	18,909.19
Standard Life Aberdeen	372.75	-3.35	-0.89	11,350.24
Smith (DS)	482.40	2.50	0.52	5,281.87
Smiths Group	1,593.75	5.75	0.36	6,341.88
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	468.40	4.20	0.90	6,569.51
Smith & Nephew	1,268.50	3.50	0.28	11,129.52
SSE	1,242.75	-8.75	-0.70	12,371.76
Standard Chartered	830.00	0.40	0.05	27,409.45
St James's Place	1,135.00	12.50	1.11	6,044.74
Severn Trent	1,765.75	-0.25	-0.01	4,050.85
Tesco	205.35	-0.05	-0.02	16,981.40
TUI AG	1,545.50	-0.50	-0.03	9,274.84
Taylor Wimpey	190.50	0.10	0.05	6,268.91
Unilever	3,818.00	57.50	1.53	45,951.07
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	237,020	+0.43%	1,020	140,221,49
AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,8000	+1.49%	1,4500	84,518,09
APPLE	175,500	+1.74%	3,000	887,850,79
BOEING CO	356,660	+0.21%	0,740	209,120,03
CATERPILLAR	162,410	+2.23%	3,550	96,345,34
CHEVRON	112,59	+2.46%	2,70	213,166,74
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,000	+2.47%	1,060	216,011,56
COCA-COLA	44,04	+1.19%	0,52	187,171,12
DOWDUPONT	73,26	+1.85%	1,33	169,816,32
EXXON MOBIL	77,53	+2.20%	1,67	327,589,92
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,4900	-0.89%	-0,1300	125,831,95
GOLDMAN SACHS	266,77	+2.04%	5,34	100,373,31
HOME DEPOT	188,3500	+1.55%	2,8800	218,730,99
IBM	155,52	+1.53%	2,34	143,368,05
INTEL CORP	47,7300	+4.21%	1,9300	222,487,20
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	117,3100	+2.03%	2,3300	399,166,65
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	132,0200	+1.62%	2,1100	352,175,91
MC DONALD'S CORP	163,0600	+1.49%	2,4000	129,781,81
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,87	+0.55%	0,30	149,606,46
MICROSOFT	94,060	+2.54%	2,330	721,391,31
NIKE	68,16	+1.53%	1,03	88,164,64
PFIZER	36,2600	+1.45%	0,5200	215,121,93
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	81,050	+0.26%	0,210	203,848,36
TRAVELERS CIES	139,74	+1.53%	2,10	37,687,77
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	133,15	-0.32%	-0,43	105,698,70
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	230,16	+1.35%	3,07	221,614,16
VERIZON COMMS	48,29	+0.88%	0,42	196,384,28
VISA	122,93	+2.12%	2,55	220,406,91
WAL-MART STORES	92,8900	+0.13%	0,1200	274,790,50
WALT DISNEY CO	107,2500	+1.91%	2,0100	160,735,39

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CLOSING PRICES FEBRUARY 26

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Vicor Corporation	\$ 25.80	7 ▲ 37.23%
Financial Engines, Inc.	\$ 38.30	8.35 ▲ 27.88%
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 59.94	11.54 ▲ 23.84%
Universal Electronics Inc.	\$ 54.25	10.40 ▲ 23.72%
Emmis Communications Corporation	\$ 3.90	0.5835 ▲ 17.59%
Blue Buffalo Pet Products, Inc.	\$ 40	5.88 ▲ 17.23%
Momo Inc.	\$ 35.75	5.22 ▲ 17.10%
Mammoth Energy Services, Inc.	\$ 24.40	3.25 ▲ 15.37%
KemPharm, Inc.	\$ 6	0.738 ▲ 14.03%
Frontier Communications Corporation	\$ 9.10	1.04 ▲ 12.90%
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 43.65	4.95 ▲ 12.79%
Most Declined		
Universal Display Corporation	\$ 130.40	24.50 ▼ 15.82%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 7.36	1.26 ▼ 14.62%
LifePoint Health, Inc.	\$ 42.75	6.95 ▼ 13.98%
Digitrad Corporation	\$ 2.05	0.30 ▼ 12.77%
Acacia Communications, Inc.	\$ 37.05	4.79 ▼ 11.45%
James River Group Holdings, Ltd.	\$ 34.45	4.09 ▼ 10.61%
Anika Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 51.69	6.02 ▼ 10.43%
MDC Partners Inc.	\$ 8.75	0.95 ▼ 9.79%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 17.08	1.45 ▼ 7.83%
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 2.86	0.24 ▼ 7.74%
ChemoCentryx, Inc.	\$ 9.56	0.71 ▼ 6.91%

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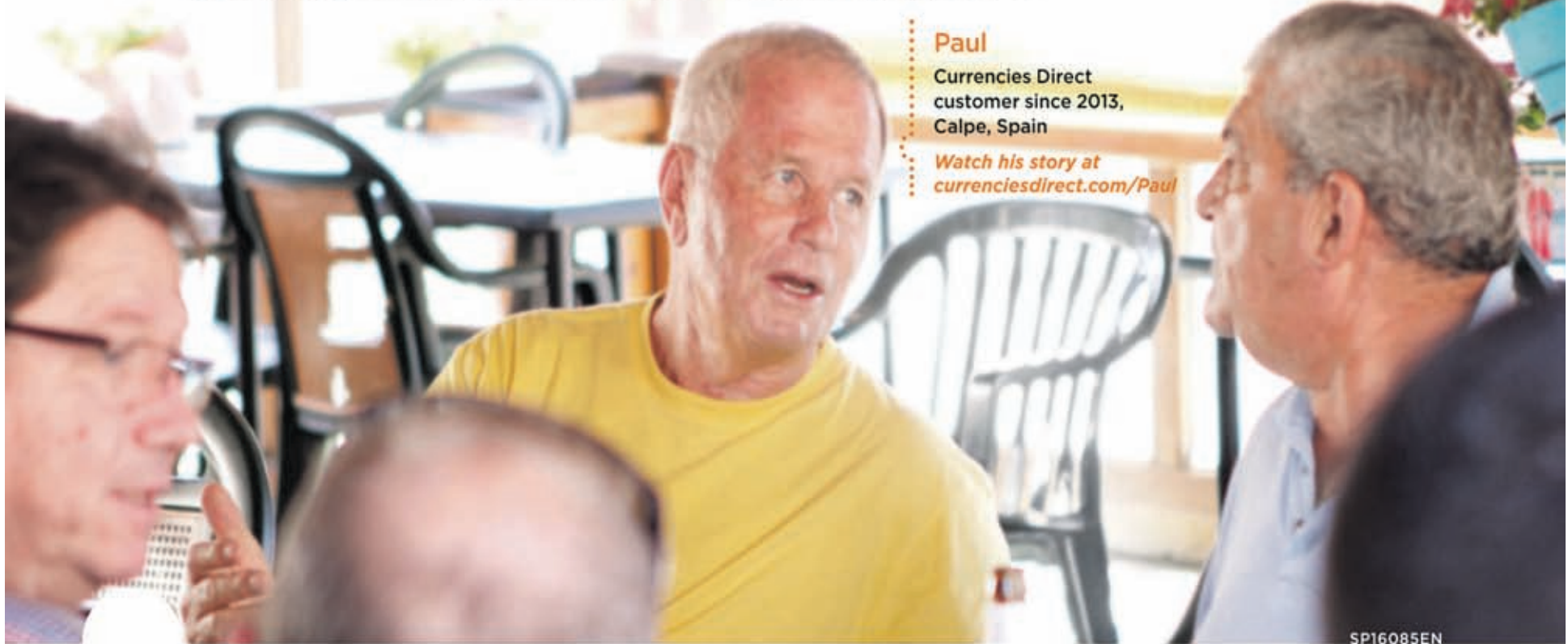
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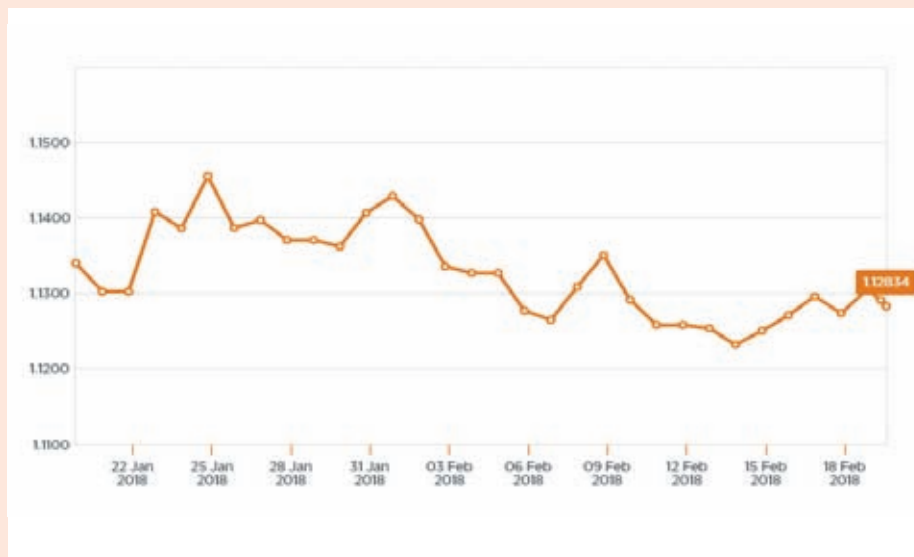
EUR/USD: Up from \$1.22 to \$1.24

Speculation that the European Central Bank (ECB) will remain dovish on the subject of monetary policy for the foreseeable future has countered the impact of a run of positive Eurozone data over the last few weeks.

That being said, the euro is still standing firm against rivals like the pound and US dollar.

Italy will be taking to the polls in March and most experts expect the election to result in a coalition government, with Silvio Berlusconi's conservative alliance projected to take the biggest share of votes.

The impact this would have on the euro largely depends on which parties Berlusconi allies himself with. If Berlusconi opts for Matteo Salvini, the euro would be pressured lower thanks to his opposition to the single currency



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

and preference for returning to the lira.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Down from €1.14 to €1.12

GBP/USD: Up from \$1.38 to \$1.40

After getting off to a fairly positive start to the year, the pound failed to sustain its initial momentum and has reversed gains against a number of the majors. Demand for the pound eased

on concerns that government fissures will have a negative impact on Brexit negotiations.

Investors were also concerned as EU Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier intimated that the UK achieving a transitional deal after Brexit should not be taken for granted.

Brexit worries prevented the pound from deriving much benefit from the Bank of England

(BoE) indicating that rates could rise sooner than currently forecast at its first policy gathering of 2018.

Any Brexit related news is liable to be the driving force behind pound exchange rate movement over the next few weeks. UK data will also be of interest, as any reports which reduce the chances of the BoE increasing interest rates in 2018 will put the pound under pressure.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Down from £0.72 to £0.71

USD/EUR: Down from €0.81 to €0.80

The Federal Reserve increased interest rates in December 2017, but the move had been so long expected that it failed to boost the US dollar. In fact, USD exchange rates actually softened as the Fed implied that interest rates would only be raised a further three times in 2018 rather than the four times hoped for.

The US dollar remained on soft form for much of January, although the currency has since recovered from its worst levels against the pound.

The Fed is forecast to increase borrowing costs at its March gathering, and if it indicates that a further three adjustments could be made over the rest of the year we could see the US dollar jump.

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AI DOMINATES MOBILE WORLD CONGRESS

MORE than 2,000 companies and 100,000 people have flocked to Barcelona for the annual Mobile World Congress.

The wireless industry's biggest trade show also offers ideal networking opportunities for executives, bankers and analysts to get together.

Major trends at this year's show include cybersecurity, ultrafast fifth generation mobile networks and blockchain technology.

But the stars of the show are the latest smartphones, artificial intelligence (AI) devices and autonomous drones.

Highlights so far have included the launch of Samsung's Galaxy S9 handset, featuring an improved camera and augmented reality functions designed to challenge Apple's iPhone X.

The South Korean giant also showcased an updated version of its digital assistant Bixby, demonstrating how it can live translate a piece of text.

Chinese tech firm Huawei unveiled its first 5G-capable chip, enabling its devices to access faster internet speeds, before using the AI of its flagship Mate 10 Pro phone to drive a Porsche sports car round an obstacle course.

The company is now comfortably the world's third biggest smartphone maker behind Samsung and Apple after bagging a 10.4 per cent market share in 2017.

Spanish company Telefonica - one of Europe's top three telecommunications firms - revealed its plans to move some focus from fibre, mobile and television to value-added services, big data and cognitive intelligence as it presented its AI-powered digital assistant Aura.

Set to be launched in Spain, the UK (where it will be called O2 Ask), Germany, Argentina, Chile and Brazil over the weekend, Aura is the result of a collaboration with Facebook, Google and Microsoft.

And it will shortly become one of the first digital assistants to be inte-



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ROBO-PHONES:
An attendee snaps a selfie and (inset) Telefonica's Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete introduces Aura.

grated with Google Assistant, benefiting around 120 million customers who use Android devices, and Cortana, Microsoft's digital assistant used by more than 600 million worldwide.

Telefonica chairman-CEO Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete also revealed in a keynote speech some of Europe's biggest telecommunications players, including Telefonica, Deutsche Telekom, KPN and Orange, are working to develop a 'global data portability ecosystem' allowing customers to take usage data with them when they travel.

Elsewhere Nokia - whose phones are now licensed by Finnish company HMD Global - announced a revamped 4G version of the classic 8110 'banana phone,' while Sony unveiled its new Xperia X72.

The five-day event ends today (Thursday).

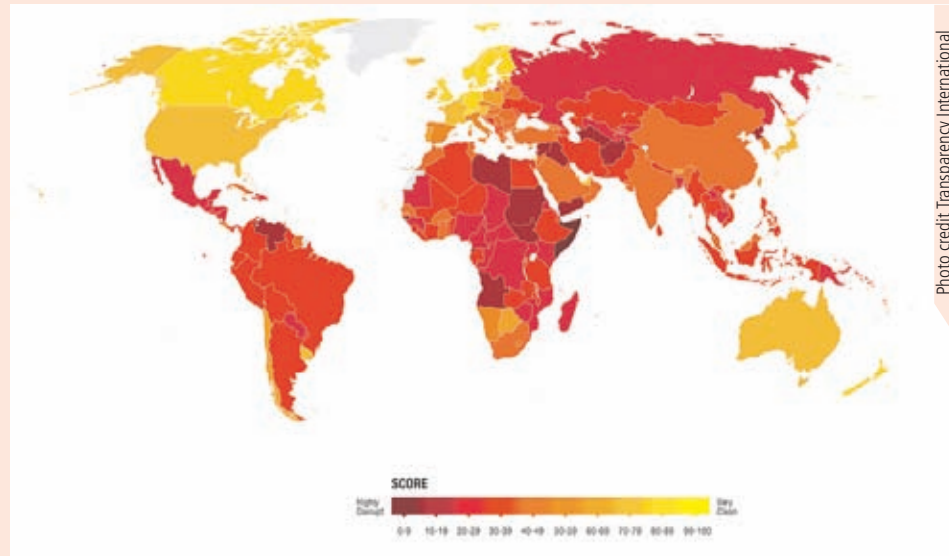
Outrage over sexist PR firm

SPANISH PR agency Impulsa Comunicacion has lost two major clients over a sexism row.

Coca Cola and glass repair company Carglass have dropped the Barcelona-based firm after a woman was turned down for an account executive position because 'the successful candidate will work with Carglass and Coca Cola... they need a man who can handle the pace of working with big companies.'

Rejected applicant Carla Focada tweeted an image of the email, captioning the image: 'It is incredible that companies that practice gender-based discrimination in the workplace still exist.'

And after the post went viral - prompting public slap downs from both named brands - the Impulsa website was mysteriously shut down.



ALARMING: More than two thirds of countries scored less than 50, meaning they have a 'high corruption burden' according to the report.

Corruption in Spain exposed

SPAIN has risen in a global corruption ranking.

It comes as Germany-based non-governmental organisation Transparency International released its 25th annual Corruption Perceptions Index, which lists 180 countries according to how they are perceived by the public sector.

Each is given a score of zero to 100, with 100 being the least corrupt. Spain scored 57 - one point less than in 2016 - to finish joint 42nd in the table alongside Cyprus, Dominica and the Czech Republic.

The least corrupt countries were

New Zealand and Denmark, which scored 89 and 88, respectively, with the UK finishing joint fifth with 82, the same score as Canada, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Germany.

Somalia, with a score of nine, South Sudan (12) and Syria (14) were the three most corrupt countries, with two thirds of nations scoring less than 50.

The 2017 index is based on 13 surveys covering factors including the enforcement of anti-corruption law, access to information, political conflicts of interest and expert assessments.

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Uranium mine scheme sparks pollution panic

A SPANISH plan to open a uranium mine near the Portuguese border has sparked outrage.

"Portugal will do everything it can to obtain the relevant information and, from there, ensure safety and zero impact on our side," said Joao Matos Fernandes, Portugal's environment minister.

Speaking to an environmental parliamentary commission, the official was quizzed how the government would ensure that pollution from the mine would be confined to Spain.

He replied that "we have performed all due diligence alongside Spain," but added that organisation of the scheme "has created a problem" after his requests for updates were ignored or answered "inadequately." And he has now demanded a meeting "because due protocol has not been fulfilled

satisfactorily by our counterpart."

Spain carried out an environmental impact analysis on the prospective site at Retornillo, around 40 kilometres from the border in rural Salamanca, Castilla y Leon, in 2013.

Since then the mine has been discussed repeatedly in diplomatic channels, with Spain adamant that the project has not yet been given the green light. But announcements posted on the website of Australia-based mining firm Berkeley Energia suggest that construction is due to begin later this year, leaving environmental campaigners and other critics furious.

The project is reportedly being financed by the sovereign wealth fund of the Sultanate of Oman, which has contributed more than €105 million.

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JUST when you think you've heard it all, up pops another 'gem.'

This week's mind numbing whinge was a real humdinger. Pop singer Jesy Nelson was accused of 'cultural appropriation.'

My God. What had she done? Nicked a Massai make-up box? Pilfered a Pyramid? Wrong, it was much worse than that! Apparently, objections had been raised because the Little Mix member had - wait for it - chosen Dreadlocks for her new hairstyle!

Yep, for just a millisecond the world suddenly stopped spinning. You really couldn't make it up.

Unfortunately, although intelligent, clear-thinking human beings consider accusations of this calibre utterly laughable, many don't. In fact, through social media, this young lady was subsequently the recipient of a whole deluge of racial hatred and threats.

If ever there was a glaring example



JESY NELSON: New hairstyle causes backlash.

of reversed racism, this was most definitely it. Normally, one never gets to see the petty-minded pillocks who come up with these diatribes of non-

sense, but I actually switched to Sky News during the week and lo and behold one of them was sitting there.

"Ah," she spouted piously. "You

have to understand that dreadlocks are an important part of our African heritage. For a westerner to imitate our culture is extremely insulting to many of 'our people' and should not be allowed to happen!"

Er... What? Hold on a minute. If there's one problem that is often the bane of people of African descent it's their hair. The girls in particular, spend fortunes on wigs or having it straightened. Many have it dyed blonde. I don't hear any white Europeans screaming racism or 'cultural appropriation.' The whole sorry diatribe is ridiculous.

Beau Brummel invented the suit and tie. In that case just about the whole of the planet is 'offending' the British culture. It's all nonsense of course. Merely more stirring by the trouble-making minorities who infiltrate our societies like plagues of vindictive virus. If I had my way people like this would be arrested for stirring up racial hatred.

The thing that always baffles me is that if these people hate western society and culture so much, why on earth do they live in it? Can you imagine

living in an environment you despise and where you are utterly miserable? No wonder they never stop moaning and whinging.

Anyway, I have good news for them. According to the revered Oscar Wilde, far from being an insult, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. S'there.

Delighted to see the teacher who was accused of 'misgendering' a female pupil by referring to her as a girl, is suing the school on the grounds of discrimination and constructive dismissal.

The teacher, who is also a pastor, stated that the school had systematically and maliciously breached his human rights. Chances of winning? Don't hold yer breath.

Many Happy returns this week to my old mate Jess Conrad. Look out for him in his new ITV series starting any day now. Hang in there JC, not many of us left!

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CIUDAD PATRICIA OPEN DAY

14th March - starts 11am

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It gives me great personal satisfaction, advising and helping many people planning and eventually making a move to Ciudad Patricia. It does not matter if you are not looking to move for a few years, yet it is still worth your while to come along to our open day. You will then see first hand why so many people have made the decision to move here. How we have all the facilities in place to make your retirement living a happy one, giving you peace of mind when you need that little bit of extra help.

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You will never have to feel alone with so many activities going on and making new friends once you have moved here. There are many things people tell me they are worried about when they are living on their own. There is also the worry of being left on their own when their partner passes away... what if they had a fall and could not get up who would be there to help? At the open day you will then understand how it all works with our on site emergency doctor which takes some of that worry away. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain.

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11:30 PRESENTATION
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12:15 SEE FOR YOURSELF
Tour of the Grounds Visit Show Apartment

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Charities on life support... but charity begins at home!

THERE appears no let-up in allegations of misconduct by charity aid workers. UN believes more than 600 women and children suffered sexual abuse and exploitation by its peacekeepers. Oxfam workers in Haiti reportedly paid teenage prostitutes with rice, aid staff swapped wheat for sex in Africa, while those in charge knew what was going on 10 years ago.

Many charities do fantastic work, but disillusionment takes its toll. Very high executive pay, immoral behaviour, rather self-righteous finger wagging, chugging and other aggressive marketing ploys will inevitably bring lasting changes. Oxfam's far from an isolated case. The whole charity section needs root and branch reform.

Infuriated supporters of Oxfam are already withdrawing their contributions. But is this

missing the point? Abuse is rampant in all sectors, and all organisations (political parties, churches, schools, colleges, businesses) are inclined to nip in the bud reports of abuse in order to protect their reputations.

This encourages further abuse because perpetrators don't fear repercussions and victims doubt they'll be believed. What's needed is an independent body to scrutinise all claims of abuse, safeguards and sanctions across the whole of society.

So, let's support charities we trust - like Cudeca here on the Costa del Sol - and reduce the UK foreign aid budget so that it's in line with other countries.

The Department for International Development (DfID) now has a statutory requirement to spend 0.7 per cent of



IN THE DOGHOUSE: Oxfam workers reportedly paid prostitutes with rice in Haiti.

Britain's gross national income on development aid annually. In 2016 this came to £13.3 billion! The appalling Oxfam

scandal simply demonstrates how impossible it is for staff at DfID to manage this huge amount of taxpayers' money

and ensure it's properly spent.

British taxpayers are still sending financial aid to India, now one of the world's fastest

growing economies. They're still sending money to Nigeria, the world's sixth-largest oil producer, while we have such scandalous problems in need of funding at home...

Finally, many thanks to all of you who have purchased my crime thrillers (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity) following my piece here two weeks ago. And keep those donations going to Cudeca!

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

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London house price cut of 60%

STATISTICS and their cousin averages are slippery customers.

On average when Bill Gates - of Microsoft fame and leader of the Gates Foundation - enters a restaurant everyone in the room on average is a billionaire. Similarly, on average house prices in London recovered by the fourth quarter of 2017 and prices rose on average by £4,000 (€4,526) between November and December.

On average London houses now cost £227,000 (€256,873) according to the Land Registry. Prices on average appear to be up by 5.2 per cent year on year. Of course statistics and averages can be useful illustrations but they can also hide and disguise some spectacular outliers in the range of prices that houses command. That we all place so much weight on statistics is a good reason to be very cautious of them as well.

Hidden in plain sight is one wealthy man's house. Consider Dr Gert-Rudolf Frick, heir to the Daimler automotive dynasty who placed the Park House Estate on the market in September 2013 for an eye-watering £105 million (€118.8 million).

Park House sits in more than half an acre of private walled gardens in central London. Half an acre of ground close by the museum district in South Kensington to the west of Bucking-



WHAT'S IT WORTH?: London is pricey, but Park House (inset) is set to sell with a 60 per cent discount on the original asking price, a mere €45.3 million.

ham Palace and described as 'a country house in the middle of London. From no window can you see a car passing by.'

Boasting six bedrooms, five bathrooms and seven reception rooms it was recorded as the 'finest house to come on to the market in the capital for 25 years.'

But despite adding a five-bedroom house and two one-bedroom flats on the site as part of the package the Park House Estate failed to sell.

Recently reports appeared that a buyer has eventually emerged though it took three and half years to do so and a headline grabbing price cut of slightly more than 60 per cent, too. Which is spectacular, though the selling price of £40 million (€45.3 million) as reported is weighty and considerable in any language. The Park House Estate is without doubt exceptional as is the price sought and realised for it.

A news story headlining a price cut of one individual property or indeed a price rise does not signify a trend nor does it reflect the mood of the market as a whole. It does speak volumes though of the value attached to a given property by a specific willing buyer and seller on any given day. If you really desire that ideal villa you will pay as much as you can sensibly afford for it, but no more than you believe it is worth and less if you can convince the seller.

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9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	The Inside Story
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
9:00am	Earth's Natural Wonders
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Plan it, Build it
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4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	More Creatures Great and Small
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6:20pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Athletics
10:00pm	Civilisations
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Top Gear
1:20am	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Brain: A Secret History
10:00pm	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
11:00pm	Wild Weather with Richard Hammond
12:00am	Storm Troupers: The Fight to Forecast the Weather <i>Series in which Alok Jha charts the history of weather forecasting.</i>
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:35am	Elvis Costello: Mystery Dance
3:05am	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
4:05am	Handmade on the Silk Road
4:35am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
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11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
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1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
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4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life 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	Married at First Sight

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6:30am	Tennis Archive <i>A chance to relive some classic matches from the ATP World Tour.</i>
6:45am	Tennis Archive
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Cricket <i>Day one of the first Test as South Africa host Australia in Durban.</i>
4:30pm	Live ATP 500: Dubai
7:30pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Live World Golf Championship

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Pets
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
10:00pm	Serial Killer with Piers Morgan
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11:30pm	ITV News London
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12:45am	Lethal Weapon
1:30am	Jackpot247
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12:00am	Unforgotten
1:05am	DCI Banks
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3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides <i>Drama series about a wheelchair-bound San Francisco detective.</i>
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
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2:45am	Fifth Gear
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
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9:40am	Cast Away
12:05pm	Fast and Furious 8
2:30pm	Fearless
4:30pm	Cast Away
7:00pm	Twister
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:30pm	Fearless
1:20am	Central Intelligence
3:20am	Asian Connection
5:00am	Twister

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9:25am	Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan
11:00am	Special
11:15am	Couples Retreat
1:15pm	Paul
3:05pm	Shallow Hal
5:05pm	Knocked Up
7:20pm	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
9:00pm	Paul
10:45pm	Shallow Hal
12:50am	Balls of Fury
2:30am	Airheads

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male
8:55am	Hard Target
10:45am	The Unseen
12:45pm	The Mummy
2:50pm	Birth of the Dragon
4:40pm	Monster Family: Special
5:10pm	Hard Target
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11:00pm	The Unseen
12:50am	Birth of the Dragon <i>A young Bruce Lee looks to make a name for himself in 1960s San Francisco, soon challenging Shaolin master Wong Jack Man to an epic showdown.</i>
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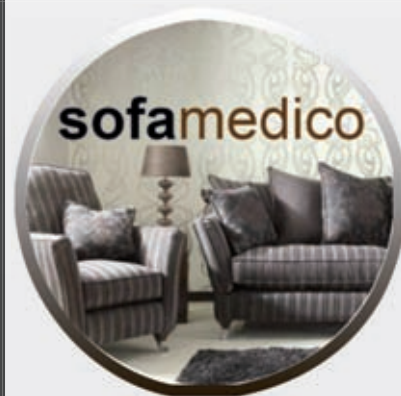
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 9:00pm EastEnders
 9:30pm Room 101
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 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:25pm BBC London News
 11:35pm The Young Offenders
 12:05am Blades of Glory

BBC TWO

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 11:00pm QI
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:05am The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
 12:55am A Hijacking
 2:35am The Sheriffs are Coming
 3:35am Julius Caesar Revealed
 4:35am Royal Recipes
 5:15am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:30pm Top of the Pops
 9:00pm John Denver: Country Boy
 10:00pm Tones, Drones and Arpeggios: The Magic of Minimalism
 11:00pm Synth Britannia
 12:30am Synth Britannia at the BBC
 1:30am Top of the Pops
 Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985
 2:00am Lionel Richie: Dancing on the Ceiling
 3:00am John Denver: Country Boy
 4:00am Tones, Drones and Arpeggios: The Magic of Minimalism
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 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm Inside Kensington Palace
 9:00pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
 10:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
 11:00pm Will and Grace
 11:30pm Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
 12:30am Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens

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8:05am Pawn Stars
 8:35am Ironside
 9:40am Quincy, M.E.
 Another case for the chief coroner of LA County.
 10:40am Minder
 11:50am The Sweeney
 1:00pm Darts: UK Open Live
 Peter Wright is the defending champion as the UK Open gets under way in Minehead
 6:00pm The Avengers
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 7:00pm Behind Enemy Lines
 9:00pm Transformers
 11:30pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

sky CINEMA COMEDY

1:30pm Top Ten Show, the 2018
 1:45pm Chips: Law and Disorder
 3:35pm Date Night
 5:10pm 27 Dresses
 7:10pm Did You Hear About the Morgans?
 9:00pm FilmChips: Law and Disorder
 10:45pm Date Night
 12:25am FilmPopstar: Never Stop Never Stopping

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:30am Monster Family: Special
 Sky Movies takes a special look at the animated Disney adventure featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson and Jemaine Clement.
 8:00am Monster Family
 9:50am Birth of the Dragon
 11:30am Monster Family: Special
 12:00pm Monster Family
 1:50pm The Mummy
 3:50pm Larry Gaye: Renegade Male Flight Attendant
 5:40pm Birth of the Dragon
 7:30pm Monster Family: Special
 8:00pm Monster Family
 10:00pm The Mummy
 12:00am Hard Target
 2:00am The Unseen
 4:00am Clash

sky sports football

10:00am Football
 12:05pm La Liga Greatest Games
 12:15pm La Liga Icons
 1:30pm EFL Matters
 2:00pm La Liga Icons
 2:15pm La Liga Icons
 2:30pm La Liga Icons: Zidane
 2:45pm La Liga Icons
 3:00pm La Liga Show
 3:30pm EFL Matters
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:15pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
 5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
 6:00pm La Liga Preview
 7:00pm Football's Greatest Games
 7:30pm EFL Matters
 8:00pm Football
 11:15pm The Debate - Live
 12:15am La Liga Icons
 12:30am La Liga Icons

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Triathlon World Series
3:45pm	Cycling: World Track Championships
5:30pm	Final Score
6:10pm	A Question of Sport
6:40pm	Celebrity Mastermind
7:10pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:23pm	Weather
7:25pm	Pointless
8:15pm	All Together Now The Final.
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	Troy: Fall of a City
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day
12:55am	My Brother the Devil
2:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:10am	Nature's Weirdest Events
7:25am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
7:55am	The Pets Factor
8:15am	Dengineers
8:45am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:15am	Beyond Bionic
9:45am	Robot Wars
10:45am	Athletics
2:30pm	Escape to the Continent
3:30pm	Me and My Dog
4:30pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
5:30pm	Hugh's Wild West
6:30pm	Athletics
	<i>Gabby Logan introduces live coverage of the World Championships at Birmingham Arena.</i>
10:30pm	A Little Chaos
12:20am	The Help
	<i>Drama based on Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel</i>
2:40am	Civilisations
3:40am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

5:00am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World
9:00pm	Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest
10:00pm	Modus
10:45pm	Modus
11:30pm	Promises and Lies: The Story of UB40
12:30am	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.</i>
1:05am	Top of the Pops
1:40am	The Shires: New Country
2:40am	Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest
3:40am	Promises and Lies: The Story of UB40

CHANNEL 4

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
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	Coast v Country
4:35pm	A Place in the Sun
5:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
6:35pm	The Supernet
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages
9:00pm	Britain at Low Tide
10:00pm	10 Cloverfield Lane
12:00am	Predator

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:10pm	Police Interceptors
1:10pm	Police Interceptors
2:10pm	Police Interceptors
3:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
7:00pm	The Secret Life of Kittens
8:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
9:00pm	The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 The Championship.
11:00pm	Live Championship Boxing
12:30am	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
1:00am	Super Casino

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7:00am	The Goldbergs
7:30am	The Goldbergs
7:55am	The Goldbergs
8:25am	The Goldbergs
8:55am	The Goldbergs
9:30am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
10:30am	Alvin and the Chipmunks
12:20pm	Stuart Little
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Men in Black 3
10:00pm	Identity Thief
12:15am	Gogglebox
1:20am	Celebs Go Dating
2:30am	Celebs Go Dating
3:35am	Celebs Go Dating
4:25am	Timeless
5:10am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland

sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket
10:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Football
	<i>Burnley meet Everton at Turf Moor in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Rugby Union
	<i>Scarlets take on Leinster at Parc y Scarlets in the Guinness Pro 14</i>
6:15pm	Football
	<i>Wolverhampton Wanderers take on Reading at Molineux in the Sky Bet Championship</i>
8:30pm	Boxing
	<i>Kell Brook takes on Sergey Rabchenko at the FlyDSA Arena in a super-welterweight bout</i>
12:30am	Born to be Wilder
	<i>Follow the remarkable journey of American heavyweight Deontay Wilder.</i>

itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Dancing on Ice
2:25pm	ITV News and Weather
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Doncaster
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News and Weather
7:20pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
9:30pm	The Voice UK
10:50pm	Piers Morgan's Life Stories
11:45pm	ITV News and Weather
12:05am	The Fast and the Furious
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:10am	Emmerdale
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:35pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2:15pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
3:25pm	FYI Daily
3:30pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
4:00pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
5:05pm	FYI Daily
5:10pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
6:15pm	Hotel Transylvania
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	Hotel Transylvania
8:00pm	Uncle Buck
9:05pm	FYI Daily
9:10pm	Uncle Buck
10:00pm	White House Down
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	White House Down
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:35am	American Dad!
2:00am	American Dad!

itv3

5:35am	George and Mildred
6:05am	Judge Judy
6:25am	Judge Judy
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote <i>While Jessica is out of town, her nephew Grady and his pregnant wife Donna house sit</i>
9:55am	A Touch of Frost
12:05pm	A Touch of Frost
2:20pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
4:25pm	Columbo <i>Classic murder mystery</i>
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Lewis
2:00am	The Good Karma Hospital
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping
	<i>Shopping from home.</i>

itv4

5:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Avengers
8:30am	The Avengers
9:30am	World Superbike Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:35am	Storage Wars Texas
12:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
12:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
1:00pm	Storage Wars
1:30pm	Darts: UK Open Live
6:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:30pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Darts: UK Open Live
8:05pm	Reservoir Dogs
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Reservoir Dogs <i>A group of perfect strangers have been assembled to pull off the perfect heist.</i>
2:10am	Minder
3:10am	Tommy Cooper
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Hanna
9:00am	Underworld: Blood Wars
10:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:00am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
1:30pm	Ghostbusters
3:30pm	Hanna
5:30pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
8:00pm	Ghostbusters

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Turner and Hooch
10:00am	Groundhog Day
11:45am	That Thing You Do!
1:40pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
3:25pm	Get Him to the Greek
5:20pm	Brewster's Millions
7:05pm	That Thing You Do!
9:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
10:45pm	Get Him to the Greek
12:45am	Trading Places

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Black Panther: Special
6:30am	Monster Family: Special
7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:15am	Monster Family
9:00am	Birth of the Dragon
10:40am	Monster Family
12:30pm	Baby Driver
2:40pm	The Mummy <i>After he inadvertently awakens an ancient Egyptian sorceress, renegade US soldier Nick Morton must race to save the world from her army of the undead.</i>
4:40pm	Hard Target
6:40pm	Monster Family: Special
7:10pm	Monster Family
9:00pm	Baby Driver
11:00pm	The Mummy
12:55am	The Unseen
2:45am	Hard Target
4:30am	Christine

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Icons: Zidane
10:45am	La Liga Icons
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
12:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	Ronaldo
11:45pm	20 Years of El Clasico
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	MLS Greatest Games
1:30am	Football
3:40am	La Liga Icons

Time to take bold action

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

Sally Trotman

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



Astrology: trust your vibes

SUN in Pisces: The watery influence of this sign throughout most of March helps you to develop your intuition.

What feels right to you in each moment? Consider your deepest yearnings, listen to your inner voice and notice any repeated messages in your dreams. On March 22, around the time of the spring equinox, the sun moves into Aries. This is a time of renewed energy, so make the most of this fiery energy to take bold action when you are inspired.

Get in tune with the moon: This month the moon is full twice - on March 2 and on March 31. The first full moon is ruled by the earthy sign of Virgo, encouraging you to make practical plans and get organised.

The second full moon in balanced Libra brings the focus to your relationships. Changing your perspective can help you to move beyond challenges, so perhaps consider the viewpoints of others to create more harmony. Also put in boundaries where necessary. Honour your feelings in all your relationships, balancing giving with receiving where you can.

Numerology: go with the flow

Number 3: This number reminds you that in each moment you are co-creating with the universe. Find balance between action and rest this month to help you make the most of the opportunities ahead. Remember you are a human being so relax into the flow of life and trust that you are being guided in the best direction for you.

The Empress : nurture yourself

The Empress is represented in the tarot deck as a bountiful woman surrounded by nature. With her foot on



ARIES: A time of renewed energy.

the new moon and a flower in her hand, she is able to balance the spiritual, emotional, mental and physical aspects of herself. The archetypal mother, she instinctively knows how to nurture herself and others.

Consider how you can look after yourself better this month, and then extend this care to those around you.

Repeat this affirmation through the month to help you: I am open to receiving abundance through all channels of the universe.

Your 2018 forecast

Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot are ancient tools of divination which aid self-awareness. By looking at the unique numbers and planets in your date of birth, I will intuitively guide you to become clearer, calmer and more confident about your direction for the year ahead. I offer readings by Skype, Facetime, WhatsApp video and email. Contact me at sally.trotman@btinternet.com to book in.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
8:35am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Murder, Mystery and My Family
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	MasterChef
3:15pm	MasterChef
4:15pm	MasterChef
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:50pm	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
7:05pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Countryfile
8:30pm	Hold the Sunset
9:00pm	Call the Midwife
10:00pm	Strike - Career of Evil
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Reign of Fire

BBC TWO

7:50am	A-Z of TV Gardening
8:15am	The Instant Gardener
9:00am	Gardeners' World
9:30am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
12:00pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
12:45pm	Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Cycling: World Track Championships
3:45pm	Athletics
7:00pm	Back in Time for Tea
8:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Life and Death Row
11:20pm	The Mash Report
11:50pm	Top Gear Extra Gear
12:15am	Cleverman
1:10am	Question Time
2:10am	Holby City
3:10am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

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>Cult student quiz show.</i>
9:00pm	Killer Whales
10:00pm	Time Shift
11:00pm	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
12:00am	Conversations <i>Sean Curran talks to former senior Liberal Democrat Baroness Shirley Williams about her life.</i>
1:00am	Killer Whales
2:00am	The Mountain that had to be Painted
3:00am	Art of France
4:00am	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature <i>Three-part series in which Helen Czerski explores the science of temperature.</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:20am	King of Queens
7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	The Simpsons
2:55pm	The Simpsons
3:25pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
5:55pm	Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
7:40pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Posh Pawn
9:00pm	Churchill's Secret Affair
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:05am	Lee Mack
1:05am	The Haunting
3:00am	KOTV Boxing Weekly

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Nick's Quest
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:30am	Football on 5
11:20am	Football on 5
11:50am	FIA Formula E: Highlights
12:50pm	Police Interceptors
1:50pm	Wyatt Earp
5:20pm	The Dirty Dozen
8:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	When Award Shows Go Horribly Wrong
12:50am	Jo Brand: Secrets of Her Success
1:50am	Cruising with Jane McDonald
2:05am	Super Casino <i>Live interactive gaming featuring roulette and autowheel.</i>
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	Coach Trip Final
	Week: Road to Tenerife
9:55am	Coach Trip Final
	Week: Road to Tenerife
10:30am	Coach Trip Final
	Week: Road to Tenerife
11:00am	Coach Trip Final
	Week: Road to Tenerife
11:30am	Coach Trip Finale: Road to Tenerife
12:05pm	Stuart Little 2
1:35pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	Young Sheldon
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Captain America: The First Avenger

sky sports main event

3:00am	Boxing
6:30am	AJ: The Knockouts
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Cricket
12:30pm	Boxing
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Brighton and Hove Albion take on Arsenal at the Amex Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Live World Golf Championship <i>Day four of the WGC-Mexico Championship from Club de Golf Chapultepec in Mexico City.</i>
1:00am	Football
1:30am	La Liga Icons
1:45am	Football
3:55am	MLS Greatest Games
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	The Voice UK
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather
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3:00pm	What Would Your Kid Do?
4:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
4:30pm	Tipping Point
5:30pm	ITV News and Weather
5:45pm	Local News and Weather
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Dancing on Ice
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	ITV News and Weather
11:15pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	The Martin Lewis Money Show
12:40am	100 Year Old Driving School
1:05am	Marcella

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:35am	You've Been Framed!
8:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:45am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:40pm	Mr. Bean
2:05pm	Mr. Bean
2:40pm	The Voice UK
4:05pm	The Flintstones
5:05pm	FYI Daily
5:10pm	The Flintstones
5:50pm	Legally Blonde
6:55pm	FYI Daily
7:00pm	Legally Blonde
7:45pm	Jack the Giant Killer
8:50pm	FYI Daily
8:55pm	Jack the Giant Killer
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!

itv3

11:00am	Columbo
12:35pm	A Touch of Frost
2:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
5:00pm	Lewis
7:00pm	The Durrells
8:00pm	The Durrells
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	Chocolat
1:25am	Life of Crime
2:25am	Blue Murder
3:40am	George and Mildred
4:05am	Rising Damp <i>Pilot episode of the sitcom which first introduced the lascivious landlord Rigsby.</i>
4:30am	Rising Damp
4:55am	Road to Avonlea
5:45am	Road to Avonlea <i>Drama series about a girl sent to live with her eccentric family.</i>

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:15am	The Sweeney
8:15am	The Sweeney
9:15am	Minder
10:20am	Minder
11:25am	Storage Wars
11:55am	Storage Wars
12:20pm	Storage Wars
12:45pm	Storage Wars
1:15pm	Storage Wars
1:45pm	Darts: UK Open Live
6:00pm	Football's Greatest
6:05pm	Pawn Stars
6:30pm	Pawn Stars
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8:00pm	Darts: UK Open Live
12:00am	The Keeper
1:05am	FYI Daily <i>The latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
1:10am	The Keeper
1:55am	River Monsters
3:00am	Tommy Cooper
3:30am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	DC Superhero Girls: Super Hero High
8:05am	Charlie's Angels
10:00am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
12:00pm	DC Superhero Girls: Super Hero High
1:00pm	Logan
3:30pm	Aeon Flux
5:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:35pm	Charlie's Angels

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7:40am	Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow
9:10am	The Waterboy
10:45am	Airplane!
12:20pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
1:50pm	30 Minutes or Less
3:25pm	The Boss
5:10pm	Election
7:00pm	City Slickers
9:00pm	30 Minutes or Less
10:30pm	The Boss
12:15am	High Anxiety

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4:30am	Christine
6:30am	Black Panther: Special
7:00am	The Mummy
9:00am	Monster Family
10:50am	Norman
12:50pm	Baby Driver
2:50pm	Birth of the Dragon <i>A young Bruce Lee looks to make a name for himself in 1960s San Francisco, soon challenging Shaolin master Wong Jack Man to an epic showdown.</i>
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11:00pm	Norman
1:05am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male Flight Attendant
2:50am	Hard Target
4:40am	The Unseen

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9:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
9:15am	La Liga Icons
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	Football
3:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
3:15pm	La Liga Icons
3:30pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
4:30pm	Football
5:00pm	Football
7:30pm	Scottish Cup
8:00pm	Greatest Games
8:00pm	Ronaldo
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:00pm	La Liga Icons
11:15pm	Football

LEGALLY SPEAKING

School bus checks complete

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

OFFICERS from the Guardia Civil traffic department have been carrying out extra checks and surveillance on school buses.

During the five-day campaign, inspections on both the vehicles and the drivers were conducted.

These included checks of the authorisation and documents that these vehicles must have to perform in service, verifying that the technical conditions and safety elements of the vehicle satisfy the minimum standards required by the regulations.

Safety is the highest priority for this type of transport and the annual incident figures do reflect school transport as being amongst the safest ways for children to travel to school.

According to Gregorio Serrano, the director of the DGT, "the safe mobility of minors is one of the priorities of the DGT."

"Every day there are thousands of students who use the school bus to go to school and return home, so we have to keep checking that these trips are made safely."

He added: "With this type of campaign, we remind parents of the right to demand from schools or parent associations that school buses meet all the regulatory requirements to carry out this type of transport."

Inappropriate speed and distractions are the main causes of incidents in which this type of vehicle is involved, so speed controls will be carried out, as well as other factors such as not using a mobile phone or other devices whilst driving. Alcohol and other drug controls will also be increased.

Statistically, 90 per cent of incidents in-



SCHOOL BUSES: Must meet regulations.

volving school transport take place at the time of getting in or out of the vehicle.

In many cases these are caused by the child being distracted, or the fact that the school bus driver or the parents are not paying full attention.

To avoid this type of incident, it is recommended that parents respect bus stops, allow enough time for taking and collecting children, and do not wait on the opposite side of the road.

Due to the importance of seat belts in saving lives in the event of an incident, special attention will be paid to the use of these in school buses that have them installed. Although all new buses that enter service must be fitted with seat belts, older vehicles are still allowed to continue without seat belts until time allows for their replacement. Currently, only around 60 per cent of the school bus fleet have seat belts installed.

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

Can owner change the use?

Q. I live on a large and long-established urbanisation. In the centre of the urbanisation for more than 30 years stood the only bar, which has been closed for the past 18 months.

Now the property has been changed to a church. I would like to know if the

urbanisation management committee is obligated to notify members of the change of use, and whether the change of use must be formally approved by the town hall.

B B (Costa Blanca)

A. The owner of the property must apply to the town hall for permission to change its use. When the town hall grants this permission, it notifies the Community of Property Owners. The owner has the right to

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain

change the use of his property to any activity which is permitted in that area, and which

does not constitute a bothersome activity. There is no requirement for the community administration to notify the members, but they can vote at the AGM to appeal against the town hall's authorisation of the change of use.

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

Another terrible killing

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

LET'S start with good news. Last week I had a run in with Ryanair live chat. Basically they were not interested in my problem. Anyway the next day I found an email address and within two hours they had replied and refunded my money. So well done Ryanair for that - all you have to do now is teach your live chat people to act the same way.

There has been yet another terrible killing spree in an American school. Seventeen people were mowed down by a lunatic with an AR-15. Trump's answer to this? Make buying these killing machines harder than getting a drink if you are 18? Consider banning them completely?

No, his answer is to arm teachers. The man is a complete raving lunatic and so is anyone who thinks that is a good idea. They are teachers! The clue to what their duties are when they turn up for work is in the name - they TEACH! There was an armed guard at the school in Florida. He did not do anything for whatever reason. Why not arm all the kids over 18? It's all just nonsense and all Trump does, by fumbling through meetings, is show himself up as a bumbling fool who has zero empathy for these poor kids and fami-

lies involved. He talks about the FBI doing nothing and says if they spent less time investigating him they might have stopped the shooter.

All the NRA disciples are spewing out their BS and every time I see them on TV their argument is being destroyed, not by politicians, but by the kids that are being involved in these massacres.

That's the major difference with this terrible incident from the others. This time the young people involved are speaking out. I've seen them on TV and they are calm, eloquent and sincere.

They have no commercial interest - they are just talking from the heart and using their brains. They will not be deterred and it's disgusting to see and hear how some NRA nuts and politicians that are on their payroll are trying to discredit these youngsters.

These are the voters of the future. They can make change happen and, in my opinion, they will do it. Major companies in the USA are at last realising that offering their members NRA discounts is not in their best interests any more and they are stopping them. The NRA answer is to tell their members to boycott these companies.

It has been proven time and time again that countries with strict gun controls have less people killed with guns than countries that don't. I wonder why?

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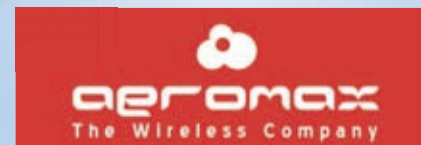
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2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Shakespeare and Hathaway
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5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Inside Out
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
10:00pm	MasterChef
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Imagine...

BBC TWO

7:00am	Caught Red Handed
7:30am	Get Away for Winter
8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
9:00am	Hugh's Wild West
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Plan it, Build it
3:15pm	Yes Chef
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve
5:50pm	More Creatures Great and Small
6:20pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Top Gear
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Collateral
11:00pm	Two Doors Down
11:25pm	Big Field
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City
9:00pm	India: Nature's Wonderland
10:00pm	The Art of Japanese Life
11:00pm	Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit
12:00am	Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome
1:00am	A Brief History of Graffiti
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	India: Nature's Wonderland
4:00am	The Art of Japanese Life

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	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 Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Electric Dreams
12:05am	Married at First Sight
1:10am	The £1 Houses: Britain's Cheapest Street

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Forbidden Secrets
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	Extreme Winter Road Rescue
10:00pm	The Flying Scotsman
11:00pm	The X Files
12:00am	The X Files
12:55am	Traffic Cops
1:55am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
2:10am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Witches: A Century of Murder
5:45am	House Doctor

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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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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	My Hotter Half
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Salt
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	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	Cricket
4:30pm	Sky Sports News
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
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

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9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Kyle Files
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Marcella
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:50pm	Serial Killer with Piers Morgan
12:50am	Detectives: Inside the Major Crimes Team
1:40am	The Kyle Files
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Action Team
11:35pm	Action Team
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
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5:25pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	Rising Damp
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:50am	The Sweeney
12:55pm	The Avengers
2:00pm	Ironsides
3:05pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:10pm	Minder
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6:25pm	The Avengers
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	River Monsters
11:00pm	Rush Hour
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Rush Hour
1:05am	Nacho Libre
2:05am	FYI Daily
2:10am	Nacho Libre
2:55am	Fifth Gear
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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11:25am	Domino
1:45pm	Miss Congeniality
3:50pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
6:00pm	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
8:00pm	Miss Congeniality
10:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
12:10am	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

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11:55am	All About Steve
1:40pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
3:20pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
5:20pm	50 First Dates
7:05pm	O Brother, Where Art Thou?
9:00pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
10:40pm	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
12:40am	Ali G Indahouse
2:15am	Brüno

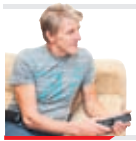
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6:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Football Years
7:30pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
7:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Icons
8:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:30pm	Football's Greatest
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
12:30am	La Liga Icons

'Sorry Jane, you should be in the life boat'



**TV COUCH
CRITIC**

WE have to remember that although it's been cooler in Spain recently, the UK is shivering, so I thought I would ask a couple of friends visiting from Milton Keynes (recent visit to escape the cold) what they had been watching as the temperature plummeted.

Now, Graham and Robert are no nonsense TV people. They know what they like and they stick with what they know. So why, please why, did they recommend I catch up with *Cruising With Jane McDonald*, final episode Friday April 2, *Channel 5*?

I like Jane McDonald, I like rivers and water, I like travelling and don't even mind ships where very small cabins with even smaller balconies are now called Staterooms, but I did not enjoy Jane's trip along the Mekong in Vietnam.

Everyone, but everyone on the ship not only knows Jane, but seems to be a signed up fan club member. It put me in mind of eating foods which lower cholesterol. We all know we should like them, there is no reason to dislike them, but as soon as the cam-



TOTAL LET-DOWN: Cruising With Jane McDonald.

eras are turned off, we are back to cheese and crackers to finish a meal.

Jane is travelling the Mississippi in the final show. Two predictions, firstly she is going to walk around in a shawl which could pass at any decent Sunday market on the Costas as a tablecloth and second, she is going to close the show belting out something by Elvis. I won't know if I'm right about Elvis or the tablecloth because I can't watch Jane be educated about the biggest maximum security prison in the US or sugar plantations. I don't much like Elvis songs either.

RIP: Emma Chambers.



Gogglebox, Channel 4, Fridays was back last week. This is cheese and crackers TV and I love it.

Leon isn't gracing the Gogglebox screens this time around, but I just know he's sitting somewhere in a massive armchair saying just what he thinks about TV and telling June, in his own unique way, just how much he still loves her. Thank you Mr Bernicoff.

In separate news, one half of the Brighton hairdressing duo has announced he is leaving the show to chase a TV career. Oh dear, this won't end well. Chris Butland-Steed (the one with the better beard)

hasn't thought this one through.

Paul O'Grady already has any shows Chris might think he could be part of in the bag. Good luck though Chris.

This week I also wanted to say 'thank you' to Emma Chambers, who sadly passed away aged just 53. Emma was and always will be Alice Tinker, the Verger to the Vicar of Dibley. Try not to smile when you remember that wedding dress.

I don't know how much of the BBC's Winter Olympics coverage you have caught, but I have been blown away by most of the action in the freezing South Korean temperatures. The competitors equally match their Summer Games counterparts and if the reaction to Spain's first medal at the Winter Games in 26 years is anything to go by, the Winter Olympiad will continue to go from strength to strength.

Looking ahead, fellow Geordies Ant and Dec continue their *Saturday Night Takeaway* with the 100th offering this Saturday. The seemingly joined at the hip Alfie Boe and Michael Ball are the stars of the end of the show, and Scarlett Moffatt shows that she is more than Gogglebox with a surprise for a family who don't know what's coming - do we believe that?

Happy viewing.

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

The lost mojo

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

ACCORDING to the majority of pollsters, the PSOE socialists are currently in third place with Ciudadanos out in front and the PP limping behind.

The PSOE regained Pedro Sanchez as its leader and lost its mojo with only 39 per cent of its voters believing that the party has a clear project for the future. Forty-eight per cent believe that Ciudadanos and Albert Rivera have a more defined plan.

True to his usual form, Sanchez believes the best way to counteract the drift away from the PSOE is by entrenching himself still further as secretary general and giving more control to the party membership when selecting provincial, regional and national candidates.

Thanks to the aptly-named militants, Pedro Sanchez heads the PSOE instead of Eduardo Madina (2014) or Susana Diaz (2017). And it is thanks to those same militants - all 187,360 of them - that the PSOE and Pedro Sanchez have yet to do well in an election.

Who me?

ANNA GABRIEL, formerly represented CUP in the pre-Article 155 Catalan parliament.

She is now in Switzerland, where she scarpered before facing the Supreme Court on rebellion charges. With her hair loose and the aggressive fringe grown out, she looked astoundingly demure and maintained that she was more use at large than behind bars. Well they all say that don't they, Carles Puigdemont?

The right person

FOR anyone around at the time, February is inseparable from the attempted military coup of 1981.

Thirty-seven years later, less is made of the lethal threat to the still immature democracy at a time when a socialist politician saw nothing incongruous in declaring, "The Spanish will be democrats por cojones."

That he could say this not long after Franco's death was thanks to the young man that the old dictator appointed as his successor, Juan Carlos I who abdicated in 2014 in favour of his son Felipe VI.

He wisely exited at a time when his son-in-law was accused of fraud and no-one had yet

forgotten that he was caught out a couple of years earlier, shooting elephants in Botswana with his mistress.

Juan Carlos recently celebrated his 80th birthday and now resembles a florid old Bourbon who would look more at home in a Goya lineup of 19th century monarchs than 21st century Spain.

It's easy to forget that he was a hero who reversed Franco's legacy, surrounded himself with able politicians instead of courtiers during the Transition and defused the 1981 coup.

Fortunately for Spain, Juan Carlos I was the right person in the right place at the right time.

PEDRO SANCHEZ:
Yet to do well in an election.



Special treatment

ALVARO PEREZ, nicknamed El Bigotes (Whiskers) and Gurtel's man in Valencia, recently declared before a parliamentary committee investigating the Partido Popular's alleged illegal funding.

For the uninitiated, Gurtel was a corrupt setup of 37 companies which via cash, kickbacks and munificent presents, snaffled government contracts and possibly swelled PP party funds.

El Bigotes singled out Ignacio Lopez del Hierro, husband of Defence Minister Dolores de Cospedal, and Angel Piñeiro Lopez, a close friend of Spain's president, Mariano Rajoy.

"They dished out the lolly according to the Barcenas papers," he maintained. "But not a word in the media.

"Call them," he suggested to the committee. "I don't know if they get special treatment, or what?"

Perish the thought that Dolores' hubby and Mariano's chum should get special treatment. As if.

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	Weather for the Week Ahead

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7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea
9:00pm	Back in Time for Tea
10:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
11:00pm	Mum
11:25pm	The Archiveologists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
1:15am	The Inside Story

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City
9:00pm	Immortal Egypt with Joann Fletcher
	<i>Professor Joann Fletcher explains how ancient Egypt's extraordinary story fits together.</i>
10:00pm	David Starkey's Magna Carta
11:00pm	Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities
12:00am	Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain
1:00am	Two Types: The Faces of Britain
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
	<i>Simon Bates presents the weekly pop chart show, first broadcast on 6th May 1982.</i>
3:00am	Fabric of Britain
	<i>Paul Martin presents the surprisingly compelling story of wallpaper</i>
4:00am	Becoming a Lied Singer

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	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 Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
10:15pm	Seven Year Switch
12:25am	Before We Die
1:35am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:25am	It's a Weird World

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:05pm	Access
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Bond of Silence
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild
9:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
10:00pm	Wild Britain with Ray Mears
11:00pm	Elizabeth
12:05am	The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
1:05am	Weather Terror
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Witches: A Century of Murder
5:45am	House Doctor

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8:30am	How I Met Your Mother
9:00am	Baby Daddy
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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
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	My Hotter Half
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Sky Sports News
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Info not available
8:30pm	Info not available
10:45pm	Cricket
	<i>New Zealand and England meet in the fourth ODI at the University Oval in Dunedin.</i>

itv

9:30am	Lorraine
	<i>Join Lorraine Kelly and her celebrity friends for all the latest showbiz, news, style on ITV.</i>
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	100 Year Old Driving School
9:00pm	What Would Your Kid Do?
10:00pm	100 Years Younger in 21 Days
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
12:15am	Benidorm
1:10am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women

itv2

7:45am	Totally Bonkers
8:10am	Dress to Impress
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:50am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The Expendables
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Expendables
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
	<i>Patric accuses Jenny of stalling him and not wanting to get married</i>
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	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	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
	<i>Arthur Daley, a small-time crook, hires ex-boxer Terry McCann as his 'minder'.</i>
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:40pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11:00pm	The Outlaw Josey Wales
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	The Outlaw Josey Wales
1:50am	Minder
2:50am	The Americans
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

10:30am	Suicide Squad
12:45pm	Ghost in the Shell
2:45pm	Ultraviolet
4:15pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
6:15pm	Suicide Squad
8:30pm	Ghost in the Shell
10:30pm	Info not available
12:30am	Info not available
2:55am	Ultraviolet
4:30am	DC Superhero Girls: Intergalactic Games

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:15am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
7:05am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:20am	Kicking Off
8:50am	Coming to America
10:55am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:10am	Our Man Flint
1:05pm	Bridesmaids
3:15pm	How to be a Latin Lover
5:15pm	Music and Lyrics
7:05pm	Calendar Girls
9:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:10pm	How to be a Latin Lover

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Monster Family
8:45am	The Levelling
10:15am	Monster Family
12:05pm	Baby Driver
2:00pm	Two Down
	<i>A web of deceit unfolds and an unlikely alliance is formed when a young woman and a local delivery boy are taken hostage by an injured hitman.</i>
3:35pm	The Levelling
5:05pm	Norman
7:10pm	Monster Family
9:00pm	Baby Driver
11:00pm	Two Down
	<i>A web of deceit unfolds and an unlikely alliance is formed when a young woman and a local delivery boy are taken hostage by an injured hitman.</i>
12:40am	Hard Target
2:35am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male
	<i>Flight Attendant</i>
4:30am	The Unseen

sky sports football

12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
2:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
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	MLS Round Up Show
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
8:00pm	Revista de la Liga
8:30pm	Eredivisie
9:30pm	La Liga Files
10:15pm	La Liga Files
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	MLS Round Up Show
12:30am	La Liga Icons

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BBC one

11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under Revisited
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Shakespeare and Hathaway
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Coast and Country Auctions
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Immigration: Who Should We Let in? - Panorama
9:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build
10:00pm	Earth's Natural Wonders
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News

BBC TWO

9:30am	Great British Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Plan it, Build it
3:15pm	Yes Chef
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:55pm	Pilgrimage with Simon Reeve
5:55pm	More Creatures Great and Small
6:25pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea
9:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
10:00pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
10:50pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City
9:00pm	The Secret History of Our Streets <i>The stories of archetypal streets in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen.</i>
10:00pm	Lucy Worsley's Fireworks for a Tudor Queen
11:30pm	Clarissa and the King's Cookbook
12:00am	The Man Who Shot Tutankhamun
1:00am	Sings Stevie Wonder
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates presents the weekly pop chart show, first broadcast on 6th May 1982.</i>
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	Lucy Worsley's Fireworks for a Tudor Queen

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
5:00pm	A New Life 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	The Supervet
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	Damned
11:35pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
12:35am	999: What's Your Emergency?

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:05pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Love You to Death
6:00pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Extreme Winter Road Rescue
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Violent Child, Desperate Parents
11:00pm	Most Shocking
1:55am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Now That's Funny!
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:00am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	My Hotter Half
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Celebrity First Dates
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates

sky sports main event

10:45pm	Cricket <i>New Zealand and England meet in the fourth ODI at the University Oval in Dunedin.</i>
7:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Sky Sports News
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News

itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
	<i>The Planet's Funniest Animals, where the animals do stunts and tricks.</i>
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tenable

itv2

9:20am	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:40pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	Judge Rinder
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy
12:50am	American Dad!
1:20am	American Dad!
1:45am	Two and a Half Men
2:15am	Two and a Half Men
2:40am	Ibiza Weekender
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:05am	Unforgotten
2:05am	Unforgotten
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:40pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Britain's Busiest Motorway
9:35pm	Britain's Busiest Motorway
10:00pm	Falling Down
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Falling Down
12:20am	Lethal Weapon
1:15am	Nacho Libre
2:20am	FYI Daily
2:25am	Nacho Libre
3:05am	The Avengers
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:20am	The Matrix Reloaded
11:45am	The Matrix Revolutions
2:00pm	The Matrix Reloaded
4:20pm	The Matrix Revolutions
6:45pm	The Matrix Revolutions
9:00pm	Ghostbusters
11:10pm	Wanted
1:15am	Species

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10:05am	Couples Retreat
12:05pm	Uncle Buck
1:50pm	Fist Fight
3:30pm	The Bounty Hunter
5:30pm	Fun with Dick and Jane
7:10pm	Big
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	The Bounty Hunter
12:40am	Liar Liar
2:15am	Meatballs
4:00am	Tenacious D in the Pick of Destiny
5:40am	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	The Unseen
6:30am	Black Panther: Special
7:00am	Monster Family
8:40am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:00am	Norman
11:15am	Monster Family
1:05pm	Baby Driver <i>Super-stylish crime caper about a music-loving getaway driver coerced into one last heist.</i>
3:15pm	Two Down <i>A web of deceit unfolds and an unlikely alliance is formed when a young woman and a local delivery boy are taken hostage by an injured hitman.</i>
5:00pm	Monster Family
6:50pm	Norman
9:00pm	Baby Driver
11:00pm	In This Corner of the World
1:15am	Two Down
2:55am	The Levelling
4:30am	The Unseen

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
11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons: Zidane
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Eredivisie
8:00pm	EFL Rivalries
8:30pm	Football

Spare a few Bitcoins mister?

Terence Kennedy has watched the price of Bitcoin, convinced it can't go higher. Every day. For years.

TECH FOR THE TIMID



TAKE pity on poor James Howells from Newport in Wales. His local council still won't let him sift through the landfill site to find the hard-drive he dumped in 2013. It could be worth €66 million.

Or €33 million when you read this. Or nothing.

Cryptocurrencies are on a roller-coaster ride, and a novelty currency which bought part of a pizza a decade ago, could see you sunning in Monte Carlo today with hot and cold running margaritas. Or wiped out, as the 'bubble will burst' doomsayers predict.

James Howells' discarded hard-drive held the so-called 'blockchain' codes for 7,500 bitcoins he bought for just €140 in 2009. His computer was trashed in 2013, its codes forgotten.

He's not alone. An Australian threw away a hard-drive with 1,400 bitcoins on it in 2012. His loss today:

€12 million. And an American techie used 10,000 of the novel new exchange medium in 2010 to buy a pizza. Some pizza: €88 million today.

Holland's fabled tulip mania of the 1630s, where one bulb could be the cost of a house, has nothing on the madness that's happening right now with 1,400 cryptocurrencies out there and rising.

Even the silly ones attract obscene amounts. Dogecoin was dreamed up as a joke by a couple of techno-pranksters in 2013. It has no underpinning assets and no actual value, but investors

sniffing from the same glue-pot and desperate to jump on the bandwagon to buy anything bearing the name 'coin,' have thrown nearly a billion euros at it so far.

Potcoin underpins legal and illegal cannabis purchases, Dentacoin is exactly what its name suggests (for dentists), Kanye West sued Coinye into oblivion, there's Titcoin (no, don't ask), and heaven help us all, Trump

coin will help to build the wall.

Yes I confess, for a split-nanosecond I was also swept along by the hype, the famous 'FOMO' (Fear Of Missing Out) as I wondered whether to invest my vast and ill-gotten gains in Bitcoin.

Two things quickly become apparent.

One: There are more dodgy bitcoin dealers out there than you could shake your savings-book at, and many will also be happy to sell you a bridge.

Two: Do you really want to be known a month, a year or a decade from now, as the loser whose life-savings will barely buy a pizza?

My favourite cryptocurrency of them all? The 'joke' one whose name makes absolutely no bones about what you're getting, yet is still worth double its 2016 cost: Ponzicoi.



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Mine the gap

IF you really want to swing aboard the cryptocurrency train, many think Bitcoin has already left the station.

But there are more than a thousand others being 'mined' which might, just might, become 'the next big thing'.

Ethereum cost €1 in 2015. Today it's worth over €700. Maybe next week, double, or nothing. Or search the web for Ripple, Stellar, IOTA or even the cheapie Litecoin.

To buy coins you need a so-called 'wallet,' usually held by a cryptocurrency exchange like Coinbase, Kraken, Bittrex or Coinmama.

But beware: Japan's Mt Gox exchange famously lost 850,000 coins to hackers in 2014. Two months ago the Coincheck exchange lost a breathtaking €400 million.

Personally I'm sticking with normal gold coins - the ones filled with chocolate.

Letter from the Canaries

Every island town has its own carnival

WE may be over 2,000 kilometres further south down here, but it's not very warm at the moment. This comes to you from the coldest February on record.

Tourists in summer togs huddle out of the wind and locals shiver in boots, sweaters, scarves and woolly hats. This two seasons at the same time clothing phenomenon is normal. Everything, after all, is relative. If I'd just arrived from Stockholm I'd probably wear a t-shirt too.

Tenerife's high peak Teide, at 3,718 metres is covered in snow, as it is at some point most winters, but this year there's snowfall down at rarely affected levels, with approach roads in and out of Teide National Park closed.

Gran Canaria's peak area, Pico de Las Nieves at 1,956 metres, is much lower than Tenerife's, but also snowbound. So is Tejeda at 1,050 metres, which had snow this morning, surprising everybody. Tejera postman Jaime Gitana's day: "...Has been very difficult. I'm not used to driving in these conditions. I couldn't believe it when I woke up!"

Neighbour Sergio Cobas adds: "We're not used to these extreme conditions, but it's not all bad. There's been no rain for two years and this'll help fill reservoirs."

Eastern islands Lanzarote and Fuerteventura



CARNAVAL: Crazy costumes and wild parades take over

are also hit by high winds, rain and colder than normal temperatures. With an already low 13°C feeling like 9°C in the wind, islanders are feeling chilly.

Local authorities impose alerts, urging people to stay at home and keep clear of high areas and coastal areas battered by huge seas. There's TV debate about irresponsible bad weather behaviour, which has caused injuries, one fatality and a lot of work for rescue ser-

vices. Images of sightseers blithely taking selfies beside enormous waves were the last thing I saw before TV transmissions crashed here (La Gomera) 10 minutes ago in high winds.

An unprecedented zero degrees and blanket of white surprised villagers in Iqualero, La Gomera's highest village, this morning, whilst westerly neighbour El Hierro is wind-battered and wet.

La Palma's Roque de Muchachos Observa-

tory area, at 2,426 metres is, unsurprisingly, snow-covered, but again with snow spreading down to much lower altitudes than usual. In short, we're having uncharacteristically wintry weather.

Never mind. Carnival's come early this year to warm us.

From the Latin, 'carne vale' means goodbye meat and marks the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter. Carnival's the goodbye party, the hedonistic big bash before abstinence.

In carnival-crazy Canaries, fantastic costumes are being concocted everywhere. Santa Cruz de Tenerife's carnival is second only to Rio de Janeiro's and must be seen to be believed.

Every town on each of the seven islands has its own particular carnival version, with traditions like La Palma's extraordinary Los Indios on carnival Monday going from strength to strength.

All night dancing to son, salsa, meringue and cumbia, Canarian popular music from the Americas, is the common thread running through Carnival celebrations here and we'll hopefully dance off the chill very soon.

Barbara Belt
EWN February 2018

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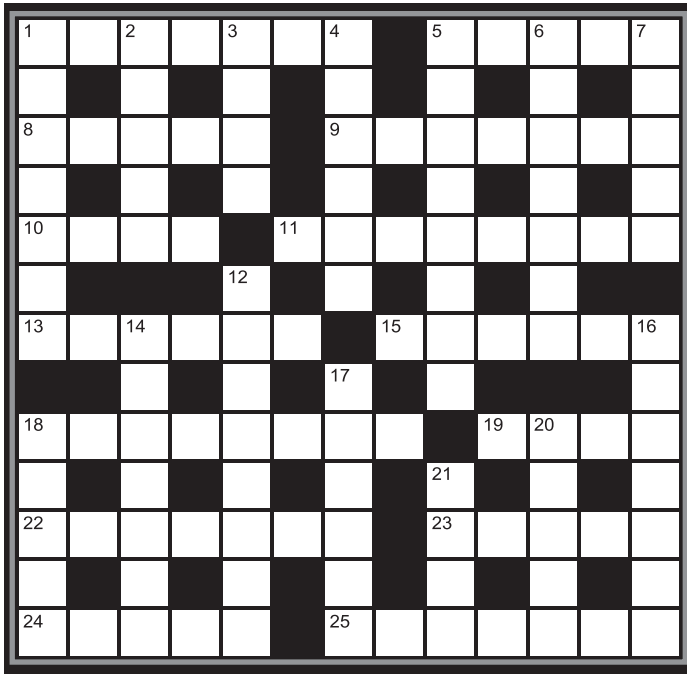


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Socialist leader in fitting decline (7)
- 5 They secure money for the government, so we hear (5)
- 8 Former performance is precise (5)
- 9 Tramp on the dock, it's rougher (7)
- 10 A small pond, pure and simple (4)
- 11 Carte blanche for an unpaid employee (8)
- 13 Chair for a biker (6)
- 15 Pay back when a Peru company is reformed (6)
- 18 On the edge? Potentially alarming anyway (8)
- 19 Spot British group (4)
- 22 Castle Hotel is demolished for ski lodges (7)
- 23 Runner has nothing for the party (5)
- 24 A novice gets a large amount of grant (5)
- 25 Tureen I transported in train (7)



Down

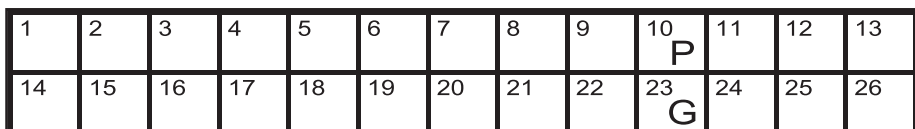
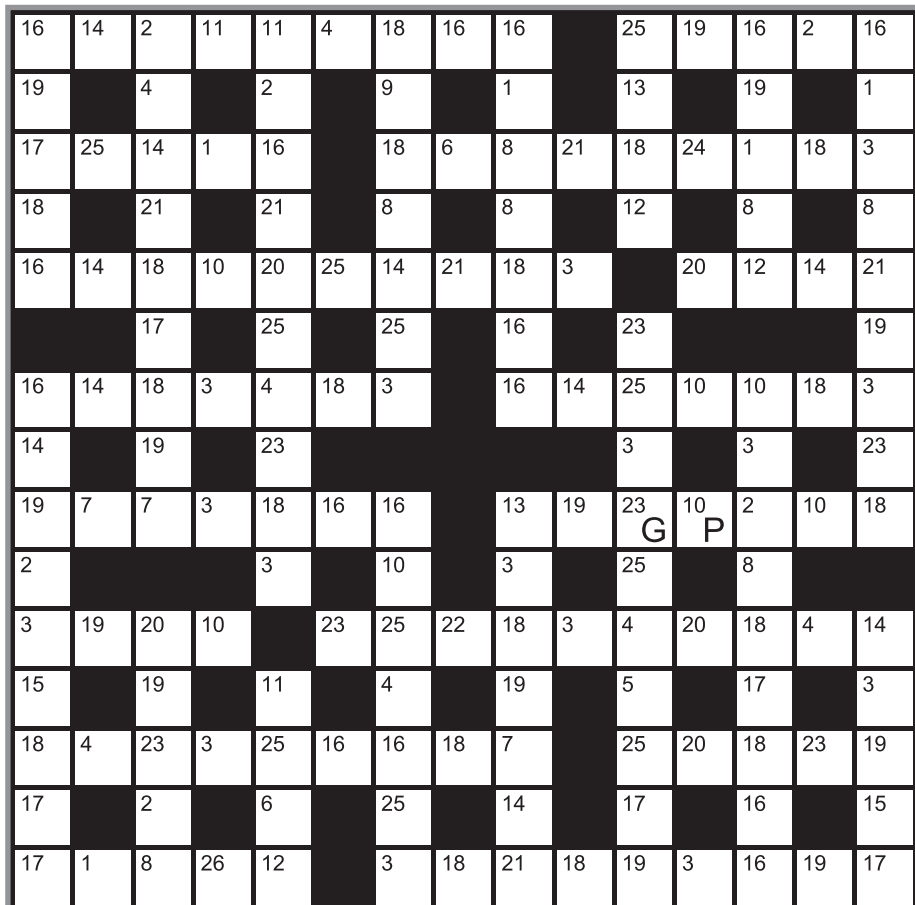
- 1 Doctor East, half American, is a wishful thinker (7)
- 2 A way to ventilate a rising flight (5)
- 3 Consumes ingredients from meat safe (4)
- 4 Knight's tunic is the result of bad art (6)
- 5 Meddled with chopped up damp

- 6 Silver discovered in elegant old US city (7)
- 7 A little bit of quiet colour (5)
- 12 Grounds for having a coin sent outside (8)
- 14 Liar cut-off limit (7)

- 16 Help too difficult for a nuisance on the road (7)
- 17 Was confused in her cable (6)
- 18 Came about a century later to a city in Saudi Arabia (5)
- 20 Pick up king, then knight (5)
- 21 Help needed in a punt (4)

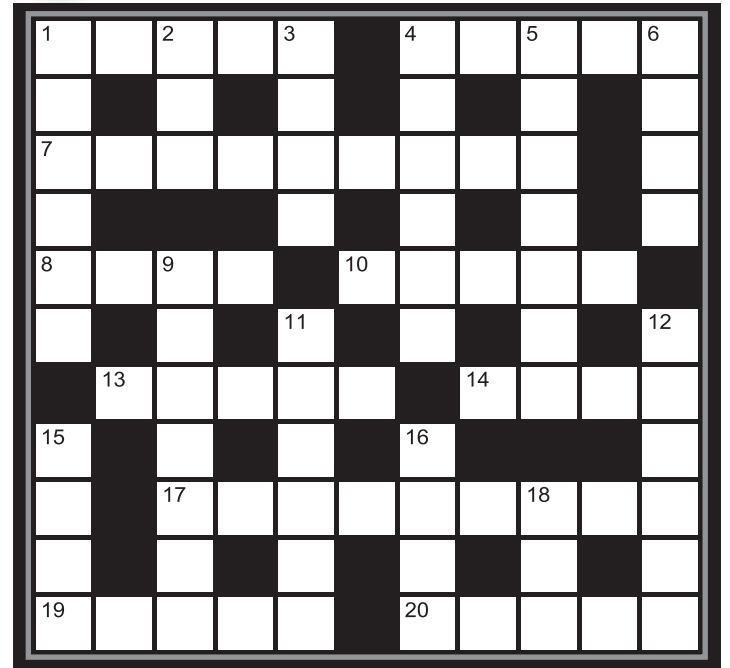
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 10 represents P and 23 represents G, so fill in P every time the figure 10 appears and G every time the figure 23 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

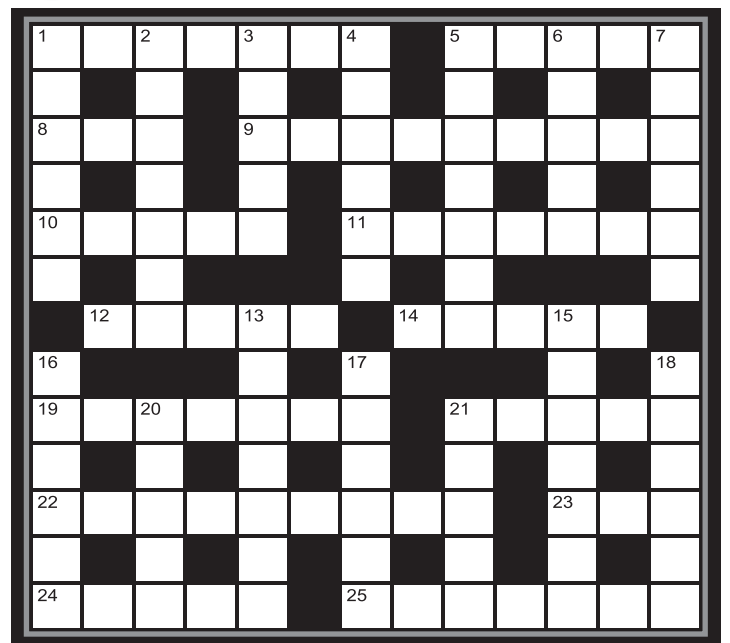
- 1 Card game (5)
- 4 Bad-tempered (5)
- 7 Spaceman (9)
- 8 Ill (4)
- 10 Commence (5)
- 13 Old-fashioned (5)
- 14 Interlocking plastic building blocks (4)
- 17 Schedule (9)
- 19 White heron (5)
- 20 Irreligious individual (5)

Down

- 1 Express approval of (6)
- 2/18 Knapsack (3,3)
- 3 Chess piece (4)
- 4 Place of worship that has its own altar (6)
- 5 Summary (7)
- 6 Free from danger (4)
- 9 Talk idly or rapidly (7)
- 11 Allow (6)
- 12 Rule (6)
- 15 Metal enclosure (4)
- 16 Come to a halt (4)
- 18 See 2

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Scorpion (7)
- 5 Rocas (minerales) (5)
- 8 Brazo (de persona) (3)
- 9 To cross (over)
- 10 Temprano (5)
- 11 Ostras (7)
- 12 Fly (insect) (5)
- 14 To lower (5)
- 19 Español (7)
- 21 Signature (5)
- 22 To pass (overtake) (9)
- 23 Murciélago (3)
- 24 Autumn (5)
- 25 To show (7)

Down

- 1 Abbots (6)
- 2 Wardrobe (for clothing) (7)
- 3 Preparado (5)
- 4 Estrecho (calle, pasillo) (6)
- 5 Magazine (journal) (7)
- 6 Swan (5)
- 7 Estrés (6)
- 13 Watch out! (7)
- 15 To approve of (7)
- 16 Tin (ore) (6)
- 17 Ritmo (6)
- 18 Shepherd (6)
- 20 Fir tree (5)
- 21 Tenedores (5)

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'FOR THE LAST TIME - WHERE DID YOU HIDE OUR CHICKENS?'

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



TARGET:

- Average: 11
- Very good: 22
- Good: 15
- Excellent: 28

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

arvo aver ever pave rave rive rove veep veer vert veto
vote avert evert ovate overt paver pivot prove reave revet
rivet trave trove vapor viper vireo vitae voter privet veter
overate overeat private EVAPORITE OPERATIVE

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

8	3	1	5	2	7	4	6	9
9	6	5	4	1	3	2	7	8
4	7	2	8	6	9	5	1	3
3	1	9	7	4	5	6	8	2
2	4	8	1	9	6	7	3	5
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5	9	7	6	3	4	8	2	1
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FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

You are looking to having everything your own way, which may not be entirely out of the question. The only sticking point could be that you are not even willing to be sharp with someone who has been far from straight with you. Be prepared to trip over a loose end later if you do not tie it up now.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

What you truly want in life is now becoming clear to you. Not for you the fuzzy ideas of the past. Now, you realise that, if you do not give a strong lead, then others will lead you. To avoid going backwards now you must be determined and clear. Show others that you are firmly taking the lead in your future.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

So far as your work or business life is concerned, those in authority may seek to see things done their way. Where they seem to pay lip service to your needs, that is all it is talk. Be clear that you want action and that you will not give in easily. Humour will not help.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

With your self-confidence on a high note, you are ready to sing the song of your future. There will be highs and lows but that is what makes life interesting and exciting. Do not now avoid changes for the sake of peace. What is exciting and balanced this week is where your future lies.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Putting yourself first is necessary at the moment. There is so much happening this week that you may be tempted to run yourself ragged trying to do it all yourself. It is possible to persuade others to give a hand and, although it may seem too much trouble at the time, you will reap the benefits in the longer term.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Where you see things failing to go your way, it may seem that others are being unfair. It is unlikely to be that simple. Perhaps, by being too easy-going and friendly, you have given the impression of not being particularly caring. State your case and change the tune.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

You should bear in mind that you are the best one to decide what you want, when you want it and how you will go about getting it. Others may offer you short cuts, but is that really going to deliver the goods? I think not.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Judgement may be impaired this week and it would be advisable to get second and even third opinions. In much the same way that you sometimes have an instinctive feel for things and situations, you now have this sensation about a certain person. An unbiased and imaginative opinion scatters your stress.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

You know where you are going and who with, but there is this one unresolved thought in your mind. It is just a thought, isn't it? Or is it more? This is something only you can answer. Be prepared this week to take advice and ask questions.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

This week be prepared to be forthright when it comes to a certain difficult situation. This involves someone trying to get you to make a decision you are either not sure of or against. Your good humour is unlikely to deflect them but being openly insistent may.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

You are still looking more to the past than to the future, but now it seems that circumstances are urging you to move ahead at more of a pace. Because the matter becomes urgent, it may seem to you that circumstances are overtaking you. The choice is still yours if you show speed and determination.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Are you being pushed into a corner? There is no need to respond with aggression, but a smooth and fast move is required to avoid this. They say that forewarned is forearmed. You know more of the circumstances than I do, but there is someone you can call on as an ally, isn't there?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Unlucky, 5 Sapos, 8 Seagull, 9 Loros, 10 Trece, 11 Obtener, 12 Bucket, 14 Gansos, 17 Reinado, 19 Arcos, 22 Enero, 23 Earring, 24 Oveja, 25 Singers.

Down:

- 1 Upset, 2 Llave, 3 Chupete, 4 Yellow, 5 Split, 6 Parents, 7 Sastrés, 12 Barbero, 13 Chinese, 15 Alacrán, 16 Towels, 18 Ahora, 20 Crime, 21 Signs.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Arrest, 4 Causes, 9 Airdire, 10 Trade, 11 Turn, 12 Hairline, 14 Haven, 16 Agony, 20 Betrayal, 21 Ha-ha, 24 Drama, 25 Shatter, 26 Sateen, 27 Tennis.

Down:

- 1 Adapts, 2 Rarer, 3 Spry, 5 Alter ego, 6 Station, 7 Skewer, 8 Debar, 13 Delaware, 15 Attract, 17 Abides, 18 Waist, 19 Madras, 22 Acton, 23 Kale.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Return, 4 Jail, 8 Nectarine, 9 Opal, 10 Depend, 13 Stalls, 15 Oslo, 18 Lollipops, 19 Wasp, 20 Aspire.

Down:

- 1 Raucous, 2 Tonga, 3 Rich, 5 Agile, 6/18 Lie low, 7 Camel, 11 Diocese, 12 Plain, 14 Atlas, 16 Sushi, 17 Boss.

CODE BREAKER

1	R	L	F	N	O	G	M	D	J	X	I	E	U
14	T	Q	K	H	C	P	Y	A	S	B	V	Z	W

KAKURO

QUIZ: MIND THE GAP

- All the answers contain the names of London Underground stations
1. Because of the colour of the order's habit, what nickname is often given to members of the Roman Catholic order of preaching friars founded by St Dominic?
 2. Founded in 1787 and based since 1814 at Lord's cricket ground in St John's Wood, which cricket club is generally known as the MCC?
 3. From which London prison did two Provisional IRA members Pearse McAuley and his cellmate Nessan Quinlivan escape on July 7, 1991?
 4. Melanie Blatt, Shaznay Lewis and Simone Rainford were the original members of which girl group formed in London in 1993?
 5. What is the name of the friendly, marmalade loving bear from deepest, darkest Peru

- created by Michael Bond?
6. What was the title of Gerry Rafferty's first British hit single, which reached number three in the UK charts in 1978?
 7. Which famous British vehicle manufacturer has produced models called: Astra, Belmont, Chevette, Vectra and Zafira?
 8. Which Grade I listed building is the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London?
 9. Which song was the winning entry for Sweden in the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest?
 10. Which word can precede: blood, bottle, clearing, piggy, river and sand?
- Not a lot of people know that... there is only one Tube station that does not have any letters of the word 'mackerel' in it: St John's Wood.*

Answers:

1. BLACK FRIARS
2. MARYLEBONE Cricket Club
3. BRYXTON
4. ALL SAINTS
5. PADDINGTON
6. BAKER STREET
7. VAUXHALL
8. MANSION HOUSE
9. WATERLOO (Abba)
10. BANK

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Electric cars in Mallorca could cause major problems

IT was announced recently that the Balearic government is to ban new petrol and diesel cars over the next few years.

Once again, this is a prime example of the government's failure to do 'joined up thinking'!

If everyone has to have an electric car, how will current drivers be able to afford one if they are unable to sell their current petrol/diesel vehicle?

How will people be able to afford all the new sets of batteries when they pass their 'drop dead date' a few years later and they are currently made of lithium which is mined, shouldn't this proposal wait until a new form of battery is invented?

Power brown-outs and black-outs occur on the island now so what can be done to improve the supply to cover the huge amount of electricity required to charge all these electric vehicles?

How many electric buses, coaches, vans and heavy goods lorries are on the market as well as agricultural equipment and gener-

Roundabout positions can cause accidents

I HAVE been a Driving Instructor in the UK for 56 years and also employed by the DSA as a Driving Examiner.

I have an HGV Licence which I also use to teach HGV drivers. I have travelled worldwide and driven in all the countries in Europe and the USA and OZ, Canada, New Zealand. Can I point out that the Spanish driving at roundabouts is dangerous and an accident black spot?

In God's name IF you are turning left at a roundabout why not approach in the left lane with a left signal on then change to a right signal and the right lane to exit just after the exit prior to your exit?

I find the Spanish way of always



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going round the outside (right) lane irrespective of where you intend to go bloody dangerous and the big cause of accidents at roundabouts. There needs to be TV announcements to inform Spanish drivers how to signal lane position and leave roundabouts before more are killed and maimed.

J Barry Clark, DSAADI UK

Editor's note:

Barry thank you for your letter. Recently the authorities and the Guardia Civil have been encouraging drivers to always enter the right hand lane as early as possible and to exit roundabouts from that lane but it obviously is taking time for some Spanish drivers to come to terms with this.

ators?

Motorcyclists have little choice in electric bikes and the price is far higher than petrol powered models.

Even though it is just under eight years away for the diesel ban, and 18 for the petrol vehicles, how long will 'traditionally fuelled' vehicles be allowed to be on the road? Why not move to hydrogen powered vehicles?

Brian Gatcombe, Mallorca

Many thanks

THROUGH your paper could I express my thanks to the Local Police at Calle el Parquet Nijar? On Sunday we visited Nijar.

While in the town I used the ATM at a bank branch when my card was jammed in. Thinking this may be some sort of fraudulent device I went to the Local Police station where an officer went above what I would have expected.

He came back to the ATM with me to check and then we went back to the station where he telephoned the bank to report the problem, then contacted my bank in the UK to help.

Unfortunately I didn't get the officer's name, but if you could pass on my thanks through *Euro Weekly News* I would be very grateful.

Ron English at present on holiday at Vera Playa

Nerja fan

I LOVE Nerja because it is essentially Andalucian. Unfortunately many of our newer developments are faceless, featureless boxes. It was therefore very pleasing to see the new hostel built on Calle Cruz, near the entrance to the underground car park. The developer is clearly proud of traditional Spanish architecture. Can we have more?

Gordon Clark, Nerja

Likes Leapy

WHAT an excellent article, we have sent it to all our friends and family.

We cannot praise you every week for all your many excellent articles, we read them all.

We hope that you can get one or more of the GB papers to publish your excellent articles.

*Kind Regards
Andrew and Lucie Murray UK
and Pacheco*

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English football 'hooligans' arrested

It's not important if they were football supporters or not, take their passports off them.

Helen Massingham

Most Brits don't misbehave, it's the minority morons who cause the trouble. I have been holidaying in Spain since the late 60's and have never caused any nuisance ever.

Sheila Bowman

Arrest them, put them in a Spanish prison, once their sentence is complete, deport them and shred their passports.

Trev Vennard

British government debates expat vote

If you leave the UK why would you still want to vote? OK so people will say pensions, but what is so bad about the UK that people leave but still want to have a vote? I know people move with work so they are not staying out of the UK permanently. I did watch the full debate live this afternoon - an interesting debate.

Libbyj Ogden Rainey Phelp

Because Libbyj many expats still have property, pensions, investments, and if you were in the civil service or army you still pay tax in the UK. Makes sense to be able to have a say in what happens. We also have family we are concerned about who

Comments from EWN online

still live there.

Jenny Dodd

As a Scot living in Spain I do not have the right to vote in Spanish general elections, only local ones. After the Brexit farce I doubt many of us would vote Tony!

Claire Twigg

Priors finally receive payout for demolition

So sorry that money is an insult, but they have to move forward now, this ordeal is shocking. Nasty bullying.

Sandra Russell

About time, hope they have many years to enjoy a good life.

Gill Reynolds

I hope this paves the way for more victims to be compensated

Pps Estepona

Police officer dies after football fans clash

Frankly, the whole of European football fans should boycott the World Cup this year otherwise there will be blood shed!!

Steve Homer

So sorry for this man's family, yes it was a heart attack but it was the violence that caused it. DEP.

Gill Reynolds

Watched the build up preparations... so much was set in place roads / transport, etc even schools in area closed all day. Guess they never expected it to be bad pitchside.

Lydia Taylor

UK benefit cheating gran avoids jail

People come to Spain wanting things now which most of us have worked all our lives to achieve. I love it when they say 'I am 40 years old and paid in to the system all my life.' Try paying in for 40/45 years then claim your rewards. If you need to work then be very certain you can make it here without benefits as they don't exist in Spain. Don't expect others to bail you out.

Gill Reynolds

How to strengthen your immunity

MAKING sure you eat healthily, exercise regularly, and minimise stress levels - not to mention keeping unhealthy vices such as smoking and alcohol consumption to a minimum - are just a few things you can do to make sure your immune system is in top shape.

Food in particular plays a significant role in having a positive impact on your belly bacteria, which helps to strengthen your immunity.

Harvard University research revealed that the amount of good bacteria in the belly rapidly improved when people are placed on a vegetable-only diet for a few days, so top up on your greens.

Many vegetables also contain natural prebiotics, such as artichokes, asparagus, onions, chicory, leek and garlic.

These prebiotics pass undigested through the stomach and small intestine so as soon as they reach the large intestine; they help to stimulate the probiotic bacteria that are in there.

Ensuring you have a healthy balance of bacteria in your gut will benefit your digestion and help you to absorb minerals, therefore boosting your immune system.

Fermented food such as sauerkraut is also



HAPPY TUMMY: A healthy balance of bacteria in your gut will benefit your immune system.

high in probiotic bacteria which can stop harmful bacteria from getting attached to

the lining of your gut and growing there.

Carbohydrates can also fuel unhealthy

bacteria so try to stick to whole grains or sourdough bread, which are high in fibre.

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Keep cool in the cold

SEVERAL Olympic snowboarders recently revealed how they soothe their sore muscles and protect their skin in cold weather.

While you may not be hitting fresh powder every day in sub-zero temperatures, these tips will still come in useful when exercising or during a particularly cold spell this winter.

Chloe Kim, Olympic gold medallist and the only athlete to win three X Games gold medals before the age of 16, swears by an anti-inflammatory, plant-based gel to help soothe sore muscles, which can come in very handy after a particularly intense workout.

Essential oils are also great at stimulating blood flow and relieving any sore-

ness so t r y adding a few drops of lavender, ylang-ylang or camphor to your bath at night.

The snowboarders also said they always insist on wearing sun cream, which is good advice for anyone wherever you are, as your skin is actually in more danger during winter. Many people forget sun cream is just as important at this time of year as the sun can still be incredibly strong, even when it's cold or cloudy.



CHLOE KIM: Take care of yourself like the Olympian.

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A glass of wine helps

IF you ever fancied a glass of wine straight after you brushed your teeth, you can now indulge knowing that it might actually be better for you to go ahead and give in to this particular vice.

It has recently been reported that wine destroys the bacteria that causes cavities and gum disease, according to the Spanish researchers.

New studies show that the antioxidants in wine help to stop bacteria from sticking to gums, which would otherwise go into the bloodstream.

There has already been significant evidence that suggests these bacteria, which are the root of tooth decay and gum disease, can cause heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

Gum disease reportedly affects three in four adults in the UK and symptoms include bleeding, sore gums when brushing.

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Currently she sends out an average of 700 orders per day through her web shop www.kannadutch.com which is without doubt a fantastic result in less than a year.

In fairness, Patricia had a bit of a head start as she is also the owner of Bizzoop, a global organisation that specialises in SEO, meaning dominating in Google. As a person she is one of the top entrepreneurs in online marketing



Mr Kannadutch on his rounds and Patricia Post

and is regularly asked to give seminars in America.

Patricia answers the question why CBD?

"That is a good question. I had read some time ago that CBD also works perfectly with pets.

The importance of protein

PROTEIN is of great importance in helping the body's recovery process, so eating protein rich food comes in extra handy after a workout.

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bolic phase, the body is hungrier for nutrients as the muscles absorb copious amounts of glucose and it is easier for the body to process protein.

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Low Back Pain: Did you really try everything?

The bulk of our patient base consists of people with a long history of low back pain. People often suffer from these kinds of complaints for many years and are progressively getting worse.

The majority of these patients have already had all kinds of scans, examinations and therapy and more than often have heard that they have to live with the complaint, that there is no identifiable cause or the pain is caused by “old age” and that they just must start exercising.

Finding the cause of low back pain is often difficult, but certainly not impossible. The cause of back pain is often searched on a local level, while the cause of this common complaint is often located in a completely different area of the body like the pelvis, knees and feet.

Furthermore, the cause of low back pain is almost always caused by several components, including bad posture. The usual methods used to diagnose the cause of low back pain are not sufficient. X-ray images and scans are used to diagnose a problem without even touching or examining the spine. On these recordings all the anatomical structures are clearly visible and also any defects therein. This does not mean that these abnormalities are the cause of the complaints.

People without any back pain can have slipped discs, decreased intervertebral disc



height and arthritis as well. To give an example: 45% of all people who have undergone a hernia operation have the same symptoms after surgery as before. This is not just because the operation failed, but because the hernia was not the cause of the original complaint. Local low back pain which doesn't radiate into the leg is seldom caused by a herniated or slipped disc....

Extensive research of the SI joints (joints

of the pelvis) and joints in the back (facet joints) notes that 80% of the examined persons had back pain due to the inflammatory changes present in these joints. Whenever there has been injected an anti inflammatory drug into the CAUSE of the pain (the joints), the pain disappears. This means that 80% of the low back pains are caused by strain in these joints.

This method of diagnosis (which is NOT

a treatment method) is unfortunately hardly ever used in regular hospitals. This is regrettable, especially since these two frequent inflammatory reactions do not show on any X-ray or scan.... Clearly injecting these joints cannot be used as a therapy, because it only covers the pain, but doesn't treat the cause of the problem.

Our clinic is specialised in detecting the real cause of low back pain with special tests. Our diagnostic techniques are developed to examine the SI and back (facet) joints. Our main goal is not only to discover the inflamed joint, but to get to the cause of the problem which might be in a different part of the body.

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Update on food, drink, entertainments, what's on and weekly happenings

Flamenco Ballet returns to Denia



The artistry of José Porcel.

JOSÉ PORCEL'S Flamenco Ballet returns to Denia this Saturday where he performs his self-titled show Porcel directed by Rubén Olmo.

Tickets for this exciting performance at the Auditorium which sees the dancer on stage with guitarists José Almarcha and Víctor Márquez as well as singers David Vázquez, Roberto Lorente, Pedro Oregon cost €12 in advance or €15 on the night.

A PAIR of twins, Christina and Michelle Naughton have been taking the classical music world by storm and will be performing at Auditori Teulada Moraira on Thursday March 8.

Hailing from New Jersey in the USA, the 28-year-old pianists began to take piano lessons at the tender age of four and by the time that they had turned 18, were so in tune with each other that it was suggested that they should perform professionally as a duo.

They have played all over the USA and Europe recording two albums in the process and perform regularly with some of the principal classical orchestras around the world.

Their latest album Visions which features the twins performing works by Adams, Bach and Messiaen is now available.

Tickets for the sisters' performance which will commence at 8pm cost €20 and are available from the theatre box office or the council offices.

Twins stun with classical duets



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MUSICAL TWINS: Christina and Michelle Naughton.



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Flamenco meets Pop in Con Mucho Arte

NO less than six acts will participate in an evening of music to be held in the flamenco-pop festival Con Mucho Arte.

It will be held in the Julio Iglesias Auditorium of the Aiguera Park on Saturday March 31 with the doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets cost €15 plus booking fee and artists appearing will be Camela, Andy & Lucas, the Hungarian, David Barrull, Laury La Hungarilla and Son del Barrio.

This is the second festival of its kind to be held and the previous event attracted visitors from Murcia, Castilla-La Mancha and Valencia but as this event takes place during Semana Santa, it is anticipated that the audience will be greater especially from those Madrilleños who have travelled to Benidorm to enjoy Holy Week.



RUBI: One of the highlights of the show.

Celebrating 40 years

IN order to celebrate its Ruby Anniversary, the Benidorm Palace has created a brand new show appropriately entitled Rubi.

More than 50 great artists are taking part in this celebration of Spain and the Spanish Fiesta.

It's about song, dance, music, costumes and above all en-

tertainment where you can see the art and passion of Spanish dance live as well as be part of the excitement of renowned acrobats and acrobats thrilling the audience with a number of daredevil stunts which rely on strength and balance presented on a very carefully designed stage.

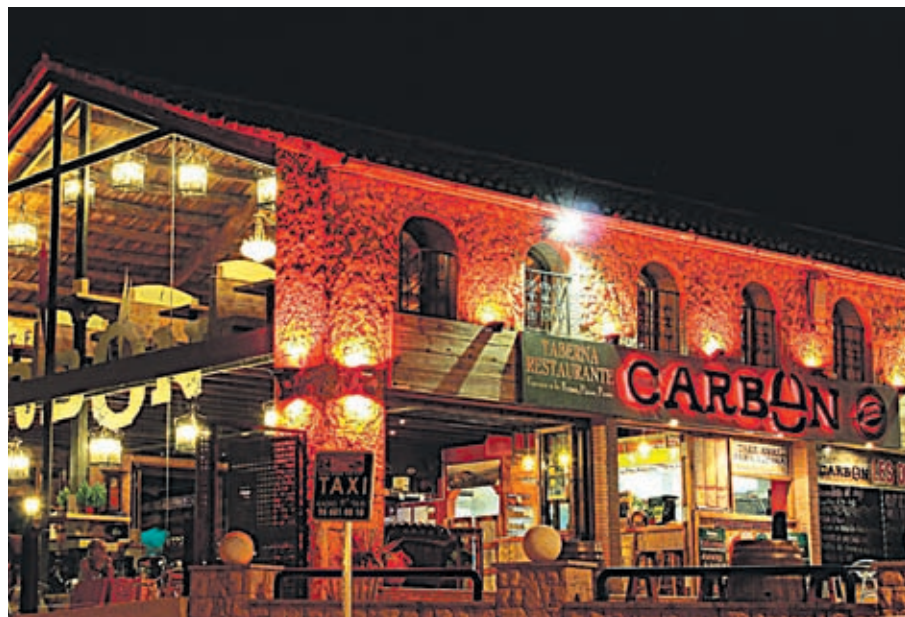
Add to this mix some hu-

mour and magic which ends with the grand finale featuring David Climent and the Benidorm Palace dancers as well as Miss Rubi herself.

Rubi is on stage at 10pm from Tuesday to Saturday with an option of just enjoying a drink or two different great meals which had to the fun of the evening.

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Upcoming wine region

PRIORAT as one of the upcoming Spanish wine regions has recorded an extraordinary leap in quality and reputation over the last decade.

This small area which qualifies as Denominació d'Origen Qualificada (DOQ) is in Tarragona Province in Catalunya and is one of only two - alongside Rioja - regions to qualify as DOCa, the highest qualification.

It produces mainly red and powerful wines. Characterised by a terroir of volcanic origins with black slate and quartz soil known as llicorella with vineyards on terraces at 100m - 700m, the area has low yields due to the rocky soil that does not allow water accumulation.

Wine production in the area dates from the 12th century, when monks from the Monastery of Scala Dei introduced viticulture and the prior ruled as a feudal lord, giving rise to the name Priorat.

At the end of the 19th century, the phylloxera pest devastated the vineyards and replanting was undertaken only in the 1950's. In the 1980's bulk wine production was phased out

BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



PRIORAT: On the march.

and bottling of quality wine was introduced.

The traditional grape variety in El Priorat is the red Garnacha tinta, which is found in all the older vineyards. Other red varieties are Garnacha Peluda, Cariñena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah.

White varieties are Garnacha blanca, Macabeo, Pedro Ximénez and Chenin.

The traditional reds are a single grape bottling of Grenache and Carignan, or a blend of these with French grape varieties including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, or Syrah. Usually aged in oak barrels for 18 months followed by six months in the bottle, Priorat wines have a consumption optimal two years later.

Happy tasting.

Advertising Feature

Everyone's best friend in Costa Blanca - Monroes

ONE very famous lady dominates the interior of Monroes Carvery in Pedreguer and that's the iconic Marilyn Monroe herself.

Two other ladies - Heidi and Sam - have also reached iconic status in the Costa Blanca restaurant world, being the owners of not one, but three venues... all trading under the same standards of quality and professionalism.

Heidi - originally from Dartford in Kent - followed her father into the restaurant trade, and spoke to the *Euro Weekly News* during a recent visit to the area. "This year sees us complete 30 years since I became involved with Monroes," she said, reminding us that it was her father that bought and opened the first carvery along the Costa Blanca... and probably throughout Spain... Monroes in Moraira.

It very quickly established a superb reputation and became a must-visit restaurant; such was its popularity that coach trips combined an excellent carvery lunch at Monroes with the beautiful ride through the Jalon Valley. With this unique location, they are able to take advantage of winter visitors - especially in February and March, some of the busiest months - that come to witness the blossom.

And as Heidi and her team continued to bloom themselves as successful businesswomen, it was inevitable that they would expand, and so 14 years ago opened Monroes in Pedreguer, and the commitment to service followed them too.

"What's the secret to our success? The perfect combination of offering a quality product at the right price, keeping the menu fresh, and giving our customers an all-round excellent experience is essential," emphasised Heidi. "I like to think it explains why we have so many people come back to us again and again... they become friends as well as valued customers."

What we picked up was another secret that Heidi was slightly embarrassed to accept, and that's the loyalty to the staff... and vice-versa. They just love working as part of the Monroes team, and their happy outlook, courteous manner, and interaction with customers is obvious from the moment you walk in.

MONROES:
A must-visit restaurant with a superb reputation.



Both Sue and Chelo in Monroes Pedreguer have been with the business for 14 years and in an area that often sees a very high turnover of staff, they have no plans in going anywhere. "We often have to disappoint people when they drop their CV in looking for work," said Sue.

Monroes in Pedreguer doesn't just offer the traditional carvery meal of succulent pork and beef accompanied by a wide selection of fresh vegetables, perfect roast potatoes and mash

THE NAGS HEAD:
Attracting international clientele.



MARILYN MONROE:
The famous lady dominates the interior in Pedreguer.

dedicated carvery in the city," said Heidi.

Manager of The Nags Head, Karen, has worked for the owners for 14 years having previously been based in both Monroes further up the coast.

"We're building up an excellent reputation and now find many of the regular customers that only came to Moraira and Pedreguer now also visit us here in Benidorm," said Karen. "We're attracting a more international clientele as well. Only last week we had a coach party of 40 Norwegian tourists."

EWN asked Karen where the great tag line came from. "Not long after we opened, the sign-writer was in the restaurant and one of the customers said, 'Nags Head! Only Fools and 3 Courses.' The artist picked up the comment and incorporated it into his design."

As you enter the arched gateway to The Nags Head, it's like walking into the famous Doctor Who Tardis as you're not expecting to be greeted by such a large venue and surrounding terrace. For €9.99 you can enjoy a three-course carvery of beef and pork accompanied by a delicious selection of fresh vegetables and

the very best roasties. If you've room after the choice of starters too, you can go back and try as many of the desserts that take your fancy.

We spoke with happy diners Iris and Alan after enjoying lunch on their last day of their three months in Benidorm before returning to Nottingham. "You can't go wrong here," said Iris, as husband Alan continued his cheeky banter and leg-pulling with Karen.

The *Euro Weekly News* experience of both Monroes, Pedreguer and The Nags Head, Benidorm more than suggests that Heidi and Sam and their dedicated team will continue satisfying dining needs for many more years to come.

Heidi and Sam.

"just like mum made." A look through the full menu shows that every taste has been taken care of from chicken to fish to burgers to breakfasts. The two-course lunchtime carvery option was fantastic value at €7.25.

Back in March 2017, Heidi and Sam renamed the existing Monroes in Benidorm to The Nags Head - where 'Only Fools and 3 Courses' are served and 'plonkers' are more than welcome! "We wanted to bring a different branding to Benidorm that caters for the visiting holiday trade, but still offering the only





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A score of artists exhibit at l'Alfas



EXHIBITION: More than 200 people attended the opening.

OPEN now and running until March 13 the Casa de Cultura in l'Alfas del Pi is hosting an exhibition of the Kuntsgruppen Costa Blanca (the Norwegian Painting Club).

Founded in 1993 by Lise Kristensen, Per Presthus, Gunnar Seterhaug and Odd

Manskow, the Kuntsgruppen Costa Blanca currently has about 80 members and is a very active club that organises courses, workshops and activities throughout the year, as well as individual and group exhibitions.

Every year they present their work at the Casa del

Cultura which is, a very special exhibition hall for them, since they 'feel at home' and on this occasion, a total of 21 artists participated in the exhibition.

The exhibition can be visited Monday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm and Saturdays, from 10am to 2pm.

Travel to Valencia to enjoy opera

AN opera by Joseph Haydn, Il Mondo Della Luna (The World on the Moon) will be performed at the Teatro Soler in Valencia on Monday March 10.

Concerts Costa Blanca are prepared to organise a bus to take people to the highly esteemed Plácido Domingo Centre if sufficient interest is shown over the next few days.

Those who are interested should immediately email info@concertscostablanca.com giving name, email address, number of seats required and a mobile phone number.

This performance which will be sung and accompanied by members of the Les Artes company will be conducted by Jonathan Brandani.

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FOOD TRUCKS: Enjoy some great food in Orihuela.

Weekends in Orihuela

THERE's a lot going on in Orihuela over the next few days.

One of the main attractions is a Street Food Market which runs over the weekend of March 9 to 11 in the Gabriel Miró square with a number of food trucks turning up and offering a whole range of different food.

It's open for business on Friday from 6pm to midnight, Saturday noon to midnight

and Sunday from noon to 6pm.

If you want to work up an appetite, on Sunday March 11 starting at 9am there will be a conducted walk from Mil Palmeras, Vistamar 9, Avda de Francia along the coast of Orihuela to Punta Prima.

Further information and bookings please contact *orihuelaenruta@orihuela.es* giving your full name and ID or passport number.

This weekend see Silvia Pérez Cruz in concert at the Teatro Circo tomorrow (Friday) at 9 pm with tickets costing from €25 to €28 with the usual discounts.

Then on Saturday a concert of religious music presented by the La Sablanora Chamber Choir starting at 8pm at the Convent San Juan de la Penitencia. Tickets cost €5 in aid of the Clarisas Franciscanas religious order.

Jazz, delicious when hot and swinging



Photo by O Sister! Facebook

TRIO OF VOICES: Getting into the Swing of the music.

FOR those who enjoy the sound of Swing and look back to the music of the 20's and 30's, a band from Sevilla O Sister! Are closing the Hostes Festival in Gandia.

Formed in 2008 with a trio of voices and guitar, they later added double bass and drums, accentuating the

rhythmic weight of this animated and dance-friendly music, appealing to jazz fans and those who just want to dance.

Starting at 8pm this Saturday at the Teatre del Raval, in Gandia, tickets which can be obtained from the box office cost between €8 and €10.

ANTONIO BANDERAS has travelled around the world for the glitziest Hollywood functions, but these days the Spanish movie star is more likely to be seen cycling through leafy Surrey.

Banderas, 55, recently bought a €2.7 million five-bedroom home with Dutch-German girlfriend Nicole Kimpel, 36, in Cobham, which he has described as a 'magical' setting.

The prefabricated home, by German building firm Huf Haus, is an eco-friendly contemporary design featuring a stylish blend of wood and glass.

The Mask of Zorro actor, who divorced Melanie Griffith in December 2014, has sold the LA home he shared with her for €12.9 million.

Banderas recently starred in *The 33*, a film about the Chilean miners who were trapped underground for 69 days in 2010 with Juliette Binoche.

He is now commuting from his home in Surrey to study at the prestigious Central Saint Martins college in London, and plans to launch his own fashion label.

Surrey has clearly struck a chord with Banderas who said recently: "I am not a party person any more, so I have the space and peace to write and really get inside my own head and I am working on several scripts."

"Above all I am surrounded by nature and love watching the deer and foxes that come to my garden."

"All this wood and glass, it is a beautiful concept. I have

New house has Banderas in a Huf



Credit: Twitter @ConstructChat

BUTTERFLY EFFECT: The stylish and eco-friendly designs are seeing demand soar.

owned a lot of houses with many types of architecture but I think this is my favourite so far."

The A-list actor was introduced to the home by Nicole's father, who previously owned two Huf Houses and found the Cobham property for the couple.

There are now about 200 Huf houses in the UK which have distinctive post-and-beam struc-

tures, eco-friendly credentials and generous glazing.

Banderas' model has a classic 'butterfly' split-roof, with four large reception rooms and more than an acre of gently sloping gardens.

He so charmed by the house that he plans to build a beachside Huf in Marbella.

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Valentine's Day was a good example even though no Valentina was around.

The morning awoke cold with a four-degree centigrade nip in the air but a bright blue windless day followed and by 1pm it was pleasantly warm to have a tapas lunch on a south facing terrace.

By 2pm one was tempted to

strip off for a two-hour early sun tanning and vitamin D topping up session. Then before things started to chill down it was interesting to observe how quickly the natural world reacted to the warm direct sunshine which took the liquid in a south facing thermometer up to 48 degrees.

For the first time this year the Koi carp were continuously cruising the surface, two plump toads crept out from beneath a large rock and plopped into the pond, a welcome red

squirrel ran with amazing balance along the electricity line across the nearby street, for a second time this month a youngish hedgehog came out of hibernation, and naturally common garden birds visited nesting boxes and the thickest shrubs to see if one met their needs. Sadly rarer species disappeared 15 years ago when copses were felled and many new houses built.

On the flower front early spring colour is led by the first yellow crocuses, winter jas-

mine, acacias, euryops, oxalis, nasturtiums until popped in a salad, and aeoniums. The first blues already follow with rosemary, echiums and the first heads of broccoli for daily eating.

Looking through the study window across to the local mountain ridge seems that this afternoon



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AWASH WITH LIFE: A natural garden and (inset) Dick's latest must-read book.

will be as sunny as yesterday, but today I need to give some shrubs and a tunnel path for summer shade along the southern edge of the garden some urgent pruning to achieve some interesting shaping and heavier flowering.

The 20 builder's tubs that comprise today's salad bed are in full production having had no heavy frosts - at least as yet.

There were 21 varieties of salad leaves and flowers in the starter salad served to guests three evenings ago.

If you have yet to start to eat a few healthy garden flowers and leaves, if not raising vegetables in a raised bed or two, a read through the book *Living well from our garden Mediterranean style* could be an interesting read on a sunny terrace or in front of an evening fire.

It is most easily obtained speedily and inexpensively from Amazon Books.

Naturally it would be possible to organise a talk on the topic for a local social or gardening club, or radio station.

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Budget ideas to spruce up your garden

IF your garden is looking a little tired and in need of some sprucing up, now's a great time to put the work in so it's ready to come summer for all the outdoor antics you'll no doubt be partaking in, from barbecues to badminton games.

Whatever you get up to, you want your garden to be looking its best but you don't have to spend a lot to make it look good.

Simple lighting designs such as fairy lights or well-placed tea lights can make all the difference to your outdoor space.

When it comes to furniture, keep it simple, sleek and stylish. A one-colour scheme can help bring it all together and prevent it feeling cluttered.

Meanwhile some metallic paint is an easy way to refresh any old, iron garden furniture.

Colourful pillows and throws could also smarten it up.

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Link to animal abuse

“THERE is no doubt that there is a link between animal abuse and human abuse,” says Dr Rhonda Schulman, a veterinarian at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

“The statistics are frightening, but it is important that everyone, including veterinarians, recognise this serious problem because animal abuse in a home is very likely a sign of an even bigger problem within that family.”

It is estimated that nearly 90 per cent of pets living in homes where domestic abuse is taking place are either abused or killed, and nearly 60 per cent of women who seek assistance from shelters to escape abuse have had a pet killed by an abuser.

In an abusive situation the family pet is often used by the abuser as leverage to control the person being abused. Threat of harm to a beloved pet can be a very powerful tool for the abuser. Abuse of the pet is also a way to inflict mental an-



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guish on the abused. Many women are reluctant to leave the abuser for fear that the pet will be harmed.

Until recently there have been few options for abused women with pets. Now domestic violence shelters have begun to implement ways to protect not only the women and children but their pets as well. “Abuse can also be self-propagating within a family,” says Dr Schulman. “For instance, the mother or father abus-

es the child and then the child abuses the pet. This is sometimes the only way the child can assume any sense of personal power.”

Witnessing the abuse of a family pet can influence children to become abusive later in life, because they have learned the behaviour through observing and identification with the abuser.

Studies have also shown that children who torture animals are at higher risk

than others to grow up to use violence against people. Many adults who have committed serial murders or mass violence tortured animals as children.

“This means that if a child is exhibiting this sort of behaviour, it is extremely important to take it seriously and intervene while there is still a chance to positively influence the child’s development,” says Dr Schulman.

“Veterinarians are starting to take a

more active role in spotting abuse and providing help for people who are in abusive situations; however, many veterinarians still do not ask questions when presented with suspicious circumstances, either they do not wish to be involved or because they don’t know how to help,” says Dr Schulman.

It has been shown that women in abusive situations will seek medical care for themselves and their pets when they feel it is safe to do so. They may not volunteer how the injuries came about, but may give such information if asked. “Sometimes all it takes is asking,” says Dr Schulman. “As a profession, veterinarians need to start getting involved. Simply posting flyers for the local women’s shelter in the veterinary clinic might encourage women to seek help if they need it. “In order to help people at risk, we have to work together, and that includes professionals in all areas of health care, including veterinary medicine,” says Dr Schulman.

Where should your dog sleep?



CUDDLE UP: It’s normal for your dog to try and get into bed with you.

AN adult dog spends around 12 hours of the day sleeping, and a lot more goes into their decision about where to sleep than you may realise.

Most dogs prefer to sleep at the foot or side of your bed, on their favourite cushion or blanket or just their dog bed, so long as it’s in a warm spot that is protected from draughts.

Many also like to nap on your bed throughout the day while you’re out of the house because it smells like you, or in other rooms where people tend to gather.

However, some dogs prefer their own crate, so they can enjoy some privacy away from the hustle and bustle.

No matter where your dog chooses to get in a few winks, it’s probably best not to let your dog sleep in your bed with you, especially if she’s a new introduction to the home.

A dog should never believe she has a right to sleep in your bed.

All that training will go right out the window if your dog wins the bed war and starts to assert her authority over you.

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The announcement was made at an exclusive event in Barcelona where the new brand's first model was also revealed, the CUPRA Ateca.

CUPRA, which has always been SEAT's ultimate expression of sportiness, is born to captivate car enthusiasts around the world.

CUPRA becomes its own entity, created to develop models in conjunction with SEAT and with the firm commitment to grow independently.

SEAT President Luca de Meo said: "CUPRA is a big opportu-

nity for SEAT, for our customers and for the business.

"The whole project has surfaced as the dream of a group of people who were looking for a way to conquer a new group of car lovers."

As part of its new identity, CUPRA will also encompass the entire motorsport and racing division, an area that until now was the responsibility of SEAT Sport and which will be directly integrated into the new brand.

The CUPRA logo, which was revealed a few weeks ago, is inspired by the attitude of tribal civilisations and reflects the values that the new brand is keen to transmit - passion, precision, de-

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Manual, Petrol
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Manual, Petrol
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Year 2010
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Manual, Diesel
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Year 2005
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99,000 km
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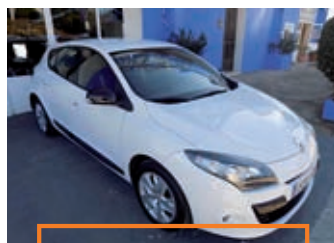
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Measuring 5,265 metres, approximately 20 tennis courts, and weighing 2,000 kilos the board eclipses the previous record set in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia in 2014.

Director of Marketing for Ford Spain, Elena Burguete, said: "Our Guinness World Record title for the largest billboard demonstrates the creativity that drives our company.

"Ford's message is 'go further,' and that's what we aim to do with our campaign for the launch of the new EcoSport. It's a great way to deliver the message 'Life is out there, are you?' to as many people as possible, right in the heart of Madrid."

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Premier League preview

Manchester City face tough double-header

MANCHESTER CITY play Arsenal for the second time in four days later tonight (Thursday) hoping to extend their lead at the top of the Premier League.

The runaway league leaders were far from their brilliant best against tonight's opponents in the Carabao Cup final on Sunday, but still coasted to a 3-0 victory over the North London side.

Goals from Sergio Aguero, Vincent Kompany and David Silva were enough to brush aside a very poor Arsenal at Wembley to secure the Citizens' first trophy of the season.

They sit 13 points clear at the top of the table and face an Arsenal side who currently find themselves 10 points adrift of the Champions League places.

Anything but a victory for the Gunners will all but ensure that they will not qualify for next season's Champions League competition, who later face Brighton on Sunday.

Following their match against Arsenal, City are back in action no less than three days later as they welcome Chelsea to the Etihad.

Chelsea will be looking to bounce back from their loss at the hands of Manches-

ter United on Sunday and get back into the Champions League places.

In order to do that they will need Tottenham to lose, who continue their own quest for a top for spot as they host Huddersfield at Wembley on Saturday.

Spurs opened up a two-point gap between them and fifth placed Chelsea following their late win against Crystal Palace last weekend and also sit just two points behind third placed Liverpool.

Liverpool themselves will go back up to second in the table if they beat Newcastle on Saturday at Anfield.

The Reds ran riot against West Ham last weekend as goals from Emre Can, Mohamed Salah, Roberto Firmino and Sadio Mane ensured that their unbeaten record at Anfield in the Premier League remained intact.

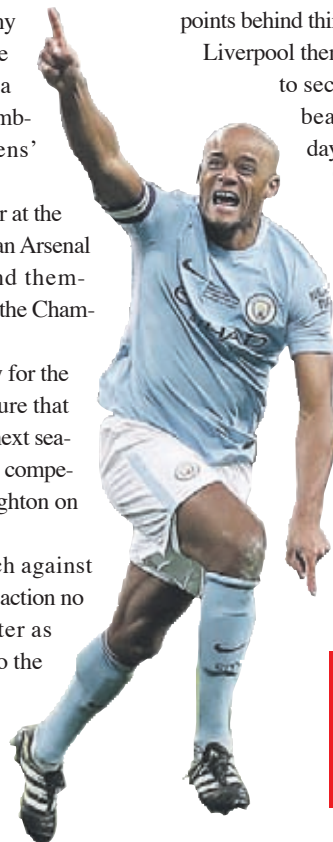
At the other end of the table, two huge games in the battle

against relegation as Southampton host Stoke while Swansea face West Ham.

Just six points separate Swansea in 18th and Watford in 10th, meaning up to 11 teams are facing the real threat of relegation with just 10 games left to play of the season.

On Monday, Manchester United will look to consolidate their Champions League position as they travel to relegation threatened Crystal Palace.

The Red Devils held on to a memorable 2-1 victory over Chelsea on Sunday as goals from Romelu Lukaku and Jesse Lingard were enough to see off last season's champions, while Palace could find themselves back in the Premier League bottom three before they kick-off should results not go their way.



CUP WINNERS:
City comfortably beat Arsenal 3-0 in the Carabao Cup final on Sunday.

Full fixture list

Today (Thursday)

Arsenal vs Manchester City

Saturday

Burnley vs Everton

Leicester City vs Bournemouth

Southampton vs Stoke City

Swansea City vs West Ham Utd

Tottenham vs Huddersfield Town

Watford vs West Bromwich A

Liverpool vs Newcastle United

Sunday

Brighton and HA vs Arsenal

Manchester City vs Chelsea

Monday, March 5

Crystal Palace vs Manchester Utd

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	25	20	5	0	68	12	65
2 • Atlético	25	17	7	1	41	11	58
3 • Real Madrid	25	15	6	4	62	27	51
4 • Valencia	25	15	4	6	49	29	49
5 • Villarreal	25	12	5	8	36	29	41
6 • Sevilla	25	12	3	10	33	40	39
7 • Betis	25	11	3	11	43	50	36
8 • Celta	25	10	5	10	43	37	35
9 • Eibar	25	10	5	10	32	38	35
10 • Girona	25	9	7	9	35	36	34
11 • Getafe	25	8	9	8	29	22	33
12 • Athletic	25	7	10	8	26	28	31
13 • Leganés	25	8	6	11	21	28	30
14 • R. Sociedad	25	8	5	12	47	47	29
15 • Espanyol	25	6	10	9	22	32	28
16 • Alavés	25	9	1	15	22	37	28
17 • Levante	25	3	11	11	21	40	20
18 • Las Palmas	25	5	4	16	18	52	19
19 • Deportivo	25	4	6	15	24	53	18
20 • Málaga	25	3	4	18	16	40	1

Champions L.

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Relegation

PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	27	23	3	1	79	20	72
2 • M. United	28	18	5	5	53	20	59
3 • Liverpool	28	16	9	3	65	32	57
4 • Tottenham H.	28	16	7	5	53	24	55
5 • Chelsea	28	16	5	7	50	25	53
6 • Arsenal	27	13	6	8	51	36	45
7 • Burnley	28	9	10	9	22	25	37
8 • Leicester City	28	9	9	10	40	41	36
9 • Everton	28	9	7	12	32	47	34
10 • Watford	28	9	6	13	38	47	33
11 • Bournemouth	28	8	8	12	33	43	32
12 • Brighton	28	7	10	11	26	37	31
13 • West Ham Utd.	28	7	9	12	35	50	30
14 • Huddersfield Town	28	8	6	14	25	48	30
15 • Newcastle United	28	7	8	13	27	38	29
16 • Southampton	28	5	12	11	29	41	27
17 • Crystal Palace	28	6	9	13	25	43	27
18 • Swansea City	28	7	6	15	21	41	27
19 • Stoke City	28	6	8	14	28	54	26
20 • West Bromwich	28	3	11	14	22	42	20

La Liga Preview

by Ben Park

BARCELONA will look to extend their record unbeaten run as they travel to struggling Las Palmas later tonight (Thursday).

The league leaders thrashed neighbours Girona 6-1 on Saturday as a Luis Suarez hat-trick, Messi's brace and a stunning strike from Philippe Coutinho saw the Catalan giants set a new club record of 32 games unbeaten.

Following tonight's fixture, they host Atletico Madrid at the Camp Nou just four days later in a top of the table clash.

Atletico, who currently sit in second, will be without highly rated duo Yannick Carrasco and Nico Gaitan after announcing that they had left for Chinese side Dalian Yifang earlier in the week.

Elsewhere, Real Betis continue their

push for a Europa League place as they host Real Sociedad later this evening (Thursday).

Betis are hot on the tails of Sevilla in sixth having won four of their last six league games and will be looking for a win against bottom of the table Sociedad, before fact Valencia on Saturday.

At the other end of the table, Alaves will hope to pull further away from the relegation places as they face struggling Levante.

The Babazorros El Glorioso have hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks, win-

ning three of their last four, and victory over tonight's relegation rivals may all but secure their safety before heading to Real Sociedad on Sunday.

Last season's champions Real Madrid will look to continue their recent good form as they welcome Getafe to the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Madrid have refound their scoring boots in the past few games, much thanks to the return to goalscoring form of Cristiano Ronaldo, and will look to continue to boost their confidence ahead of their Champions League second-leg with Paris Saint German on Tuesday.



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SIX PACK: Won all of their games except one to emerge outright winners.

Six Pack flex their muscles at El Cid

THE long running three wood pairs competition at El Cid Bowls Club finished Friday February 23.

Twelve teams of six players chose two of their team each Friday to play a full 18 end game for 11 weeks, with two points for a win, one for a draw and shot difference counting in the event of a tie.

The Javea Green team Six Pack consisting of Jan and Paul Brown, Lynne and

Derek Eldon, Chris Evans and Clive English won all their games except one to emerge outright winners.

Six Pack Captain Clive English thanked El Cid for an excellent, well run competition and Scottsdale Overseas and Prudential International for the generosity in making this competition the largest prize money on the Costa Blanca.

This popular annual competition attracts top bowlers

from several clubs and is sure to continue to be a regular fixture on the bowling calendar.

Javea Winter League had a disappointing 8-4 loss to Greenlands which saw them drop to second place in the league for the first time this season.

Javea's Northern league fared better with Onyx winning 6-4 against Bonalba and Quartz beating El Cid 6-4.



NEYMAR: Expected to return before the end of the season in time for the World Cup.

Neymar to sit out crucial clash

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN forward Neymar is expected to miss his side's crucial Champions League tie with Real Madrid after suffering a fractured metatarsal and a twisted ankle injury.

The world's most expensive player played a pivotal role in his side's 3-0 win over Marseille on Sunday, but left the field in tears as he was stretchered off after rolling his ankle.

Fears of a broken ankle were quickly allayed after the Brazilian underwent scans on Sunday and Monday, which reportedly revealed that the injury is not as bad as first expected.

PSG confirmed on their official website "Further examinations on Monday have confirmed

(Neymar has) a twisted right ankle and a hairline fracture of the fifth metatarsal."

While no indication was given as to how long the 26-year-old will be out for, he is expected to miss a number of weeks due to the injury, but should reportedly recover before the end of the season in time for the World Cup.

Madrid take a 3-1 lead to Paris after they came from behind to secure a memorable victory at the Bernabeu. Late goals from Cristiano Ronaldo and Marcelo gave the holders a commanding lead ahead of the second leg after the Portuguese superstar's 100th Champions League goal for Real had levelled Rabiot's opener.

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LA LIGA President Javier Tebas has announced the date for this season's second El Clásico. The much-anticipated clash between Barcelona and Real Madrid will officially take place on Sunday, May 6 at 8:45pm to reportedly appeal to the American market.

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SUPERJAVI: The bronze medallist wowed with his performance.

Credit: Twitter

SuperJavi steals the show

SPANISH figure skater Javier Fernandez stole the show at the exhibition gala at the end of the Winter Olympics with a super performance.

The exhibition gala sees figure skaters from around the world come together to perform routines that are not judged and enjoyed by large crowds.

Fresh from taking his first Olympic bronze medal in

Pyeongchang, the 26-year-old performed his 'SuperJavi' routine, which he first debuted in 2013, with a standout moment coming when the Spaniard was covered in a bucketful of water by an accomplice while lying on the ice.

During his performance, 'SuperJavi' also showed off by doing press ups and paraded around the rink in his Spanish inspired superman costume for his 1980's inspired routine.

Other highlights from the exhibition gala saw the Olympic Athlete from Russia Alina Zagitova dressed in a skin-tight tiger suit and Uzbekistani skater Misha Ge combine dance moves with boxing.

"It's not about politicians, it's about democracy" Pep vows to carry on wearing ribbon

MANCHESTER CITY boss Pep Guardiola has said he will continue wearing a yellow ribbon in support of imprisoned Catalan politicians despite an FA charge.

The Catalan says he will continue to do so because "before a manager, I am a human being."

Former Barcelona and Bayern Munich manager Guardiola was charged by English football's governing body last week for breaching 'FA kit and advertising regulations' by 'wearing a political message, specifically a yellow ribbon.'

He first began wearing the

ribbon after two key members of the Catalan separatists movement were held without bail after the Catalan independence vote in October, which the government deemed illegal.

According to reports, the ban came after the FA had spoken to Guardiola about the issue in mid-December and gave the Spaniard two formal warnings.

And in spite of the charges against him, the 47-year-old continued to sport the ribbon at Wembley as his side brushed Arsenal aside in the Carabao Cup final on Sunday.

In an interview after the 3-0 final win, the Spaniard spoke at



Credit: Twitter

HUMAN: Pep has said he will 'always' wear the ribbon.

length on the matter.

He told English media: "If I broke the rules, I accept the fine. I am a human being."

"There are four guys in prison. There are other guys, who are outside of Cataluña; when they come back, they are going to be jailed, imprisoned for rebellion and sedition."

"It's not about politicians, it's about helping the people who didn't do absolutely anything."

"You did Brexit. You allowed Scotland to have a referendum about if (they) want to stay (in the United Kingdom) or not."

"And, after, the people vote. That is what they ask and they are in jail right now."

The Manchester City boss faces a potential fine and could even be given a touch-line ban for breaching FA rules, but remains adamant that he will continue to wear the ribbon no matter what the consequence.

"I will accept if the FA decide about my behaviour. It's just to be part of something for humanity. That's why I appreciate from Manchester City fans the support."

Guardiola has until Monday, March 5 to formally respond to the charge.

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