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## Death crash probe

Max 4 years for officer accused of 14 crimes

by Matt Ford

A Guardia Civil officer who caused a deadly car crash while high on a cocktail of drugs and alcohol can only serve a maximum of four years in prison.

The news has sparked outrage and comes after the Malaga Prosecutor's Office confirmed that the 45-year-old culprit, named only as Miguel CL, committed a 'thoughtless act' that was not premeditated.

And under Spanish law, this means that he can only be convicted for a portion of the most serious of the 14 crimes of which he is accused.

The sergeant, who was off duty at the time, was held after triggering a pile-up on the A-7 motorway near Torremolinos last summer.

He collided with a Renault car before spinning into a taxi carrying a family of tourists



Photo credit: Twitter/You Tube

**DEADLY:** The scene in the wake of the accident and (inset) the suspect arrives at court.

from Bahrain and Kuwait, with the impact killing two women aged 30 and 47 and a 25-year-old man while nine others including one child were hospitalised.

Prior to the smash the offi-

cer was driving at almost 150 kilometres per hour, 50 above the speed limit, and later tested positive for alcohol, cocaine and sleeping pills.

He tried to flee the scene in the wake of the incident, and

when tracked down was described as having 'shining eyes and dilated pupils.'

It later emerged that he had been investigated for inappropriate behaviour on six previous occasions.

## Beast from the East

NATIONAL weather office AEMET has issued an orange alert - the second-highest level - for dangerous weather on the Costa del Sol.

The warning will remain in place until at least noon today (Thursday) with heavy rain and gale force winds set to batter the region.

More than 30 litres of rain per square metre could fall in some areas, with more rainfall forecast over the weekend.

It comes as much of Spain remains in the grip of Storm Emma, which has brought heavy snow and caused travel chaos throughout the country.



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MALAGA ended 2017 as the 'economic capital of Andalusia' according to the National Statistics Institute, with one in every three of the 15,300 new companies formed in the region based in the province.

**Girl power**

THE Costa del Sol is gearing up for International Women's Day next Thursday, with events planned in most towns and villages. Readers are advised to check their local council's website or social media for information.

**Moped thug**

A POLICE probe has seen a man remanded in custody on suspicion of a violent robbery which left one person hospitalised, plus the theft of several mopeds in Mijas, with the bikes reportedly used in a series of 'drive-by muggings.'

# Family heartache

## Search for missing man goes on

THE family of Antonio Ortega - who went missing in Torremolinos - over a month ago has organised a bus tour to help spread his image around neighbouring municipalities.

The bus will depart from the Aqualand water park in Torremolinos at 9.30am, distributing posters carrying a photo of Antonio before heading to Alhaurin de la Torre at 10am, Alhaurin el Grande at 11.30am, Cartama at 1pm, and Coin at 2:30pm before finishing in Mijas at 5pm.

Thirty-two-year-old Antonio first went missing on January 22 after taking his dog Smuki out for a walk close to the Churriana tunnel.

The dog was later found by

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emergency services in Torremolinos and has been used in the attempt to try and find Antonio but to no avail.

His sister, Pilar Ortega, told Spanish media: "We are convinced that Antonio is in a rural area not very visible or that they are in the mountains.

"We all know the life we have today, and Antonio may be in a city, sitting on a bench and nobody noticing him, or being in an inconspicuous area and even on the mountain."

# Kidnap death probe horror

A MANHUNT has been launched after a goat herder was beaten to death by a mysterious gang on the Costa del Sol.

The victim - a 37-year-old from Alcala de los Gazules in Cadiz - and two other men were reportedly held hostage in a farmhouse between Casares and Manilva in what detectives currently believe was a case of mistaken identity.

"There is only wind and goats there," a niece of the owner - a 55-year-old who lives there with his deaf and dumb sister plus two employees - told Spanish media. "They make money raising cattle and goats.

"Luckily my aunt was not there on the night of the attack as she has heart problems and was in Manilva after falling sick," she added.

The violent incident unfolded when a group of hooded and armed individuals stormed the property before tying the three men up.

They aimed kicks and punches at the trio while shouting at them to "show us where you keep the drugs," police revealed in a statement.

And after they failed to receive a reply, they beat one of the men to death before fleeing.

The other two bloodied and bruised hostages then managed to untie themselves and alert the police.

After an initial probe, investigators believe the gang intended to steal drugs from a rival mob but raided the wrong address since neither the dead man nor his colleagues have any connection to drug trafficking.

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## Challenge of her lifetime

MUM-OF-TWO and amateur climber HESSIA FERNANDES from San Pedro de Alcántara has set out on an expedition to the base camp of world's highest peak Mount Everest, located at 5,000 metres above sea level in the Himalayas of Nepal, in an attempt to raise €6,000 for an underprivileged children's charity.

## Mind the gap

AROUND 81 per cent of towns and villages in Malaga Province are home to more people over the age of 50 than a decade ago - including thousands of Britons - while 66 per cent have fewer children younger than 14, according to the latest civil registry data.

## Family affair

A 38-YEAR-OLD has been held in Malaga City after breaking a restraining order to attack his mother. He reportedly broke into the home of the 73-year-old - who suffers from a heart condition - before producing a knife and threatening to kill her if she refused to give him money, with neighbours stepping in to break up the fracas after hearing her screams.

## Cokecabana

A YOUNG woman from Paraguay has been jailed for four years and fined €50,000 after she was caught trying to smuggle almost a kilo of cocaine through Malaga Airport. The 25-year-old was carrying the drugs in a false-bottomed suitcase and was held after flying into the Costa del Sol from São Paulo, Brazil.

## Smokes alarm

NEW tobacco smuggling data from the Spanish tax agency has revealed that each of the 34,000 residents of Gibraltar would have to smoke 5.8 packets of cigarettes per day, regardless of age, if all of the 72 million packs imported to the rock during 2017 were for their 'internal use.'

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

**THE BIG PICTURE Nº 3**

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."

## POLL OF THE WEEK

**Should Spain be allowed to co-manage Gibraltar Airport?**

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**  
 Do you agree with the Balearics' decision to ban tourists from travelling to the islands in diesel or petrol cars?  
 Yes **54%** No **46%**

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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 toping 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-five 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Classy ladies

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

Porsha stormed home from the Spanish trip early in the wake of the drama after Marlo accused her of having 'smelly breath.' The incident was aired during an episode entitled 'Barcelona Breakdown.'



**WAKA WAKA:** Shakira.

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# €5.2m legal claim

## Brit rocker to sue after 27-year ordeal



JUSTICE TRAIL: Gary Owens is a former member of heavy metal band A II Z (inset).

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH former rock star who was jailed for a murder he did not commit has launched a €5.2 million lawsuit against the Spanish government.

Gary Owens, 56, spent 30 months in high security Spanish prisons after being arrested in Tenerife with wife Jayne, 50, in 1991.

The couple were held in connection with the death of Norwegian nightclub owner Torbjorn Heta, whose body was found at the bottom of a Marbella well.

And the guitarist, whose band A II Z played with Black Sabbath and Iron Maiden after hitting the British heavy metal charts in the early 1980's, is now suing for damages.

His lawyer Luis Tatay, based in Valencia, revealed that a claim has been filed with the Ministry of Justice in Madrid.

He said: "Mr Owens has suffered for more than 25 years under a criminal investigation, two-and-a-half years in prison and been extradited from the UK to Spain.

"If the Ministry fails to

respond to the claim, we have the options of seeking a trial before the Audiencia Nacional [a special high court] and appealing to the Supreme Court."

It comes after the Stockport-born rocker was freed without being charged in 1993 before returning to the UK in 1995 on the advice of the British Embassy in Madrid.

He moved to Scunthorpe in Lincolnshire where he set up an internet business, a cyber cafe and a publishing firm.

But in 2008 a European Arrest Warrant was issued in his name and he was taken to London before being extradited to Spain the following year, after unsuccessful appeals to the High Court, the House of Lords and the Supreme Court.

He was again released from prison three months later after Jayne - with whom he has a 21-year-old son - paid €6,000.

He remained on bail until September 2016, when he was told there would be no trial and was eventually re-funded the money.

Speaking to the *Euro*

*Weekly News* last year, Mr Owens said: "I want to know how the Spanish justice system can destroy my life, breaking its own laws with its legal representatives committing crimes to falsely imprison me?"

"For 25 years I have been accused of a crime, that there was no evidence for, I have never been charged, and I have been falsely imprisoned, my music career has been ruined and my businesses destroyed.

"We have been unjustly treated by the Spanish and British justice systems, we are claiming compensation from the Spanish justice system for false imprisonment and human rights breaches."

Mr Heta's murder remains unsolved, although Mr Owens admits he knew him, adding: "I had met the man who was murdered as he owned a 24-track state-of-the art recording studio in the basement of his villa. I was being given the chance of recording a solo album there."

Currently living in rural Malaga, he believes that the killing was orchestrated by British drugs gangs who had him set up.



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# Mugged off

## Sex attack sparks outrage

A SEX attack on a British woman has sparked demands for improved security.

It comes after a 22-year-old squatter was held in Torremolinos after taking selfies on a mobile phone stolen from his 23-year-old victim.

She was beaten unconscious and woke up half naked as the mugger violated her.

The incident has left residents of the central La Nogalera neighbourhood up in arms.

"We've been asking for security to be reinforced for years," said Antonio Dominguez, founder of the Torremolinos Gay Merchants' Association. "We know that groups are active in the area, there are young guys who take advantage of tourists when they leave bars and clubs."

La Nogalera is located at the heart of the town's thriving LGBTQ+ community, and the



Photo by Google Maps

**LA NOGALERA:** The bar-filled walkways under the apartment blocks (inset) are targeted by thieves.

zone in question includes a series of nightspots arranged around a labyrinth of tunnels beneath blocks of flats.

Several business owners recently asked the council to install security cameras after a spate of muggings, but no deal has been agreed, leading a number to buy their own.

"It has gone from very bad to bad, because at one point the number of robberies was unbearable, but you still can't let your guard down," an employee at the Aqua Club venue told local media.

Police estimate that 70 per cent of such crimes are not reported, while an official from

the town's Local Police station confirmed that more officers are patrolling the area, including two in plain-clothes.

The lively nightlife has regularly been slammed by furious residents who complain about noise and rubbish left behind by increasing numbers of revellers.

### 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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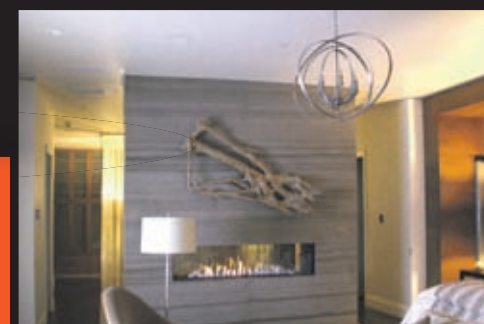
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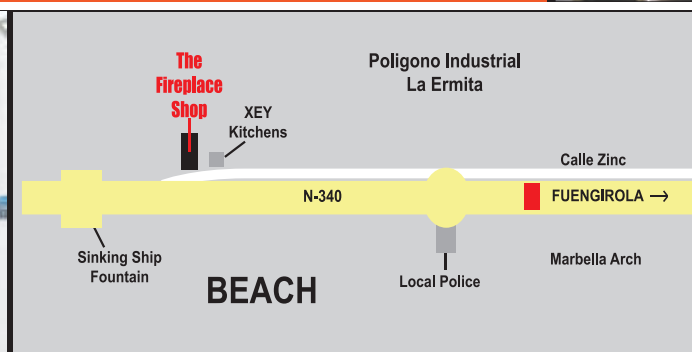
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# MC Boulevard News

## Marbella winter evenings in Nobu Restaurant

NOBU RESTAURANT, located in Puente Romano Marbella, is the place to be in the wintery Marbella.

It's centric position allows you to overlook the hottest and happening square 'La Plaza' on the coast, which attracts outgoing guests throughout the year.

Nobu Marbella menu includes all the mouthwatering signature dishes as Black Cod Miso, Yellowtail Sashimi with Jalapeño and Tiradito, aside plates inspired by Marbella itself.

In addition, Executive Chef Eleni Manouosu has created a special winter Omakase Menu; in translation from Japanese "I'll leave it up to you" and refers to chef's selection.

"I have chosen dishes that go well with these slight temperature changes we experience here by the Mediterranean. Salmon Karashi served next to oysters New Style are simple, but delicious with a citrusy dressing, Beef Tenderloin is superb for those cosy Nobu evenings, mixing citrus - based ponzu with spicy wasabi salsa. In addition Black Cod Miso, signature flavour that works for me every time," comments Eleni.

Nobu Restaurant, the first Nobu opened in Spain, includes also a trendy lounge from where to enjoy Nobu's signature cocktails, crafted by master Mixologists and sample its extensive sake menu.

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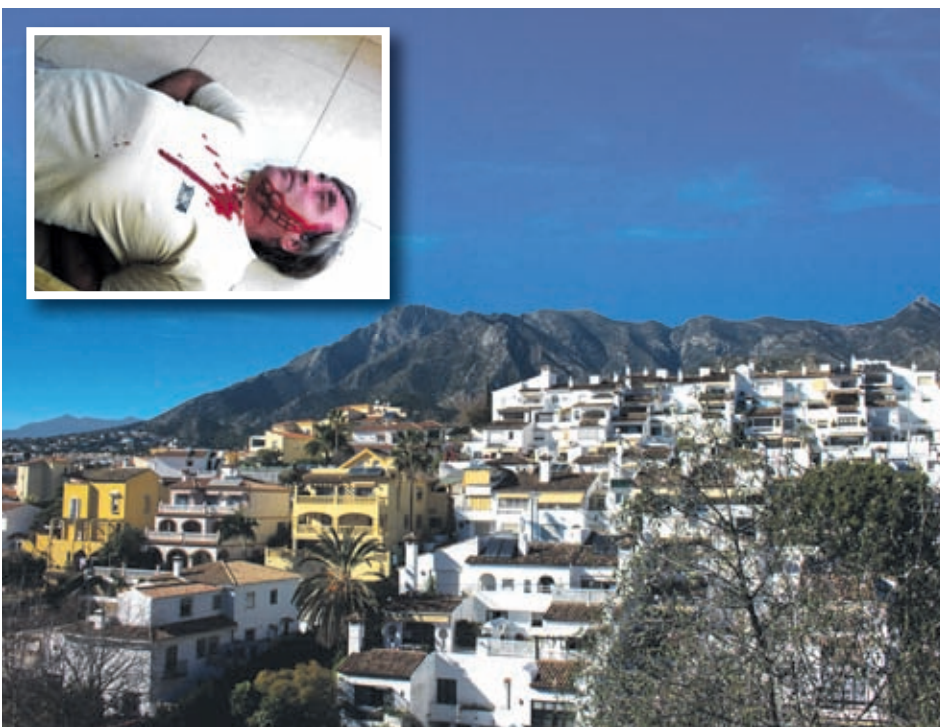
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# 'Fake Chinese blood'

## Gang stage death of expat's husband



**ON THE RUN:** The 'deceased' (inset) disappeared in the wake of the failed ruse.

FIVE men - including an ex-police officer - have been convicted of staging the death of a wealthy man to extort €1 million from his wife on the Costa del Sol.

They must each serve a year and nine months in prison for fraud after the terrified expatriate paid tens of thousands of Euros.

The ruse came after the German couple's relationship broke down, with the gang claiming to possess evidence that would see her arrested for his 'murder.'

The former Guardia Civil officer and a professional photographer reportedly posed as detectives, visiting the pair's Marbella home in full police uniform, com-

plete with badges and guns.

They showed her a number of photographs of her husband's blood-stained body lying on the floor of a morgue, before demanding €1 million to dispose of the 'evidence' against her, threatening her with 21 years in prison if she failed to stump up the cash.

But the blood later turned out to be a fake product of the type used during Halloween.

It had been bought from a Chinese bazaar, and turned green a day after the men produced a bloodied t-shirt as further proof of the man's death.

A lawyer who was in on the hoax acted as the exclusive point of contact for re-

ceiving the money.

The other two men - a computer specialist and a dentist who are both friends of the couple - provided personal information about the victim, allowing the gang to convince her that she was under constant police surveillance.

She later told investigators that she became fearful for her life after she was unable to come up with the money, although she did pay a total of €60,000 over a period of several weeks.

The photographer admitted in court that the images had been staged, while the woman's husband remains wanted in connection with the scam after he vanished in the wake of the incident.

# Expatriate torture rap

A FRENCH expatriate wanted for kidnap and torture in his home country has been held on the Costa del Sol.

The Nantes-born man - named only as AK - allegedly abducted and tormented a man, beating him, burning his skin and even cutting off one of his fingers.

He and three others suspected of carrying out the atrocities are thought to have been hired by a drugs gang.

It comes after French authorities issued a European Arrest Warrant for the 29-year-old, leading National Police investigators to swoop on a Marbella property.

Although not at home, he was tracked down near the house and has been remanded in custody while extradition proceedings begin.

If found guilty he could face 30 years behind bars, according to reports.



# Priest keeps faith after unholy crime

A PARISH priest has vowed to continue his work after being attacked by a man who later appeared outside the church screaming that he would 'take mass in your f\*\*\*\*\*g place.'

The dramatic incident unfolded in the mountain village of Almogia, around 40 minutes inland from Malaga.

It came after Francisco Auriolles had delivered a service, when a 'dishevelled middle-aged man' entered his office.

He was carrying a shopping bag and produced a piece of paper on which he scrawled '€21.50' before informing the clergyman that he was under house arrest and that his predecessor had often given him money.

When Mr Auriolles told him he did not have any cash the man sat down and "told me he would not move until I handed over the money," according to local media.

And when the priest tried to leave the room the man followed before "throwing himself to the ground in a fit of rage and hitting me with his



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**BIBLICAL DRAMA:** The church in Almogia and (inset) Francisco Auriolles.

bag, scratching my forehead."

He was eventually thrown out by a group of parishioners who heard the commotion, but returned on the following two days, beating on the door

of the building and shouting obscenities.

Investigators from the Guardia Civil have been informed, with the victim set to launch a formal complaint.

## Mob boss hunger strike

A COCAINE kingpin recently held on the Costa del Sol has gone on hunger strike as a money laundering trial goes on.

Jose Ramon Prado Bugallo, better known as Sito Miñanco, was arrested in Algeciras, Cadiz, where he was working on day release as a car park security guard, returning to Algeciras prison at night.

It is the first time that the 62-year-old Galician, who has spent most of the last 27 years behind bars, has been charged with money laundering, with his daughter, ex-wife, ex-sister-in-law and a businessman

friend also implicated.

All five face prison sentences and a collective €10 million fine if found guilty.

But Miñanco has spoken angrily of his 'humiliating' treatment at the A Lama prison in Pontevedra, Galicia, and has informed officials that he no longer intends to eat until moved elsewhere.

More than 40 people were arrested in the latest crackdown on drug trafficking in Spain, with detectives believing that Miñanco continues to head one of the largest drug smuggling cartels in the country.

THOUSANDS of retirees took to the streets of the Costa del Sol calling on the Spanish government to raise pensions in line with inflation, after they received an increase of just 0.25 per cent this year.

Protestors turned out in their droves in all the main towns and cities including Malaga, Fuen- girola, Marbella and Estepona.

## Out of pocket

In Malaga they gathered in Plaza de la Constitucion shouting, "Thieves, thieves!" and "I donate my 0.25 per cent to (Spanish Prime Minister) Rajoy."

Organisers of the demonstrations, including some of biggest worker unions in the country, have called on Madrid to stop blocking changes to pensions law.

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## Hire earner

MARBELLA homeowners who rent their properties to holidaymakers made the most money in Andalucia last year, with the monthly average of €4,851 far outstripping second-placed Conil de la Frontera, Cadiz (€3,546) and Estepona (€3,308) in third.

## Horror fall

A MALAGA man was seriously hurt after he locked himself out of his second-floor flat then lost his grip on a window plummeting onto the street.

## Tour de Costa

## Froome fear goes on as route confirmed

THIS year's Vuelta a España cycle race is to receive a sprinkling of Marbella glitz.

It comes as Sports councillor Javier Merida revealed that the peloton will depart from glamorous Puerto Banus ahead of the event's second stage.

"The Vuelta is addictive and Marbella is addicted to the Vuelta," he said.

Starting on Avenida de las Naciones Unidas, the riders will pedal nine kilometres to Ojen, from where the race proper will start.

The 164-kilometre stage will end at the Caminito del Rey walkway in Ardales after passing through Coin, Pizarra, Alora and El Chorro, with the finish line atop the 570-metre Alto de la Mesa peak.

La Vuelta gets underway with an eight-kilometre individual time trial around Malaga City on August 25, while



**DRUG ROW:** Chris Froome - seen in the leader's red jersey during last year's race - may not be able to defend his title.

the third stage runs for 182.5 kilometres from Mijas to Ronda, ending back on the Costa del Sol in Alhaurin de la Torre.

The race was won by Britain's most successful road cyclist, Chris Froome, last year, but it remains to be seen if the 32-year-old Team Sky

rider will be back to defend his title after he failed a drugs test during his victory.

A urine sample from the four-time Tour de France winner contained twice the legal limit of asthma medication salbutamol, but the case appears set to drag on as a legal team battles to save his career.

## Pole position for drugs bust

TWO Polish expatriates are being quizzed after more than 80 kilos of cannabis was found in their van.

The men, aged 31 and 37 and resident in Mijas, were held on the A-92 motorway in Granada.

The arrests came after traffic police officers pulled over a car after they spotted the driver talking

on his mobile phone as he headed towards Murcia.

Believing that the vehicle was being used as a 'shuttle,' and that the man made the call to warn others of police presence on the road, the officers requested backup to check nearby service stations, with the vehicle containing the drugs found soon after.

## €273m airport revamp

SPANISH airport manager AENA has unveiled its blueprint to 'guarantee quality of service for 26 million passengers' at Malaga Airport.

Proposals include a €273 million cash injection to extend the Costa del Sol hub, plus a revamp of existing terminals two and three.

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Power play  
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A 34-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of stealing 28 industrial batteries worth €2,500 from a mobile telephone mast in Antequera, causing damage to the perimeter fence, two doors and temporarily affecting the signal.

## Flippin' eck

A MOTORIST suffered minor injuries when his car flipped onto its roof after he lost control on the A-374 road between Ronda and Sevilla, with police now probing the cause of the accident.

## Drug drama

A 'FOREIGN MAN,' 42, has been held in Malaga City after beating his girlfriend in the street and at home in front of her son, after she refused to give him money to buy cocaine, according to police.

# Local Police corruption shame

## Five officers jailed for 'peddling drugs'

FIVE Costa del Sol Local Police officers have been jailed for selling drugs after seizing them from traffickers.

The men - all stationed in tourist hotspot Mijas - reportedly stole classified information to track down criminals before launching a series of unauthorised raids using official cars, badges, uniforms and weapons.

But the culprits were allowed to escape during the swoops, after which the crooked officers loaded any drugs they could find into their cars, knowing that if they were caught by colleagues they could easily justify being in possession of the loot.

One of the five - who was on long-term sick leave - would then use his contacts 'from the drugs underworld' to sell the narcotics on.

A sixth individual who was not employed by the police was also



**UNFAIR COPS:** The bent officers were based in Mijas, and (inset) the moment one of the men is arrested.

convicted after he agreed to stash drugs at his home, with detectives finding 162 kilos of hashish there during a probe.

It comes after the Spanish Supreme Court overturned an earlier decision by Malaga's Provincial Court, which acquitted the men after

finding that wiretaps used in the investigation were 'invalid.'

They must now serve prison sentences ranging from three-and-a-half to five years and have been banned from police duty for 20 years.

The sentences were delivered in the Provincial Court.

## Lottery jackpot

LUCKY punters holding two tickets bought in the UK and on the Costa del Sol shared the €176 million rollover jackpot in last Friday's giant EuroMillions draw.

Each ticket holder will receive around €88 million, the National Lottery said.

The Spanish ticket was reportedly sold in the Carrefour shopping centre in La Linea de la Concepcion, Cadiz, and was purchased by a syndicate of around 140 Manilva residents who will each receive more than €600,000.

## Jail term for cat butchers

A MALAGA judge has sentenced a couple, who poisoned eight of their neighbour's cats, to eight months in prison.

Five of the animals died from 'circulatory and metabolic failure,' while the surviving three will need special diets and medication for the rest of their lives.

It comes after the pair, aged 68 and 71, were accused of throwing balls of raw meat laced with toxins through a dividing wall.

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# Art of crime

A GRAFFITI-ARTIST has been held for defacing the English Cemetery in Malaga City.

He has been released on charges of damage to historical heritage, since the graveyard is considered an official Asset of Cultural Interest.

The 28-year-old Spaniard posted photos of his work on social media, where investigators unearthed an additional 240 sites he had vandalised over the last



**NO SPRAY:** The vandal defaced the English Cemetery.

year, including shops, articulated lorries and a RENFE train which cost more than €2,400 to clean.

# Sin too deep

INVESTIGATORS have swooped on a 380-kilo cocaine haul in Algeciras in the wake of an international probe.

The narcotics were hidden in five sports bags stowed below the waterline in a ventilation duct within the hull of a container ship.

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# Strife in the fast lane



**ACCIDENT HOTSPOT:** The A-397 and (inset) an average speed camera sign.

FIVE men aged between 21 and 55 have been hurt in a collision between two cars on the A-397 between San Pedro de Alcántara and Ronda.

Four were taken to the Serania Hospital with minor injuries before being discharged a few hours later.

The smash is the latest to occur on the notoriously dangerous mountain road.

It comes on the first day of operation, of a new average speed camera system on the A-397, as the Directorate General of Traffic (DGT) tries to reduce the number of accidents on the main access road to Ronda from the Costa del Sol.

It is the first such system to be installed on a single-lane road in Malaga Province, and covers the stretch between kilometres 28 and 30.5 in both directions.

Motorists will be fined for exceeding an average speed of 60 kilometres per hour between those points.

With two fixed and two mobile radars already in use, the 48-kilometre road is now the most heavily-monitored in Malaga.

In 2015, there were 70 accidents involving 56 vehicles in which five people died, four suffered serious injuries and 47 others were hurt.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Body found near coast

DETECTIVES are probing the mysterious appearance of a dead body in the mouth of the Cachon River at Puente Mayorga in San Roque, Cadiz, after police confirmed that the deceased was a 'naked foreign man.'

### Debt down

BENALMADENA Council has revealed that it has reduced the town's outstanding debt to €72 million, down from €132 million in 2015, while reducing the average time to pay contractors from more than 100 days to less than 17.

### Horse play

THREE men have been held in Granada after a witness spotted them bolting from a Mijas stables after filling their rental car with €73,000 worth of stolen horse tack, including 14 saddles, plus a leather backpack containing jewellery and €10,000 in cash.

### Pot luck

TWO young women were arrested in Gaucin after 400 grammes of high grade cannabis pollen was found in their car during a routine police check, with the pair suspected of dealing to smokers in nearby villages.

### Danger zone

LOCAL POLICE seized 516 weapons last year including guns, knives, machetes and knuckle dusters, with 431 people held for possession of illegal arms, according to the provincial council.

### Shaken up

A MINOR earthquake registering 2.8 on the Richter Scale was recorded at a depth of 71 kilometres below Alhaurin de la Torre, although it was barely felt at the surface, according to the National Geographic Institute.

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## Life of Pablo to be marked

SPANISH production company TVE is to make a film documenting the life of inspirational leukaemia victim Pablo Raez.

The Ojen-born youngster died last year aged 20 after becoming a hero to

millions as he bravely documented his two-year battle against the disease.

His social media posts helped raise bone marrow donations in Spain by over 1,300 per cent and made him a

national star.

Thousands, including the mayors of Ojen, Marbella and Malaga, attended his funeral, and his family received a message of condolence from Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.



**ALWAYS STRONG: Pablo Raez.**

## NEWS EXTRA

### Homophobic abuse target

TORREMOLINOS Council has approved a motion to combat homophobic attacks on social media, after recent comments criticising 'low rent gay tourism' by a former mayor sparked a raft of abusive online messages.

### Horror fall

DETECTIVES are probing the death of a 54-year-old man in Cartama after he fell while riding a motor cross bike on the Aljaima Station circuit before emergency services were alerted by witnesses, police said in a statement.

### Tourist trap

ALMOST a million holiday-makers flocked to Torremolinos in 2017, although the total of 941,037 was 1.5 per cent down on the previous year, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

### Park life

AN 11,500 square metre park is to be installed between the Zambrana and Manantiales housing estates in Alhaurin de le Torre, and will feature a picnic area, playground and green spaces.

# High speed drama

## Boats and helicopter chase smugglers

POLICE have seized an estimated 1,300 kilos of cannabis after a Hollywood-style chase involving five boats and a helicopter in the Strait of Gibraltar.

Footage released by the Spanish Tax Agency shows incredible pictures of a high-speed pursuit with a speed boat heading straight towards a Spanish police vessel, seemingly with the intention of ramming into it.

The chase is believed to have taken place when a Tax Agency helicopter managed to track four launches, three of which were loaded with boxes.

While police pursued the boats in the water, with officials reportedly firing warning shots to prevent a collision, a helicopter recorded the scenes from above.

Those on the boats decided to dump the boxes into the sea during the chase before they eventually managed to get away from the authorities.

Officials then returned to retrieve the dumped narcotics, recovering 42 boxes



**CHASE: Police retrieved 42 boxes of hashish from the sea.**

of hashish after the boats managed to escape.

The sting comes days after more than 3,000 people protested in La Linea de la Concepcion against violence and aggres-

sion brought on by drug trafficking in the region.

At the rally, local journalist Juan Jose Tellez read out an extensive list of demands to the government from the 21

anti-drug associations taking part.

He said: "The rally has achieved the miracle of bringing you all together to demand urgent measures from those responsible for the different administrations on both sides of the border, and the dangerous situation we are in."

He also spoke how a new police station, more agents, the improvement of the 'rudimentary' media against the technology of organised crime are needed, while also requesting a court specialised in drug trafficking, to award just and severe penalties to 'those who rule, here, there or in Europe, receive them.'

Several high profile drug related busts and incidents have occurred in the region recently, including the break out of an infamous drugs baron from a La Linea hospital.

Around 20 hooded men stormed the hospital to break out Samuel Crespo Dominguez who allegedly runs the largest drug trafficking organisation in southern Spain.

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## NEWS EXTRA

### Aisle be damned

SPANISH supermarket chain Dia is to plough €4 million into revamping 22 stores in Malaga Province, with new features to include orange juice squeezing machines and an oven for roasted chickens.

### Bag snatch

A 29-YEAR-OLD woman has been held in Malaga City after she approached a female pedestrian before demanding money, hitting her and trying to snatch her handbag, police said in a statement.

### Road call

PIZARRA Town Hall has demanded that the provincial council should widen the A-357 road, as it originally promised in 2009, due to an increase in traffic caused by tourists visiting the Caminito del Rey walkway in El Chorro.

# Brought to book

## Politician among 19 on trial

A RUSSIAN MP is among 19 people who have appeared in a Spanish court accused of money-laundering for a Russian mafia gang.

The cases are said to relate to the purchases of properties in the Costa del Sol and Balearic Islands by 'moneyed' individuals.

According to reports, the cases date back 10 years to 2008, when 20 Russian mafia suspects were held by Spanish police.

Prosecutors allege that money laundering by Moscow gangsters in Spain first began in the 1990's, when wealthy Russians started purchasing luxury villas in the Balearic Islands and the Costa del Sol.

They also believe that more than €50 million of mafia cash was laundered through said property purchases in Spain by the so called 'Tambovskaya-



Photo by Twitter

**ON TRIAL: The 19 suspects, including Russian MP Vladislav Reznik (inset) are accused of laundering cash via Costa del Sol properties.**

Mayshevskaya' gang, based in St Petersburg.

Alleged bosses Gennady Petrov and Alexander Malyshchev remain at large and are suspected of being in Russia.

Petrov was arrested during the police raids in 2008 but fled

two years later after convincing Spanish authorities that he needed to tend to his sick mother in his home country.

Most of the suspects face sentences of up to five-and-a-half years in prison plus fines that could reach up to €100 million.

# Bridge too far

DOZENS of residents have been left furious at the behaviour of Ronda Council.

It comes after 50 members of the public were invited to attend a plenary session to discuss the cutting of traffic for six-and-a-half hours per day on the famous Puente Nuevo bridge.

The move by the council has been widely panned, with a social media poll suggesting that more than 90 per cent of the town is against the decision.

But when Traffic Councillor Pacqui Gonzalez took to the floor, several of those present began to heckle, with "this woman tells more lies than Pinoc-

chio," and "scoundrel" clearly audible.

Mayor Maria Teresa Valdenebro Rios eventually became so exasperated that she stopped the debate and moved straight onto voting on a motion to scrap the scheme raised by the opposition without allowing them their say on the matter.

While some outraged onlookers left immediately, voicing their disapproval as they went, others remained until the mayor instructed Local Police officers to have them removed.

The motion was rejected after the council voted against it.

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## Take a chance

THERE are just 24 days of voting left.

Malaga and Marbella are currently out of the running to feature in the next edition of Monopoly Spain.

It comes after the board game's owner - American toy brand Hasbro - recently opened a poll to choose the 20 Spanish towns or cities with more than 50,000 inhabitants to feature in the updated game.

The only Costa del Sol towns currently occupying one of the privileged

spots are Estepona, which leads the ranking, and Mijas in 11th.

Alcobendas (Madrid), San Fernando (Cadiz), Alcorcon (Madrid), and Elda (Alicante) complete the top five.

Two villages with less than 50,000 residents will also be chosen, with Pedrosillo (La Rioja) and Arevalillo de Cega (Segovia) in the lead.

The poll closes on Saturday March 17 and you can register your vote on the website <http://votamonopolyespana.com>.

## A hero's welcome

by Ben Park

OLYMPIC snowboarding hero Regino Hernandez is set to be named as an adoptive son of Mijas.

The 26-year-old bronze medal winner will be honoured in a ceremony held at the sports city of Las Lagunas, in which the area will also be renamed after the snowboarder.

Mayor of the town, Juan Carlos Maldonado, said he wanted to honour Hernandez for helping to put 'Mijas at the top of international sport'.

He told Spanish media: "We want to thank you for having put the name of Mijas on the top of international sport and for this reason we have decided to rename the sports city of Las Lagunas as a sports city Regino Hernandez Martin."

Councillor for Sports, Nuria Rodriguez also commented: "We want to recognise those athletes who leave their mark and who achieve their goals."

"We are sure that many young people will be encour-



Photo by Twitter

**HISTORY:** Hernandez became just the third Spaniard ever to win a Winter Olympic medal.

aged to follow in their footsteps,

Hernandez, who was originally born in Cueta but moved to Mijas early in his childhood, became the first Spaniard since Blanca Fernandez Ochoa in 1992 to win a Winter Olympic medal as he secured the bronze in the men's Snowboard Cross.

In the Olympic final, Her-

nandez always looked like achieving a podium finish and narrowly missed out on the silver in a tight race with Australian Jarryd Hughes but nevertheless Hernandez secured third place to become the first Spaniard to ever win an Olympic snowboard cross medal, the country's first in any winter event for 26 years.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Sea it to believe it

CONSTRUCTION of Malaga City's new Oceanographic Institute has been postponed for a second time, with completion of the project now pushed back to summer 2019 when it was originally scheduled for spring.

### Death probe

POLICE are investigating circumstances surrounding the death of a 66-year-old man who was killed at work in Malaga City after falling from a crane, with his body discovered by his daughter.

### Protest pain

A SPOKESPERSON for the Platform in Defence of Alhaurin el Grande revealed that the civil action group has shelved efforts to secure a second team of medics for the town due to a 'lack of support from residents.'

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## Cave art reveals stone age secrets

By Joe Gerrard

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working in three Spanish caves - including one in Malaga Province - have said art work discovered there was produced 65,000 years ago.

The team added they were produced 20,000 years before modern humans arrived on the Iberian Peninsula which has led them to claim they were painted by Neanderthals.

Joao Zilhao, from the University of Barcelona and a co-author of a study on the findings, said the archaeologists' findings suggested the species was more advanced than previously thought.

The art showed Neanderthals, who died out around 40,000 years ago, were capable of language, advanced cognition and symbolic thought, Zilhao said.

Neanderthals have traditionally being considered mentally inferior to the Homo Sapiens that followed them.

Artwork from the La Pasiega cave, Cantabria, as well as others in Maltravieso, Caceres and Ardales, Malaga was analysed using uranium-thorium dating technology which can reportedly determine precise sample ages.



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**NEW FINDINGS:** Data from tests suggests artwork in caves in Cantabria, Caceres and Malaga were done by Neanderthals.

The drawings in the Cantabria cave, which resemble a ladder-like shape, are around 64,800 years old according to data from the tests.

That makes them and artwork tested in the Caceres and Malaga caves among the oldest known pieces of art on the planet if results from the tests are correct.

Josefina Zapata, a palaeon-

tologist from Murcia University, told Spanish media today's modern humans were likely the result of a complex evolutionary process which Neanderthals contributed to.

Zapata and Zilhao worked together on another excavation in Los Aviones which unearthed broken and pigment-ed shells. These were dated back some 115,000 years.

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# Human traffickers used voodoo tricks

A HUMAN trafficking gang that operated in Spain and the UK and forced women into prostitution has been broken up following simultaneous police raids in the two countries.

Twelve people have been arrested and four women have been safeguarded.

It is claimed that the gang 'recruited' their victims in Benin City, Nigeria forcing them to eat a raw chicken heart and drink whisky, taking clippings of their hair and nails and using voodoo threats.

The criminals then used fraudulent documents to traffic the women to Europe, where they were housed in squalid conditions in Italy for several days.

Once they arrived in Spain the women were hidden in their madam's houses and forced to clean and take care



**POLICE RAIDS:** Joint operation between the UK and Spain.

of the children, whilst the organised crime group made arrangements for the submission of applications for asylum by the victims.

The ring leaders were based in Torrelavega, Spain. It is claimed they controlled the whole network from the city and if the women could not pay their debts their fam-

ily was threatened by phone.

A European Arrest Warrant was issued by Spain and a house search took place in the UK as one of the individuals was living in Manchester. The UK-based culprit was arrested alongside seven in Cantabria, two in Vizcaya and two in Alicante in Spain.

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## Man Utd fans held

A POLICE officer was left injured after alleged public order and assault offences by Manchester United football fans in Spain.

Five arrests were made for causing serious public disturbances, destruction of furniture and assaults on the Local Police after the football game in the city of Sevilla.

The men had stayed on in the city following Manchester United's 0-0 Champions League draw with Sevilla on Wednesday.

It is claimed rocks were thrown at a hotel, a police car windscreen was smashed, motorcycles were pushed over and a biker attacked.

Local Police and National Police officers who tried to calm the scene were allegedly attacked by the five Brits, aged between 27 and 30 years old.

One officer received a hand injury that required medical attention.

# 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 Andalusian 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.

"The measures of containment agreed with origin countries, repression exercised against migrants and closing Europe's borders have not



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

been capable of stopping the movement of people," the group said.

"The reality is unbearable," they added.

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

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."

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# Not Perry clever

## Pop star Katy sparks outrage in Cataluña

By Matt Ford

POP superstar Katy Perry has been slammed by Catalan separatists.

The rap comes after the *I Kissed A Girl* hitmaker, 33, used a Spanish coat of arms to promote an upcoming concert in Barcelona.

And she sparked outrage after posting a video on her social media accounts.

Featuring an image of her

head with the shield in the top corner, the clip also includes the red and yellow colours of the Spanish flag in the background.

The singer captioned the advert: "Trust and believe I'm coming for you too Barcelona. See you June 28."

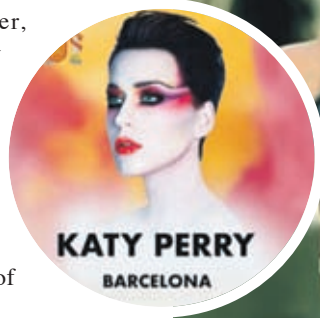
But she faced a furious backlash from supporters of independence in the troubled region.

More than 1,100 people re-

acted on Twitter, and one angry poster wrote: "What a stupid woman. You are coming to Cataluña not Spain you son of a b\*\*\*\*."

And another added simply: "You are an idiot."

The criticism drew a response from fans in favour of a



**'YOU ARE AN IDIOT': Katy Perry.**

unified Spain, with one writing: "Barcelona has been a part of Spain for centuries, is a part of Spain today and will be part of Spain for many more centuries!"

Another posted: "Ole for posting the flag."

The Barcelona gig is the star's only Spanish date on her Witness world tour, which began in Canada last September.

Tickets, which cost up to €104, are due to go on sale on March 7.

Cataluña remains without a regional government in the wake of an enforced election in December.

The poll was imposed by Madrid in the wake of an illegal independence referendum organised by pro-separatist politicians.

Ousted Catalan president Carles Puigdemont remains in Belgium and faces arrest if he returns to Spain, while a number of his former allies have been jailed.

## Police officer dies

A POLICE officer died after supporters of Athletic Bilbao and Spartak Moscow clashed on the streets of the city in northern Spain.

It is believed the Ertzaina officer suffered a heart attack during the violent scenes in San Mames near the stadium that has left an unknown number of people injured.

The officer was rushed to the Basurto hospital but he could not be resuscitated.

Flares were fired and glasses, bottles, stones and even golf balls were used as weapons turning the area into a battle zone.

More than 600 police were on duty after warnings that trouble may erupt with the 2,500 travelling Russian fans.

## Fake taxi driver held

POLICE in the south of Spain have taken a 'taxi' off the road that had no MOT, no licence, no legal meter, a broken seat and a window jammed shut with wood to prevent it from opening.

Suspensions of the Local Police in Sevilla were raised when they spotted the general

state of disrepair of the vehicle as it dropped off two tourists at the train station in the city.

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# 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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# 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.'

# 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 Girona 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.



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.

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.

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.

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# Lions' generous donation to homeless shelter

THE President of the La Cala de Mijas Lions Club, Julie Barry, recently presented a cheque for €9,053.22 to Joyce Gyimah, founder of the homeless association ADIN-TRE.

The money will be used to purchase a much-needed massive fridge freezer to go into their new premises in Fuen-girola. Joyce expressed her appreciation for the donation, and explained that her dreams for the homeless in the area were finally coming true.

Joyce started working, on her own, for the homeless in 2002. From this small beginning, she now has over 80 volunteers helping her.

She married Howard Thomas five years ago and, although holding down a full time job as Headmaster of a school in Cordoba, he regularly helps her, painting the



**GENEROUS:** Julie Barry presenting the cheque to Joyce Gyimah.

pictures adorning the walls of the centre.

The Lions members present were taken on a tour of the three premises they now have next to the Juan Gomez pavilion near the feria ground in Fuengirola. The new day centre, soon to be opened, has been transformed from a shell to a miraculous centre fully equipped with toilets and showers, a kitchen, an office, and a workshop area.

A shop plus storage areas completes the overall complex. The association accepts any donations of food, clothes and much-needed time from volunteers. They have created a centre where those in need in the area can receive food, clothes, furniture, shower and participate in workshops, where they can learn a trade, enabling them to get back into society and once again take a pride in

their achievements.

Funds, donated by the Lions Club, are raised through many Lions events and the 50 wonderful volunteers in the shop in Calle Torremolinos, 12, La Cala de Mijas.

The next event will be at 9pm in the Legends Cabaret Bar in La Cala de Mijas on March 1. Tel 677 059 061 for tickets or go into the shop Monday to Saturday 10am to 2pm.

# Songs for a spring evening

TIMS choir are especially pleased to be performing at a 'Songs for a spring evening,' concert on Friday March 16 which has Margaret Williams as Musical Director and Dawn Boardman as the accompanying pianist.

The concert takes place at the Bil Bil, Benalmadena and begins at 7pm. Seats are limited so an early arrival is recommended.

TIMS (The International Music Society on the Costa del Sol) the choir are always looking to welcome new members; male, female, and interna-

tional. All welcome. They have formal and informal concerts booked and also love to sing at private functions, ie weddings and corporate. See website [www.timschoir.org](http://www.timschoir.org) for more information or call President Gilly on 654 891 790.

Rehearsals also take place at 7pm every Wednesday in St Andrew's Church Hall, Avenida, Jesus Santa Rein, Los Boliches.

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# Chinese New Year celebrations at BISM

CHILDREN and teachers welcomed in the Chinese New Year at the British International School of Marbella by dressing up in colourful costumes.

The youngsters competed in a dragon making competition and spent a week learning about Chinese traditions as part of the celebrations to welcome the year of the dog.

An assortment of delicious Chinese food was al-



**DRAGON FUN:** The students made this colourful dragon.

so eaten following a party that afternoon for the pupils.

To see more photos of the colourful celebration visit [www.bsm.org.es](http://www.bsm.org.es).

## Around the world

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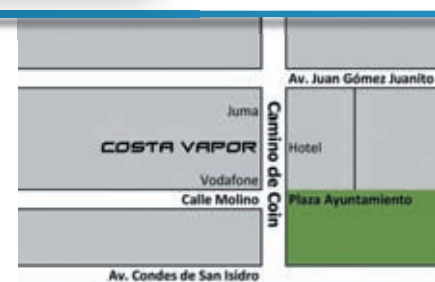
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## A tribute to Roy Alan

and much-loved musician, Mr Roy Alan Manchec.

Roy lived on the Costa del Sol for the last 20 or so years and was a lively and active member of the community. He sadly died in Cudeca last

November and his friends want to remember him, his lust for life and his incredible musical talent in this evening of entertainment.

All proceeds from the event will be divided equally between Cudeca - who cared so well for Roy in the last week of his life - and Lux Mundi - a place very close to

Roy's heart.

A special pre-concert supper menu is available at Club Nautico. Please contact the restaurant directly for information: 633 332 114/reservas@elclubnautico.es

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Using various worship centres around the coast the Chaplaincy continued to grow until it was finally able to purchase a property of its own and in 1990 St Andrew's church in Los Boliches was

consecrated.

The Chaplaincy continues to expand and now hold regular services in Los Boliches, Benalmadena, Calahonda and Alhaurin el Grande.

Now celebrating 50 years on the coast, St Andrew's held an afternoon tea party in the Reserva El Higuero in Benalmadena and on Sunday, Bishop David Hamid of the diocese of Europe led a special celebratory service which also included a confirmation.

On Saturday March 10 the children will be joining in the



**50 YEARS ON: The Chaplaincy has gone from strength to strength.**

celebrations when the Mustard Seed Gang meets in Alhaurin el Grande for an afternoon of activities. This is open to all children and is free.

More information on service times and social events can be found on the web page: [www.st-andrewscopespain.org](http://www.st-andrewscopespain.org).



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AUTHOR David Searl will sign copies of the new 2018 Edition of his book *You & the Law* in Spain on Thursday March 8 from 5pm to 8pm at Bookworld Puerto Banus.

The new edition is the first update of the book

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Tuesday March 13 to Friday March 16: Trip to Murcia

Friday March 9, 8pm: There is a 'Tribute to Roy' concert.

Thursday March 22, 6.30: Quiz Night

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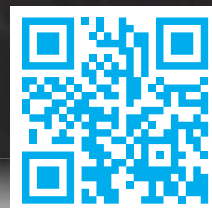
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**WILD WEST:** The TOPS Country and Western evening.

## A rootin' tootin' success by the Boston Belles!

THE TOPS Country and Western evening in Alhaurin el Grande was a great success.

The venue was packed to the rafters and the audience (having been reminded of the house rules of 'no spittin and no rowdy behaviour') really joined in with the spirit of the show, dancing, clapping, and singing along with the chorus

lines, with plenty of yeeehaaaa's thrown in for good measure!

The 'Boston Belles' raunchy saloon-girl dance routine was well choreographed and delighted the audience, and the excellent singers pulled out all the stops, not only with their singing but with their costumes too.

The programme was packed with popular songs from John Denver, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, Charlie Rich, Dolly Parton, Nancy Sinatra, Shania Twain, The Bellamy Brothers, The Eagles, and many others.

The proceeds will be donated to the two local charities which TOPS has chosen to support this year.

## RAF Association needs you

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By becoming a member of your local RAF Association Branch you can enjoy getting together with like-minded people and take part in a range of social events, from an informal 'get together' with a quiz to a formal dinner dance

with entertainment.

They would urge anyone who is serving or who has served in the RAF, or just wants to offer support, to come along to one of their meetings to see what they are all about. They have a social twice a month; the first Tuesday of the month at Restaurante Los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande, starting at 12pm and the third Monday in the month at Bar El Jardin, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena starting at 2pm. It's free to visit them and they're always keen to meet new people.

The RAF Association runs the annual Wings Week appeal, so you may have seen some of the local Branch volunteers at the Iceland store in Mijas raising funds to help those in need.

If you're interested in finding out more, contact the Costa del Sol RAF Association Branch at: [www.rafacostadelsol.co.uk](http://www.rafacostadelsol.co.uk).

## FAMA Charity Auction

FAMA (Foundation for Abandoned and Abused Animals) is organising a Charity Auction to raise funds for the animals.

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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.





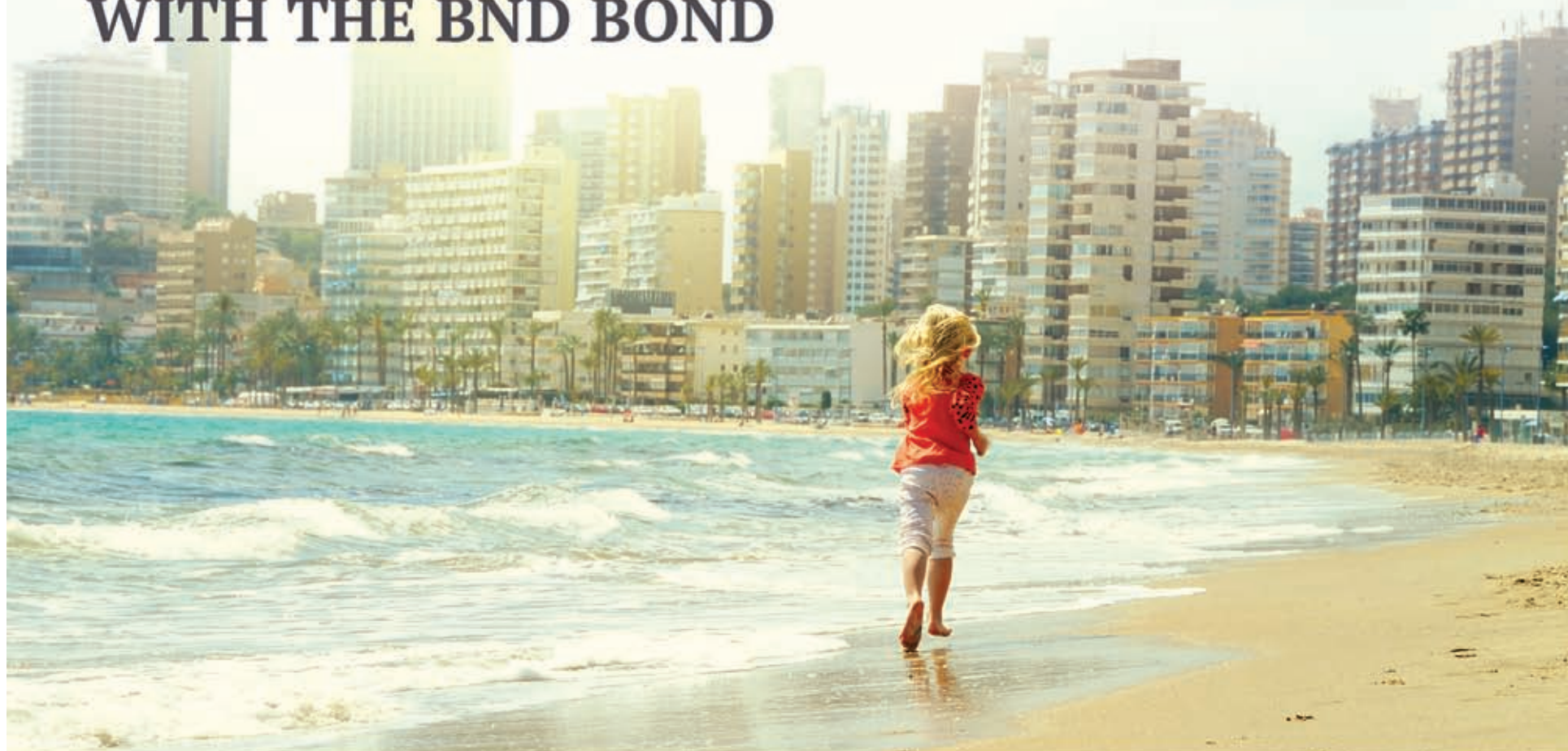
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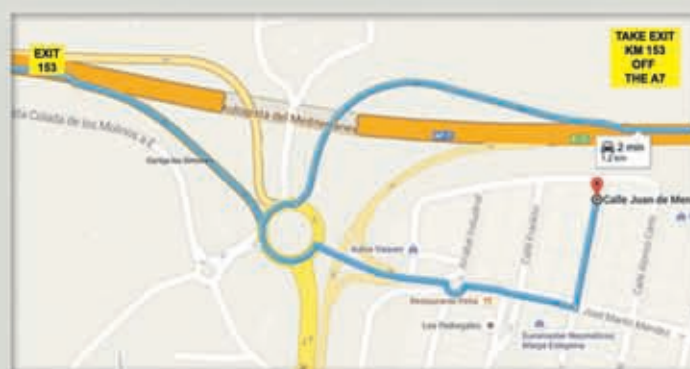
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## Cheap flight island boom

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 countryside protests over pensions.



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

## » BUSINESS EXTRA

### 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 Gibraltarian 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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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,818.50	30.10	1.68	25,235.32
Associated British Foods	2,682.50	37.50	1.42	21,034.78
Admiral Group	1,927.75	4.75	0.25	5,448.46
Ashtead Group	2,063.00	10.00	0.49	10,317.22
Antofagasta	909.00	9.20	1.02	8,892.43
Aviva	500.05	-0.75	-0.15	20,169.85
AstraZeneca	4,808.00	56.00	1.18	60,780.67
BAE Systems	568.00	3.00	0.53	19,163.64
Barclays	210.38	0.58	0.28	34,485.87
British American Tobacco	4,447.00	-13.00	-0.29	102,066.94
Barratt Developments	553.60	4.20	0.76	5,745.15
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,848.50	-2.50	-0.06	5,252.35
British Land Co	652.80	2.40	0.37	6,284.17
BHP Billiton	1,533.20	17.20	1.13	31,554.35
Bunzl	2,016.50	5.50	0.27	6,701.87
BP	479.90	3.80	0.80	94,095.71
Burberry Group	1,544.25	3.75	0.24	6,547.43
BT Group	243.05	-1.00	-0.41	23,068.42
Coca-Cola HBC	2,463.50	4.50	0.18	9,091.44
Carnival	4,802.00	5.00	0.10	10,249.45
Centrica	144.43	0.28	0.19	7,348.34
Compass Group	1,535.25	8.75	0.57	24,591.17
Croda International	4,591.50	53.50	1.18	5,942.90
CRH	2,465.50	-0.50	-0.02	20,897.41
DCC	6,730.00	-30.00	-0.44	5,949.70
Diageo	2,486.75	9.25	0.37	61,600.64
Direct Line Insurance Group	389.45	1.25	0.32	5,361.13
Evraz	435.80	3.60	0.83	6,123.46
Experian	1,566.25	3.25	0.21	14,482.18
easyJet	1,645.00	13.50	0.83	6,736.65
Ferguson	5,229.00	7.00	0.13	13,121.76
Fresnillo	1,326.25	15.25	1.16	9,815.42
G4S	262.55	1.65	0.63	4,077.59
GKN	428.30	1.80	0.42	7,253.46
Glencore	401.35	5.10	1.29	58,355.29
GlaxoSmithKline	1,297.40	1.40	0.11	65,676.25
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,720.00	2.50	0.15	8,139.31
Halma	1,217.50	10.50	0.87	4,646.81
Hammerson	477.00	0.80	0.17	3,714.60
HSBC Holdings	720.40	-3.00	-0.41	149,428.94
International Conslidtd Airs Gp	594.10	6.90	1.18	12,693.68
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,632.50	3.50	0.08	8,902.94
3i Group	930.90	-6.10	-0.65	9,049.79
Imperial Brands	2,623.50	9.00	0.34	25,426.63
Informa	691.20	2.80	0.41	5,693.88
Intertek Group	4,940.00	8.00	0.16	8,088.89
ITV	171.88	1.33	0.78	6,933.77
Just Eat	873.20	3.40	0.39	5,975.51
Johnson Matthey	3,185.00	25.00	0.79	6,212.42
Kingfisher	358.40	5.40	1.53	7,791.70

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Land Securities Group	948.90	1.80	0.19	6,918.54
Legal & General Group	260.30	1.00	0.39	15,528.03
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.77	0.12	0.17	50,247.35
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,085.50	29.50	0.73	14,108.72
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
United Utilities Group	685.70	-1.10	-0.16	4,515.47
Vodafone Group	204.90	1.05	0.52	53,989.62
WPP Group	1,366.50	11.00	0.81	17,518.72
Whitbread	3,927.50	28.50	0.73	7,217.92

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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
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# Outlook: Brexit, Italian election in focus

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### Euro

EUR/GBP: Holding firm at £0.88

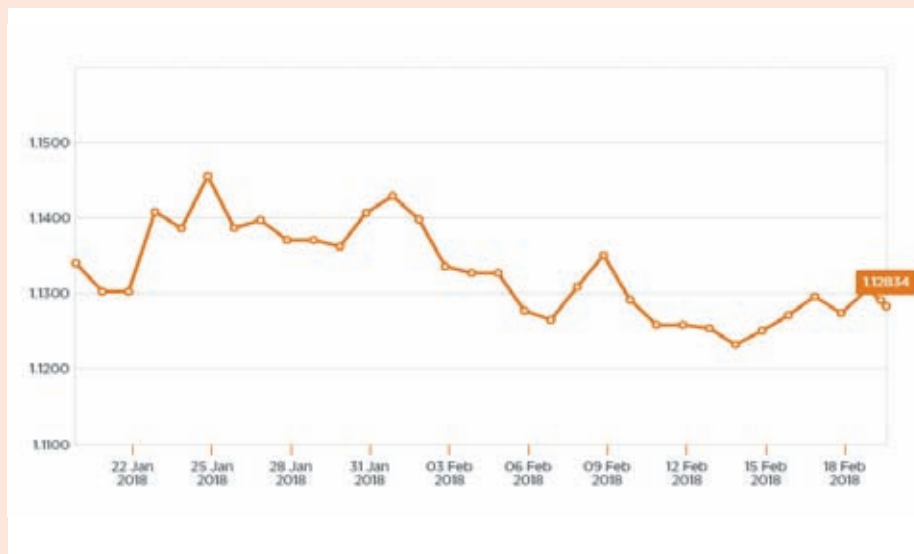
EUR/USD: Up from \$1.22 to \$1.24

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 Euro-zone 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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# Welcome to the future

## 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 XZ2.

The five-day event ends today (Thursday).

## Outrage over sexist PR firm

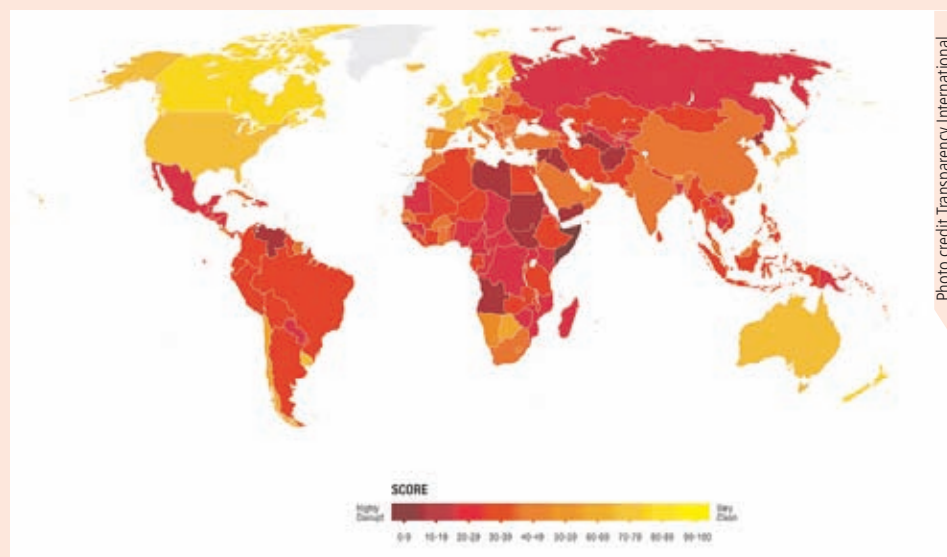
SPANISH PR agency Impulsa Comunicacion has lost two major clients over a sexism row.

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.



## 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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# Honestly, give her a break!

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT**

**OTHERS THINK IT**



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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**HAVING FUN: On the piste.**

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# Educating your child in Spain

## The benefits of going private

**W**HEN starting a new life in Spain, one question many parents wrestle with is whether to send their children to Spanish state schools or private academies.

Going to school is compulsory for all children in Spain between the ages of six and 16, but there are also plenty of pre-school options for any parents who need to hand their children over earlier.

One of the most viable options for international parents is to send their children to a private international school that teaches in English - or a combination of both Spanish and English - many of which accept children from the age of three to 18.

While state schools plunge children straight into the new language and culture, private English academies allow children to adjust to these changes at their own pace; and generally provide a high standard of education.

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to follow, which can range from the Spanish Bachillerato or the International Baccalaureate (IB) to British GCSEs and A-levels or even the American High School Diploma and college entrance examinations.

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International schools often promote bilingual teaching, particularly those that teach the International Baccalaureate (IB), so parents don't have to be concerned about their child failing to get to grips with the local lingo, or losing touch with their native tongue.

Many Spanish parents also choose to send their children to English international schools, to help them improve their English, so there's still usually a good mix of local and international students.

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The revamped sports pitch and



the resurfaced playground for Primary and Secondary students have improved the facilities available for sport at Sunny View and there are plans in place for the construction of a new multi-purpose centre for sports and performance.

In September, the school opened a new state-of-the-art Primary building, complete with a dedicated computer suite and Promethean interactive displays

every room. The bright, colourful classrooms can be arranged in a variety of ways to suit the nature of the activities taking place.

Students are encouraged to work collaboratively as often as they can, and there are plenty of open spaces in this wonderful new building where they are able to do this.

Andrew Beavon, Head Teacher at Sunny View School explained why he thinks this is so important.

where creative thinking, team work, problem solving and communication skills are going to be essential in the workplace.

"It is our belief that environment as well as teaching and learning all play an important part in how effective we are at achieving this and our new Primary building was designed with this in mind."

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**Life is good as a student at Sunny View School.**

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visits to museums and companies in Malaga, there have been school trips to Granada, Sevilla and Huelva, Madrid, London and Paris in the last 12 months.

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Every student at St Anthony's College is part of a tutor group and has a tutor who

will make sure all the day-to-day issues are dealt with. The safety and happiness of each individual student is a priority at St Anthony's College and they pride themselves in making sure that students can achieve to the best of their abilities.

The College offers a friendly and welcoming environment to all its students who flourish as individuals within its accommodating structure.

The school is recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education as well as the British Council and recently students achieved a 100 per cent success rate in their GCSE results with the majority being graded between A and C, whilst A-Level results had an 88 per cent success rate and all those who applied to university were accepted.



St Anthony's offers an all-round education to students



**For more information about courses and fees as well as other details on St Anthony's College visit [www.stanthonyscollege.com](http://www.stanthonyscollege.com), email [info@stanthonyscollege.com](mailto:info@stanthonyscollege.com) or call 952 473 166.**

# Raising the bar on teaching

NABSS (The National Association of British Schools in Spain) will celebrate its 40th national British education congress in Sevilla.

NABSS was founded in 1978 by a group of leading British Schools in Spain and now has more than 75 members. The key objectives of NABSS are to represent the interests of British schools in Spain and to encourage collaboration between its partners.

NABSS celebrates its annual education congress every year - a unique event that allows managers and representatives from each institution to meet. There will be education experts from the United Kingdom, as well as industry leaders and service providers, presenting the latest advances in education along with exceptional speakers from the education sector.

The Hotel Melia in Sevilla



**SEVILLA: Will host the 40th national British education congress.**

will play host to the event on March 1, 2, 3 and 4 to more than 500 professionals, owners of the centres, directors, teachers and outstanding figures from

the British Education Sector during this congress that will focus on 'Raising Standards.'

The British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley,

will again be opening the congress accompanied by Andy Mackay, director of the British Council in Spain.

Lecturers, professors

and acclaimed writers such as Gervase Phinn and Paul McGee or Michael O'Sullivan, the executive director at Cambridge Assessment Inter-

national Education, amongst others, will travel from the United Kingdom to be present at the conference.

More than 50 companies from the UK education sector will also present their latest research in education practices in the exhibition hall. This will present an excellent opportunity for NABSS members to meet with leading companies in the sector to share ideas and learn first-hand about the latest trends in teaching.

As the theme of the conference is 'raising standards' both speakers and guests will explore how they can push for the highest standards of quality teaching and for the excellence of British education in Spain.

For further information, please contact Jacey Proetta on [jaceyproetta@nabss.org](mailto:jaceyproetta@nabss.org).





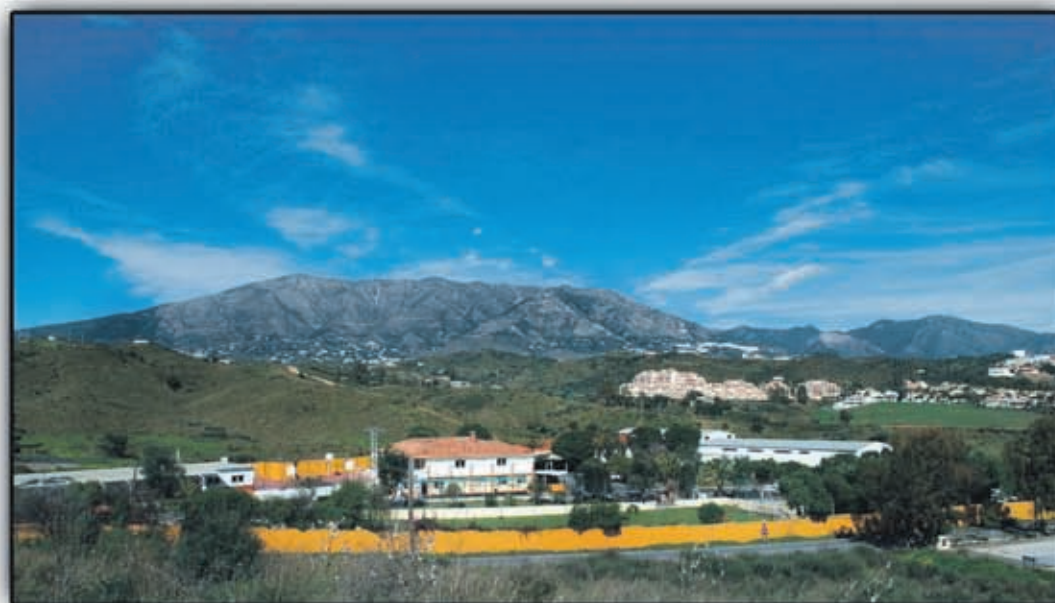
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# St. Anthony's College



# 50 years

1968 - 2018

St. Anthony's College is the oldest British school in Andalucía, one of the first founded in Spain, and this year we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

**St. Anthony's College - 50th Anniversary - September 2018**

Catering for students from 3 to 18 years old, we are recognised by the British Council and the Spanish Ministry of Education. Our pupils study towards their Pearson GCSE's, A-levels and corresponding ESO and Bachillerato.

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## Advertising Feature

# 20 years of British education in Benalmadena

THE Benalmadena International College is a British co-educational school catering for international students from Kindergarten to the age of 18 (A levels).

First founded in 1997, situated only 300 metres from the beach, the college has an excellent academic reputation and prides itself on teaching a wide range of sporting activities.

Current investment in its facilities makes it an outstanding environment in which to study.

A new sports centre is currently being built to include a heated indoor swimming pool, fitness gym, dance studio, physiotherapy and beauty treatments for parents and a 1,000-metre



**CURRENT PROJECT:** The soon to be completed sports centre.

sports hall. A cafeteria will also be available on the complex.

Another project is to build a

boarding house which will give students the opportunity to completely immerse themselves in

school life. When complete, the house which will be in a secure facility on the campus grounds

where spacious rooms of 40 square metres will contain en suite facilities, a comfortable lounge area, desks, WiFi and two bunk beds.

Naturally, there will be a resident house master making sure that all will be well with his or her charges.

The college has a friendly and happy environment and consequently children flourish with our team of highly qualified British and native language teachers.

If you are looking for full time British education at its best, The Benalmadena International College can cater for every child's needs so please arrange to visit them at their website, [www.bic-benal.com](http://www.bic-benal.com).



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## Top of the class

### Spain among Euro leaders for private schools

AROUND 31 per cent of pupils in Spain study at privately-run secondary centres, the fourth-highest level in Europe, according to data.

The country came behind Belgium, Malta and Britain in terms of the number of students enrolled at the schools. Around 28 per cent study in publicly-funded charter schools and 3 per cent in private centres.

Around 69 per cent of Spanish pupils are being educated in public secondary schools and 68 per cent in public primary schools, according to figures reported in Spanish media.

The European average of the number of students studying at state schools is around 81 per cent, with Ireland, Finland, Poland and Germany the highest in terms of enrolment.



**STUDENTS:** 31 per cent study in privately-run centres.

Charter schools in Spain are financed and supported by the government but are privately run. Around six out of 10 of these schools are controlled by the Catholic Church, with the rest belonging to co-operatives and other groups.

Charter schools and public schools are part of

the same network with studies showing that the former receive less money on average per student than public schools.

The government spends around €2,670 per pupil on charter schools compared to around €5,348 in state schools, according to the Centre for Sociological Research (CIS).





# The Benalmádena International College

Co-educational School from Kindergarten to A level



## Early Years Education

At this early stage of life, children need to be aware of new concepts not always found in their home environment. At our College they learn to respect and always address a code of politeness towards their fellow companions. Self discipline and a positive attitude to learning are vital building blocks that all students are taught and they are constantly being reinforced by our experienced teaching staff.

The Early Years department provides an enthusiastic and stimulating atmosphere, involving the children in a variety of subjects. Apart from Numeracy and Literacy lessons, the children are active in Cooking, Sports, Art, Music and Drama productions. Spanish lessons are taught for one period (50 minutes) every afternoon.

As we are a British International school, children tend to pick up other languages from their fellow classmates quickly and effortlessly, bonding new friendships irrespective of their religion or nationality. Many of our students by the age of ten can converse fluently in three or more languages.



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# International mindedness

A MASTER took a group of Year 12 students to represent Swans International School at the regional phase of the European Youth Parliament in Malaga.

Here, over the course of two days, the students had an unforgettable experience that involved them debating complex issues that affect the European Union, working with other students from different backgrounds to come up with resolutions that can make our world a better place.

At Swans, they hope that all of their students can benefit from such experiences. It has always been their aim to push students beyond their capabilities and to take on new challenges, but the overriding philosophy has been one of care and respect for each other.

Swans students attend a



**A bright future for all at Swans School in Marbella.**

wide range of universities from the UK and Spain to the US and Central Europe, and many return after their first year to tell the faculty how well prepared they were for the new challenge, both academically and socially.

This is the best feedback



that the school can receive, and celebrates the success

with which we deliver the IB Diploma Programme, whose philosophy the school adheres to on a daily basis.

Due to its challenging nature, they believe that it is still the best option for students from 16 to 18 years, providing the rigour that Higher Education and the workplace requires in the modern world.

As this is written the same group of students are preparing to take part in the national phase of the EYP in Cordoba, before hopefully qualifying for an International Conference somewhere in Europe.

Here, they will be debating with stu-

dents from different nations and taking their first steps on

the path to a potential career in politics or international relations.

All of these opportunities that Swans provides are made possible by a team of longstanding and committed staff, who work tirelessly to make every day a positive learning experience for the young people that attend their school.

Their excellent academic record is only made possible by the foundation of values that they re-emphasise on a daily basis: hard work, respect and care for each other. It is this that makes the school such a happy place; an environment where international mindedness can flourish.

For more information about this international school visit [www.swansschoolinternational.es](http://www.swansschoolinternational.es).

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# Study abroad

SPANISH universities are increasingly becoming an option for British and EU students looking for a quality education that provides value for money.

The country ranked ninth in the top 10 most affordable to study in the world, according to *The Times* Higher Education guide.

Average tuition fees at Spanish universities are around €1,740 a year. With living costs estimated at around €9,075, it currently costs almost €10,817 annually for a student at one of the country's higher education centres.

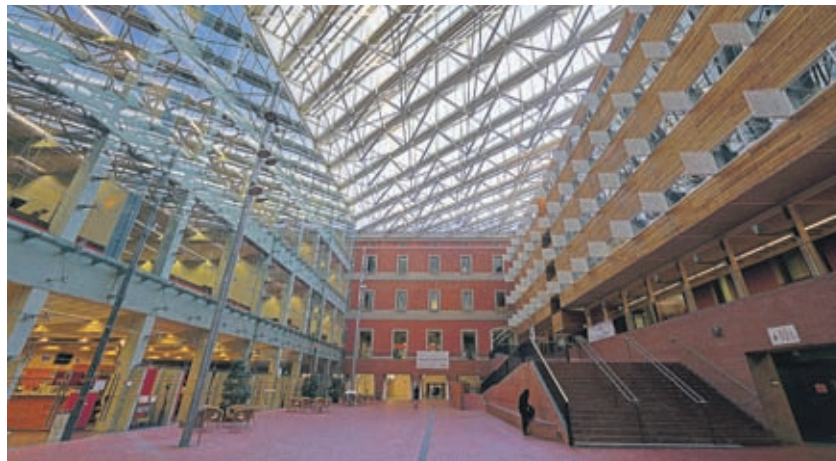
The equivalent cost in Britain was almost €20,827 (£18,305) a year, making it the sixth most expensive country to study in according to the same guide.

Spain is not only the cheaper of the two options. It is home to some of the world's leading universities, with many internationally recognised for excellence.

The majority of courses are taught in Spanish but there are some English courses at both undergraduate and postgraduate level designed to accommodate international students.

Universities in Barcelona lead the pack in the country's higher education rankings. The Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona topped the latest league tables nationally and is currently 140th in the world.

It is a fairly new university, having opened in 1990, and would be a



**LEADING INSTITUTION:** The Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona is the top ranking in Spain and 140th in the world.

particularly good option for students seeking to study Catalan which is its official language.

Its strengths lie in the humanities, social sciences, health and life sciences and information communication technology which are taught across three campuses.

The Autonomous University of Barcelona comes second, with its main campus located in Bellaterra around 25 minutes from the city centre.

It offers 87 undergraduate degrees, 315 master's degrees and 68 PhD programmes, with business management and administration, primary education and tourism taught fully in English.

The University of Barcelona ranked third and it is one of the biggest and most established in Spain having first opened in 1450.

Two of its courses, international business and English Studies, are taught wholly in English and five more are delivered partially in English.

The University of Navarra in the Basque Country is fourth place in the league tables and was founded in 1952 with a Catholic ethos.

It has 14 faculties and agreements with universities in Washington, Hong Kong and Edinburgh for international exchanges. It is based in Pamplona, home to the running of the bulls and the San Fermin festival.

The Autonomous University of Madrid ranks fifth and is based outside the city in the Cantoblanco area. Famous alumni include former government ministers and King Felipe VI who studied law and economics.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
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 at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Shakespeare and Hathaway
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Get Away for Winter
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	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
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	Caught Red Handed
7:30am	Get Away for Winter
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
3:15pm	Yes Chef
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	More Creatures Great and Small
5:20pm	Greece with Simon Reeve
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
11:30pm	Top Gear
12:15am	Nigel Slater's Middle East: Lebanon
2:20am	Royal Recipes
3:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	<i>Peter Powell and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 16 May 1985</i>
10:00pm	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
1:00am	<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
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	<i>Includes sport and weather.</i>
2:05pm	Come Dine with Me
3:10pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
4:00pm	Countdown
5:00pm	A Place in the Sun
6:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
7:00pm	Four in a Bed
8:00pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Simpsons
10:00pm	Hollyoaks
11:00pm	Channel 4 News
12:05am	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
1:05am	Married at First Sight
2:05am	The Job Interview
3:00am	Gogglebox
4:00am	24 Hours in Police Custody
5:00am	The Great British Skinny Dip

CHANNEL 5

8:50am	Shimmer and Shine
9:05am	Floogals
9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	My Family's Secret
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Secret Life of Puppies
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm	Panic at 30,000 Feet: Airline Emergency
11:00pm	Concorde
12:05am	Concorde
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!

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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
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Celebs Go Dating
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

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6:30am	Tennis Archive
6:45am	<i>A chance to relive some classic matches from the ATP World Tour.</i>
7:00am	Tennis Archive
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Cricket
9:30am	<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
8:30pm	<i>Arsenal take on Manchester City at the Emirates Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Live World Golf Championship
12:45am	<i>The opening day of the WGC-Mexico Championship in Mexico City.</i>

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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
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8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Pets
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
10:00pm	Serial Killer with Piers Morgan
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	100 Years Younger in 21 Days
12:45am	Lethal Weapon
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Pets
4:25am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

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?
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2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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	Survival of the Fittest
11:00pm	Celebrity
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:30am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Love Your Garden
12:30pm	Love Your Garden
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Unforgotten
12:00am	Unforgotten
1:05am	DCI Banks
2:05am	DCI Banks
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	<i>Drama series about a wheelchair-bound San Francisco detective.</i>
10:30am	Quincy, M.E.
11:35am	Minder
12:40pm	The Sweeney
1:50pm	The Avengers
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7:00am	Armageddon
9:40am	Cast Away
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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

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7:00am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male
8:55am	Flight Attendant
10:45am	Hard Target
12:45pm	The Unseen
2:50pm	The Mummy
4:40pm	Birth of the Dragon
5:10pm	Monster Family: Special
7:10pm	Hard Target
9:00pm	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male
11:00pm	Flight Attendant
12:50am	The Mummy
2:40am	Birth of the Dragon
3:00am	<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>
4:00am	Christine
5:00am	<i>Powerful true-life drama about Christine Chubbuck, a Florida-based local news reporter who, in 1974, committed suicide live on air.</i>

sky sports football

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Eredivisie
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Football's Greatest Games
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Games
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	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	La Liga Icons
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	La Liga Show
12:45am	EFL Matters

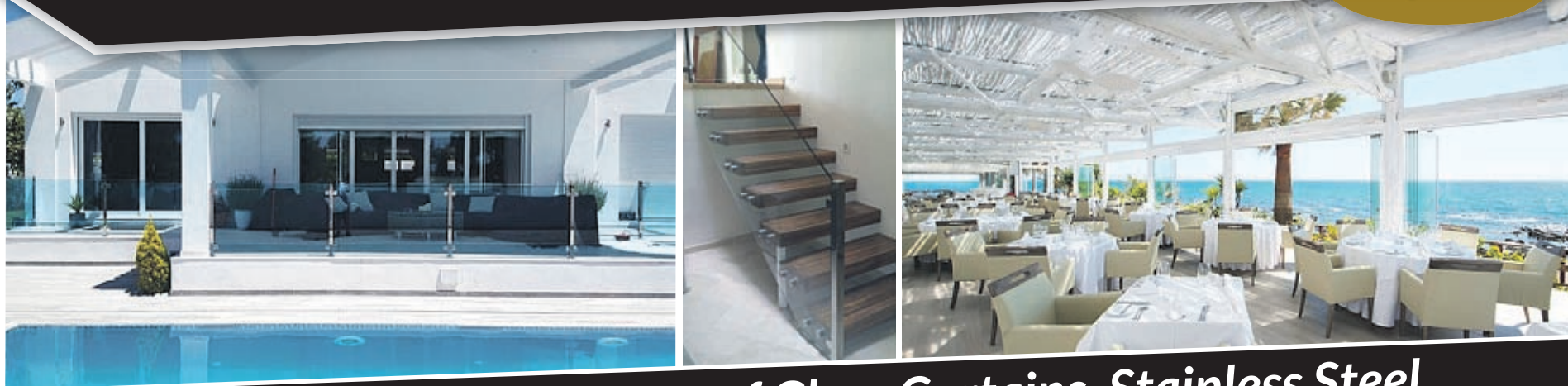


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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
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 at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Shakespeare and Hathaway
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Get Away for Winter
5:30pm	Antiques Road Trip
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	MasterChef
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Requiem
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Young Offenders
12:05am	Blades of Glory

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Caught Red Handed
7:30am	Get Away for Winter
8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
9:00am	Back in Time for Tea
10:00am	Athletics
2:45pm	Plan it, Build it
3:15pm	Yes Chef
4:00pm	A Place to Call Home
4:50pm	More Creatures Great and Small
5:20pm	Greece with Simon Reeve
6:20pm	Great British Railway Journeys
6:50pm	Athletics
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 <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985</i>
2:00am	Lionel Richie: Dancing on the Ceiling
3:00am	John Denver: Country Boy
4:00am	Tones, Drones and Arpeggios: The Magic of Minimalism
5:00am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

**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	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	Rude Tube
1:05am	30 Days of Night
3:10am	Born to Kill
4:05am	Damned
4:35am	The Question Jury

**CHANNEL 5**

9:05am	Floogals
9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Brace for Impact
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
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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10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
4:30pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Coach Trip
9:00am	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

**sky sports main event**

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	Football Centre
5:00pm	Football Centre
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Football <i>Middlesbrough meet Leeds United at the Riverside Stadium in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	My Icon 2017
12:30am	Born to be Wilder <i>Follow the remarkable journey of American heavyweight Deontay Wilder.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Cricket

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	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	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Piers Morgan's Life Stories
12:45am	Take Me Out
1:35am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Alphabetical

**itv2**

9:20am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
12:10pm	Dress to Impress
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:50pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Survival of the Fittest: The Final
11:30pm	Celebrity Juice
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Love Your Garden
12:25pm	Love Your Garden
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	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	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
12:00am	Secrets of Growing Old
1:05am	Captain Corelli's Mandolin

**itv4**

8:05am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironside
9:40am	Quincy, M.E. <i>Another case for the chief coroner of LA County.</i>
10:40am	Minder
11:50am	The Sweeney
1:00pm	Darts: UK Open Live <i>Peter Wright is the defending champion as the UK Open gets under way in Minehead</i>
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Darts: UK Open Live
12:00am	A Dangerous Man
1:05am	FYI Daily <i>Latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
1:10am	A Dangerous Man
1:55am	The Avengers
2:55am	Minder
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping
5:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

11:10am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:30am	Transformers
2:00pm	Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen
4:40pm	Air Force One
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 <i>Sky Movies takes a special look at the animated Disney adventure featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson and Jemaine Clement.</i>
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
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
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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IN THE DOGHOUSE: Oxfam workers reportedly paid prostitutes with rice in Haiti.

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



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*Breaking Views*

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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 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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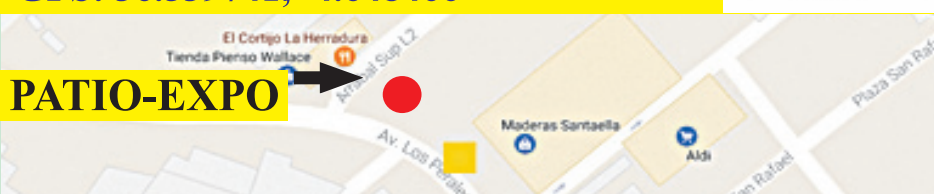
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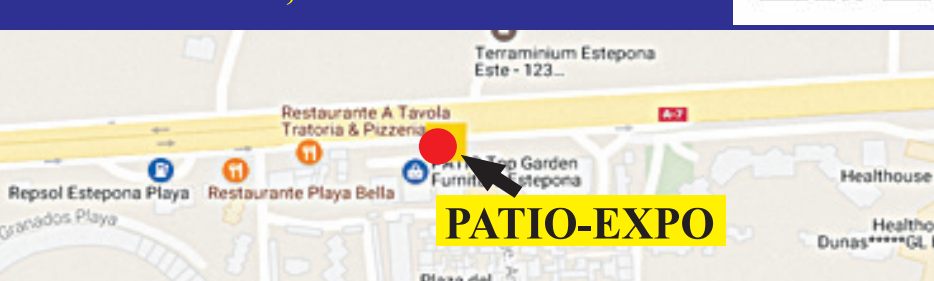
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BBC one

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 Supervet
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
11:00pm	The Championship. Live Championship Boxing
12:30am	Football on 5
1:00am	Goal Rush. 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 Pro14</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	Omnibus
9:40am	Coronation Street
12:35pm	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
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
12:05am	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

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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

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

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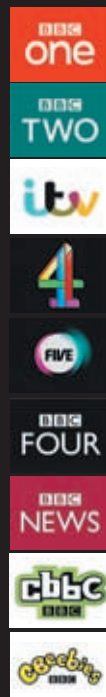


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BBC one

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
	Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.
8:30pm	University Challenge
	Cult student quiz show.
9:00pm	Killer Whales
10:00pm	Time Shift
11:00pm	From Ice to Fire: The Incredible Science of Temperature
12:00am	Conversations
	Sean Curran talks to former senior Liberal Democrat Baroness Shirley Williams about her life.
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
	Three-part series in which Helen Czerski explores the science of temperature.

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
	Live interactive gaming featuring roulette and autowheel.
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
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	Young Sheldon
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Captain America: The First Avenger

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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
	Brighton and Hove Albion take on Arsenal at the Amex Stadium in the Premier League.
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Live World Golf Championship
	Day four of the WGC-Mexico Championship from Club de Golf Chapultepec in Mexico City.
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
1:30pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
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

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7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:10am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:35am	You've Been Framed!
8:00am	Emmerdale
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!

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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
	Pilot episode of the sitcom which first introduced the lascivious landlord Rigsby.
4:30am	Rising Damp
4:55am	Road to Avonlea
5:45am	Road to Avonlea
	Drama series about a girl sent to live with her eccentric family.

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
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:25pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	Darts: UK Open Live
12:00am	The Keeper
1:05am	FYI Daily
	The latest news from the world of entertainment.
1:10am	The Keeper
1:55am	River Monsters
3:00am	Tommy Cooper
3:30am	ITV4 Nightscreen
	Text-based information service.
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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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
	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.
4:40pm	Monster Family: Special
5:10pm	Monster Family
7:00pm	The Mummy
9:00pm	Baby Driver
11:00pm	Norman
1:05am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male
2:50am	Flight Attendant
4:40am	Hard Target
	The Unseen

sky sports football

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
	Countdowns
5:00pm	Football
7:30pm	Scottish Cup
	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

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
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	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
	<i>Three-part documentary series going behind the scenes at the Port of Southampton.</i>
9:00pm	India: Nature's Wonderland
	<i>Travel programme revealing the wonder of India's natural world.</i>
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
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 Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Salt
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

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
	<i>Rey Mysterio and Alex Riley take on The Miz and Jack Swagger in June 2011.</i>
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
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
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
	<i>Action-packed police drama.</i>
12:55pm	The Avengers
2:00pm	Ironsides
3:05pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:10pm	Minder
5:15pm	The Sweeney
6:25pm	The Avengers
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
	<i>Chumlee shares his top tips for running a pawn business with eager security guard Antwan.</i>
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

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

9:05am	Monster Family: Special
9:35am	Monster Family
11:25am	The Levelling
1:05pm	Baby Driver
	<i>Super-stylish crime caper about a music-loving getaway driver coerced into one last heist</i>
3:05pm	Norman
5:10pm	Monster Family
7:00pm	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>
9:00pm	Baby Driver
11:00pm	The Levelling
12:30am	The Mummy
2:30am	The Unseen
4:20am	Christine

sky sports football

10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
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

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# '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**

# 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](mailto:sally.trotman@btinternet.com) to book in.

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BBCone

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
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	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Shetland
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	This Country
12:15am	The Gap Year
1:15am	Paedophile Week Ahead

BBC TWO

8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
9:00am	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Super League Show
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	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 Archaeologists
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 Tichmarsh
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
9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
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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 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

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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
4:30am	Flight Attendant
	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



# Do you know if the end is nigh?



Photo Credit: Milagros Iglesias

British Consul in Malaga Charmaine Arbouin.

## Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



ME neither, which is why we should all go quickly and grab our passports before it's too late!

This sounds melodramatic, overly so perhaps as I'm going to update you on how to obtain an emergency UK passport, but there again, not having a valid travel document when you need it can really be a drama.

Renewing our passports in good time is obviously the easiest and cheapest option. Our British Consul confirms that if you apply for a passport or a renewal out of summer period there is a quick turnaround. The official waiting time still says four weeks but some are back in two.

Obviously now would probably be a good time to take a look, before the annual, summer rush begins which always causes backlogs because most of us don't think of our passport unless we have planned a trip or a holiday, often realising we can't find it at the last minute or it being stolen whilst away.

All too common is the unexpected family bereavement or someone being taken ill that sends us in search of the passport; which is not found or is out of date which adds to the worry.

If you are a resident in Spain you can apply for a temporary passport, which will get you there and back. It may be as expensive

as a 10-year passport and only valid for one round trip but if you really need to go, you can.

More good news is that you no longer need to go anywhere to apply for the emergency document; everything can be done online from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). The Consulate can also offer a courier service to get your emergency passport to you so you don't have to pick it up either; another cost but for many a better option than having the added burden of going to Malaga.

If you have a health card always take it with you. Until the UK leaves the EU the EHIC - European Health Insurance Card - remains valid, so remind family and friends to get this when coming over.

When you take out a travel insurance please declare any illnesses. All too often traveller's insurance is declared null and void because they didn't declare a pre-existing condition, such as diabetes, heart condition, etc.

This increases the premium perhaps but if you have to use your insurance you'll want one that pays out and although the Consulate is there to help, you'll still need to pay your costs.

I have no plans to travel at the moment but I have started checking out Marbella Twin-Towns and who knows, I might get the opportunity to fly off say to Miami Beach to do a bit of recording and I wouldn't want to miss out because I hadn't checked my passport! Maybe we could even make it a group outing so I invite you to do likewise.

Full interview with British Consul Charmaine Arbouin on Mi Marbella 106.6 fm from our web [www.marbellanowtv.com](http://www.marbellanowtv.com).

## 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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**BBC one**

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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
11:40pm	Weather

**BBC TWO**

9:00am	See Hear
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
12:15am	Nature's Weirdest Events
1:00am	Women's Football

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City <i>Three-part documentary series going behind the scenes at the Port of Southampton.</i>
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
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	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?
1:30am	Pokerstars
2:25am	The East
4:20am	The Question Jury

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake! <i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
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

**4**

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
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
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	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
5:00am	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 Twice
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

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

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

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

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
11:00pm	The Debate - Live



# 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: Ponzicoin.



**BITCOIN:**  
Chock-full of goodness?

## 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.

## Nick Horne The Rich Pick

Freelance correspondent, London, England



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-

# London house price cut of 60%



**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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## 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**



**BENIDORM: Is a fun place to be.**

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 Tory!

*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*



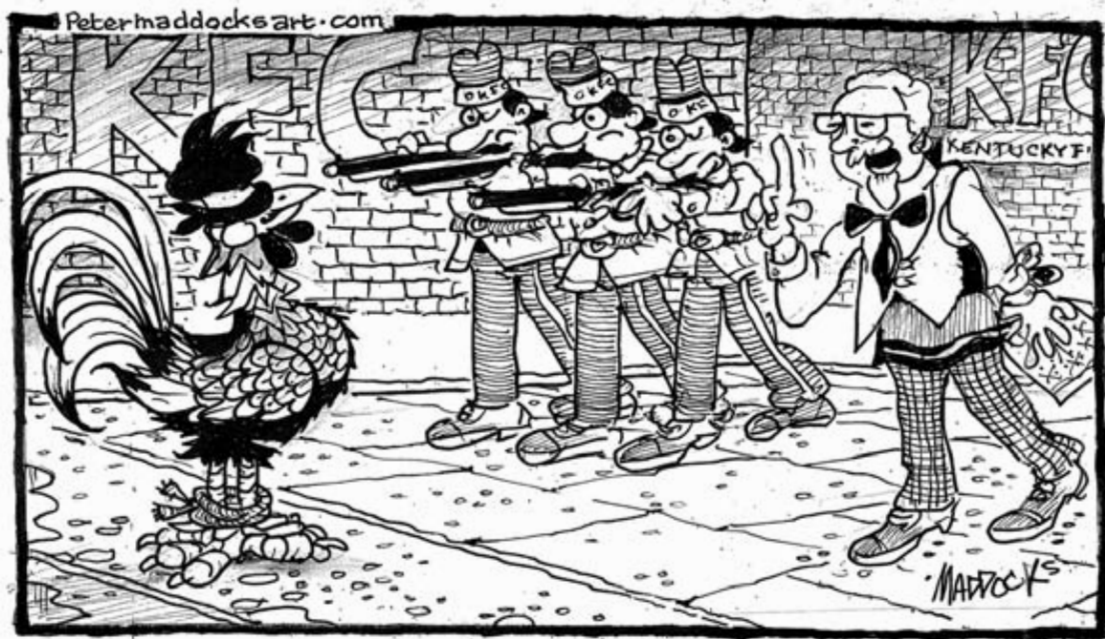
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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'FOR THE LAST TIME - WHERE DID YOU HIDE OUR CHICKENS?'

## YOUR STARS 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?

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* The longest tunnel in the world runs from Switzerland to Italy under the Alps. It is 57km long and took 17 years to build.  
\*\*\* There are at least 20 different ways to say 'Sorry' in Japanese.

\*\*\* The United States pays Cuba \$4,085 in rent for the Guantanamo Bay prison camp, but they refuse to cash the cheques.

\*\*\* A crack in the earth appeared in Ethiopia in 2005 and is expanding; leading scientists to claim a new ocean will form over it in around 10 million years.

\*\*\* Saudi Arabia imports sand and camels from Australia. The sand in Saudi Arabia is reportedly not fit to build on.

\*\*\* There is an ongoing lightning storm at Lake Maracaibo in Venezuela, with storms lasting around 10 hours a night for 140 to 160 nights a year.



**SOUNDSCAPE: Researchers found music and moods were closely related.**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The type of music you listen to can change the way you perceive the world, according to research. A study found people listening to happy music thought they saw happy faces that were not there.

## Women's wit

When we speak we are afraid our words will not be heard or welcomed. But when we are silent, we are still afraid. So it is better to speak."

Audre Lorde, writer



## Famous quote

If you want a happy ending that depends, of course, on where you stop your story."

Orson Welles, actor

## World of English

Cybersquatting - The act of registering well-known names as internet domains in order to sell them on.

## LOTTERY

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**



Saturday February 24

(2) (11)  
(35) (40)  
(48) (55)

**BONUS BALL**

(7)

**IRISH LOTTO**



Saturday February 24

(1) (10)  
(30) (31)  
(42) (47)

**BONUS BALL**

(25)

**EURO MILLIONS**



Tuesday February 20

(6) (14)  
(19) (25)  
(29)

**LUCKY STARS**

(5) (11)

EL MILLON: XPN91473

Friday February 23

(10) (17)  
(18) (28)  
(47)

**LUCKY STARS**

(3) (7)

**LA PRIMITIVA**



Thursday February 22

(4) (8)  
(11) (23)  
(34) (35)

**REINTEGRO**

(02) (2)

JOKER: 6 822 466

Saturday February 24

(4) (5)  
(12) (27)  
(43) (45)

**REINTEGRO**

(40) (7)

JOKER: 3 544 370

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**



Sunday February 25

(4) (17)  
(25) (33)  
(40)

**REINTEGRO**

(5)



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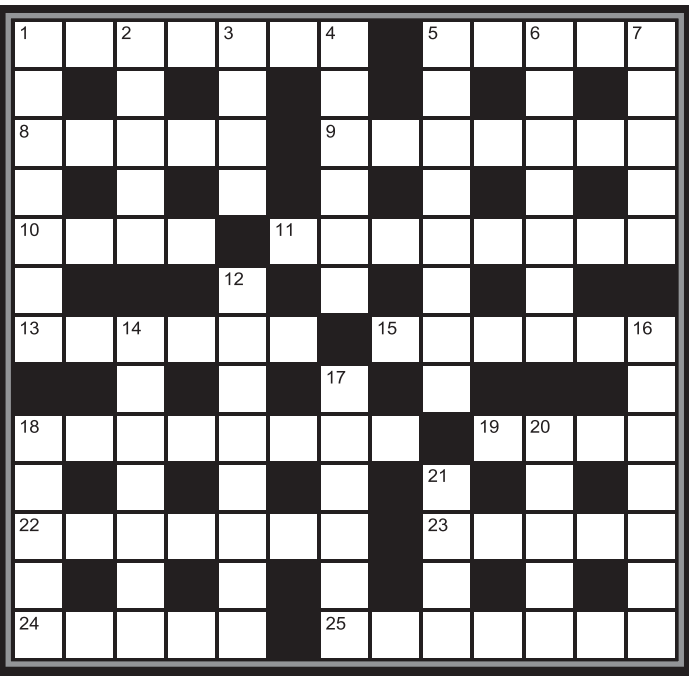
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Cryptic

- 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)

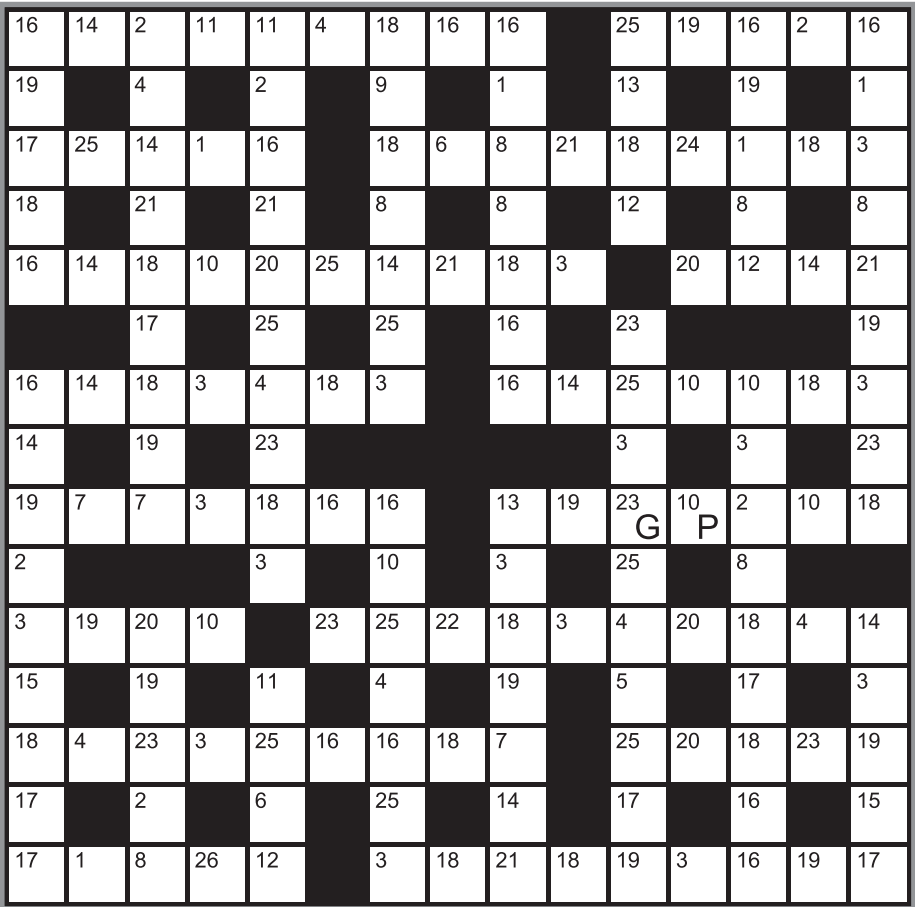


- Down**
- 1 Doctor East, half American, is a wishful thinker (7)
  - 2 A way to ventilate a rising flight (5)
  - 3 Consumes ingredients from meat safe (4)
  - 4 Knight's tunic is the result of bad art (6)
  - 5 Meddled with chopped up damp

- 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

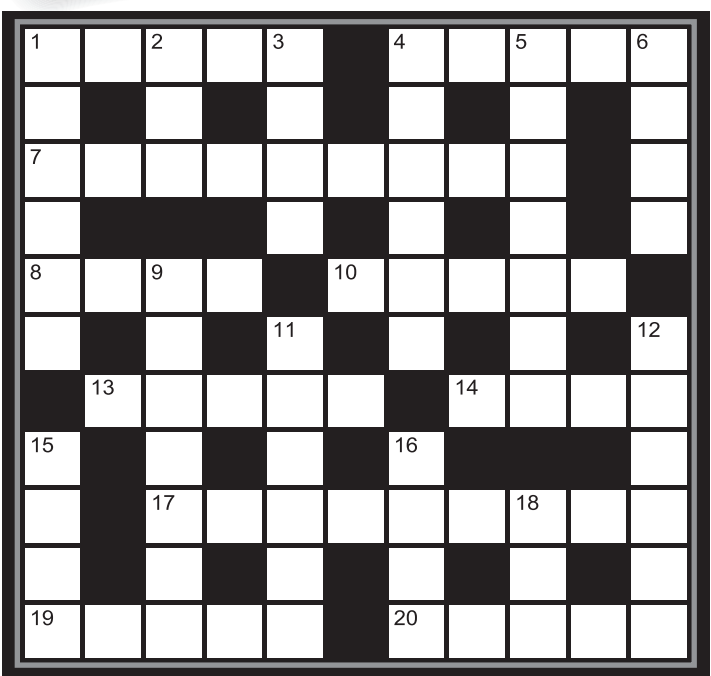
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 10 represents P and 23 represents G, so fill in P every time the figure 10 appears and G every time the figure 23 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

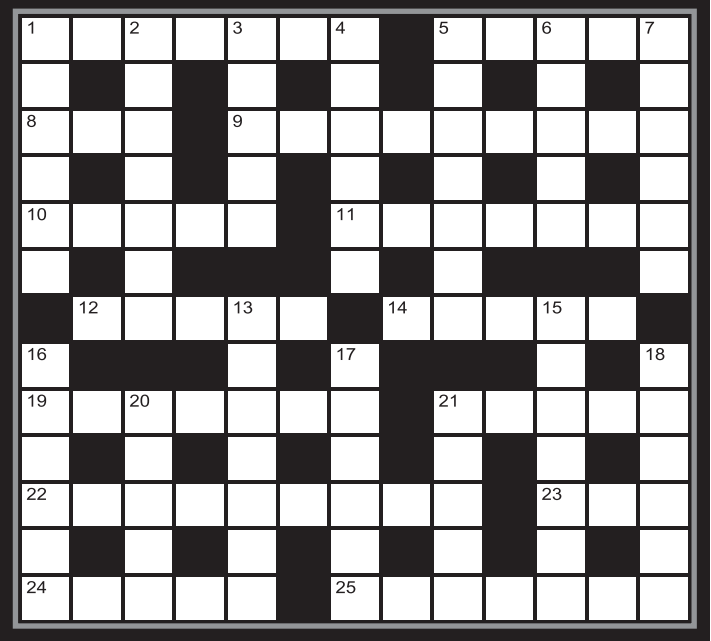


- Across**
- 1 Card game (5)
  - 4 Bad-tempered (5)
  - 7 Spaceman (9)
  - 8 Ill (4)
  - 10 Commence (5)
  - 13 Old-fashioned (5)
  - 14 Interlocking plastic building blocks (4)
  - 17 Schedule (9)
  - 19 White heron (5)
  - 20 Irreligious individual (5)

- 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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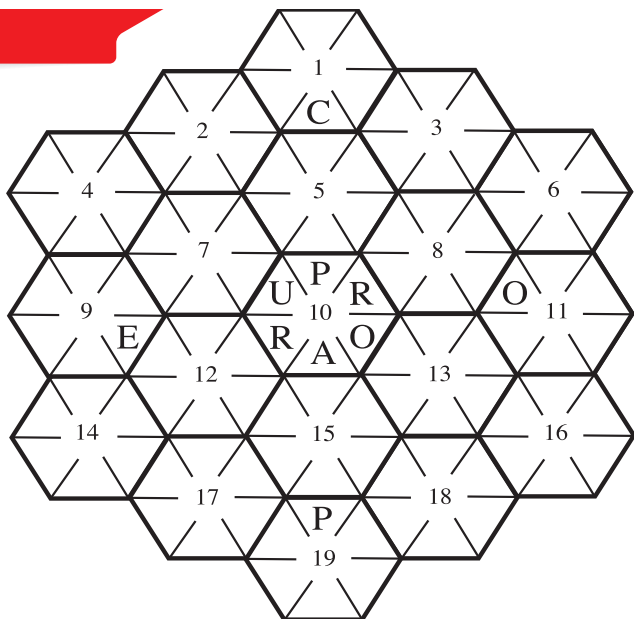
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## Hexagram

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BICEPS  
COERCE  
DUGOUT  
OBLONG  
PETREL  
PLEASE  
PONCHO  
ROSTER  
SORREL  
SORROW  
TANDEM  
TEETER  
TELLER  
TINSEL  
UPROAR (10)  
WHEEZE  
ZOUNDS



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**UPROAR**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

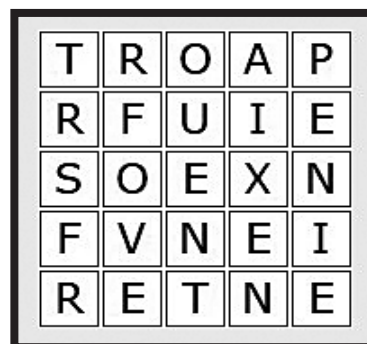
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1 Stodgy 2 Sludge 3 Faulty 4 Scenic  
5 Golden 6 Opaque 7 Census 8 Duplex  
9 Vestal 10 Sextet 11 Closer 12 Utmost  
13 Curate 14 Fiasco 15 Meadow  
16 Detour 17 Cowboy 18 Droopy  
19 Carboy.

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 22
- Very good: 44
- Good: 30
- Excellent: 57

### SCORING:

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

dead dean dear dado exam earl  
earlier nature damn dart dope dopier  
dram drat axed maxed made mart  
marl matt mature maturer hard harm  
hart harp harrier hope taxed tarp  
tarrier trade traded tram true truer  
trip tripod tripe triple trier turtle  
equip phat pram pique pile pier lire  
lieu ripe rile quip quilt quirk quire

## 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:

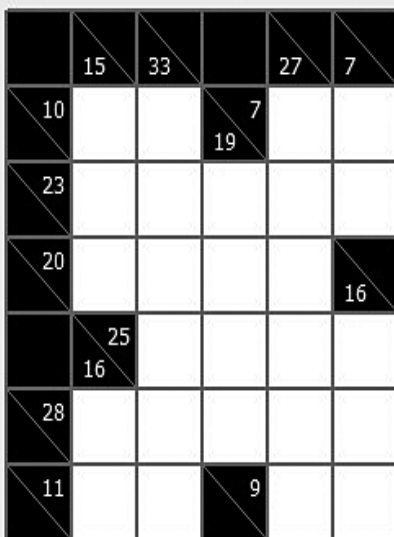
- Average: 11
- Good: 15
- Very good: 22
- Excellent: 28

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

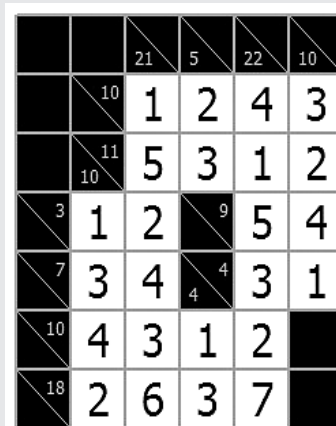
arvo aver ever over pave rave rive rove veep veer vert  
veto vote avert evert ovate overt paver pivot prove  
reave revet rivet trove vapor viper vireo vitae  
voter privet vetoer overate overeat private EVAPORITE  
OPERATIVE

## Kakuro

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



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

#### Across:

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

### CRYPTIC

#### Across:

1 Arrest, 4 Causes, 9 Airdrie, 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.

### 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 Sastres, 12 Barbero,  
13 Chinese, 15 Alacrán, 16 Towels,  
18 Ahora, 20 Crime, 21 Signs.

## App of the week



### Thunderly

An app for storm lovers everywhere which allows users to track weather events in real time on an animated globe. It includes a day and night cycle and lighting history.

## QUIZ: MIND THE GAP

All the answers contain the names of London Underground stations

- 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?
- 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?
- From which London prison did two Provisional IRA members Pearse McAuley and his cellmate Nesson Quinlivan escape on July 7, 1991?
- Melanie Blatt, Shaznay Lewis and Simone Rainford were the original members of which girl group formed in London in 1993?
- What is the name of the friendly, marmalade loving bear from deepest, darkest Peru

created by Michael Bond?

- What was the title of Gerry Rafferty's first British hit single, which reached number three in the UK charts in 1978?
  - Which famous British vehicle manufacturer has produced models called: Astra, Belmont, Chevette, Vectra and Zafira?
  - Which Grade I listed building is the official residence of the Lord Mayor of London?
  - Which song was the winning entry for Sweden in the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest?
  - 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:

- BLACK FRIARS
- MARYLEBONE Cricket Club
- BRYXTON
- ALL SAINTS
- PADDINGTON
- BAKER STREET
- VAUXHALL
- MANSON HOUSE
- WATERLOO (Abba)
- BANK



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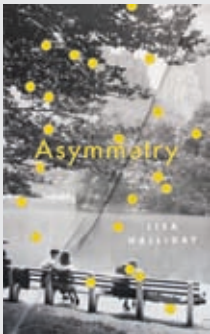
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TIME OUT

BOOKS



Out of balance

ALICE, a young American editor, begins a relationship with the much older writer Ezra Blazer. Years later the economist Amar is detained in Heathrow Airport while travelling to Kurdistan to see his brother. Alice's story takes place in the early days of the Iraq war and is a coming of age tale that revolves around an unexpected romance in New York. Amar tells his account of a weekend spent in an airport holding room in 2008. These two characters are worlds apart, but both their stories intertwine through deep human drama. Told in three sections: Folly, Madness and Ezra Blazer's Desert Island Discs, Lisa Halliday's *Asymmetry* explores the imbalances of contemporary life.

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Costa del Sol

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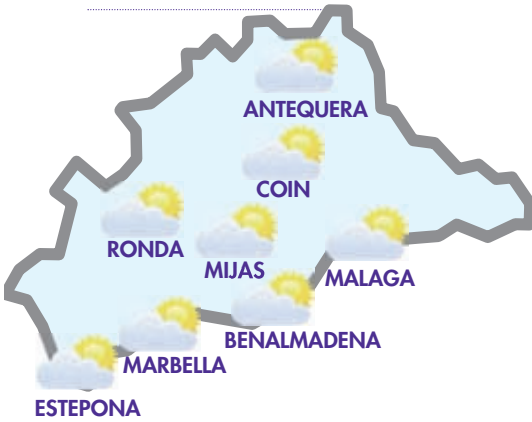
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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



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

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Ron Howard, Director; March 1, 64**  
The Oscar-winning filmmaker behind *A Beautiful Mind* and *Apollo 13* was originally known for playing Opie on *The Andy Griffith Show* and Richie Cunningham in *Happy Days*.  
• **Chris Martin, Singer; March 2, 41**  
Coldplay's front man was born in Whitestone, England and played his first gig with *The Rocking Honkies* which are rumoured to have been booed by the crowd. He has since found success with



Jessica Biel

albums *X&Y*, *A Rush of Blood to the Head* and *Viva la Vida* with his current group.  
• **Jessica Biel, Actor; March 3, 36**  
The star of *The Illusionist* began modelling in adverts from the age of 12. She played Erin in the 2003 film *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*.  
• **Kenny Dalglish, Footballer; March 4, 67**  
Dalglish scored 230 goals during his 21-year long career, playing for Celtic FC and Liverpool as well as the Scottish national team. He went on to manage Liverpool and

has won two FA cups while at the team, once as a player and the other as his coach.  
• **Moir Kelly, Actor; March 6, 50**  
The voice of Nala in Disney's 1994 film *The Lion King* has also played Kate Moseley in *The Cutting Edge* and Karen Roe in *One Tree Hill*.  
• **Rachel Weisz, Actor; March 7, 48**  
The Westminster-born film star founded the Talking Tongues theatre company while a student at Cambridge University before her movie career. She has had roles in *The Mummy*, *The Constant Gardener*, *The Bourne Legacy* and *Constantine*.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT



Snow is expected to fall today (Thursday) through to next week as well as rain, with temperatures rising to highs of seven degrees. If you are travelling to Sierra Nevada this week, expect some slopes to be closed due to the weather.

DVD

A powerful comedy



THE USSR's ruthless ruler Josef Stalin (Adrian Mcloughlin) has just been found dead. Soviet officials quickly arrive to decide the future of the country and rival factions soon emerge. On one side is secret police head Lavrentiy Beria (Simon Russell Beale) and leading Communist Party figure Georgy Malenkov (Jeffrey Tambor). On the other is Nikita Khrushchev (Steve Buscemi) and labour minister Lazar Kaganovich (Dermot Crowley). *The Death of Stalin* takes a humorous look at the ensuing power struggle.

FEET  
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HERD  
HARD  
HARE  
Solution

Sudoku

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

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

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

Word Ladder

HARE

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

FEET



### Advertising Feature

THERE is a very interesting family business perched on the sea front in La Cala de Mijas which has hundreds of regular customers and is dedicated to helping to save lives.

Fourteen years ago, husband and wife John and Lorraine Palmer took over an almost empty hotel with a small restaurant and transformed it into the El Oceano Beach Hotel and Spa which is so popular today.

It's a real family affair with daughter Jordana in charge of interior design whilst son-in-law Glenn is front of house.

Over the years, the family have ploughed a great deal of money into making this one of the most attractive boutique hotels on the coast (although in fairness it's a good size with 58 bedrooms, but it warrants the name as the guest facilities are personal and of the highest individual standard).

The hotel closes every year from mid-January until Easter to give all of the hard working staff and the family a much-needed break and it is during this time that any new developments, repairs or upgrades take place.

It will soon be opening its doors again and welcoming guests back to enjoy the surroundings, the superb restaurant, the entertainment and the personal service which the well-established staff are able to give.

There is a restaurant with panoramic views of the Mediterranean that can accommodate 200 covers and the hotel is so popular with wedding parties that the owners have decreed that they will only accept one wedding a week in order to ensure that holiday guests are not disturbed.

When you eat at El Oceano you know that you are going to enjoy some superb cuisine but first, it is common practice to visit the bar with its professional mixologists serving hand shaken classic martinis and contemporary cocktails and after a few drinks, why drive home?

Often the restaurant offers guests the chance to enjoy music from some of the best performers on the Costa del Sol at no additional cost.

The hotel has a number of bright public rooms, bars inside and out, two swimming pools, access to the beach and of course the first class restaurant for which they employ three head chefs to ensure that every service is presented immaculately and without calling upon 'juniors' to look after service when the chef takes a break.

El Oceano Beach Hotel is located midway between Fuengirola and Marbella, only a stone's-throw from



Living in the lap of luxury at El Oceano Beach Hotel.



One of the luxurious suites.



The Bar and Lounge.

# El Oceano Beach Hotel reopens at the end of March



Lorraine Palmer (right) and daughter Jordana Must.



A view from the restaurant.

the playground of the rich and famous in Puerto Banus! This jewel of a hotel gives the feeling of staying in your very own seafront residence, a truly unique and wonderful place.

For the ladies, there is a superb beauty centre, where their beauty therapists, hairdressers and nail technicians are qualified to provide a wonderful menu of luxurious treatments. They also boast an indoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, swim-spa and steam room... sheer heaven! Why not pop in and take a look, but be prepared to be impressed?

One other strength of El Oceano Beach Hotel which should not be forgotten is that it is the perfect place for

that special day as a more stunning location is hard to imagine. From lavish, sun-soaked weddings on the 'famous' Water Front Terrace to intimate blessings in the hotel's beautiful gardens, enjoy an elegant wedding reception with fabulous cuisine from our world class kitchen, in mesmerising and relaxed surroundings... all by the water's edge.

Some suites have external hot tubs overlooking the Mediterranean and the Elemis Spa and Hairdressers attracts guests as well as external visitors.

The Spa building also contains a small number of self-contained apart-

ments for guests who like to make their own breakfast and snacks.

El Oceano attracts and keeps guests due to the exceptional surrounding coupled with attention to detail and excellent service (and for drivers there is an easy to access car park).

Having achieved so much with the hotel, Lorraine in particular wanted to give something back to the community in which she is so involved and she remembered the worry that she had when she had to be checked for Breast Cancer.

Although it didn't take too long for the results to show that she was clear, she vowed that she would do all that

she could to make life easier for women on the Costa del Sol.

Now, with a small group of unpaid volunteers, she founded and runs the Positively Pink Charity and over the years thousands of women have been checked and whenever the news is bad, there is always someone from the charity on hand to give advice or simply listen.

Money is always difficult to come by but through the annual Positively Pink Ball and other events the charity has raised tens of thousands of euros and now she is also behind Positively Blue which undertakes similar work in checking men for Prostate Cancer.

To find out more about the hotel visit [www.oceanohotel.com](http://www.oceanohotel.com)



## Advertising Feature

# The eyes have it

THEY say that the eyes are the mirror of the soul, but in order to look and feel fit and healthy, they need to be looked after.

During a routine eye examination, your eye care specialist will not only check your vision and that you are using the correct spectacles, but will also check for other health issues such as hypertension and diabetes.

Sometimes changes in vision are gradual and not noticed so it is especially important that your eyes are tested regularly especially if you drive. As people get older, they may develop cataracts or other age-related visual problems.

Your spectacles may need changing more frequently to maintain good vision. Even those who have been operated for cataract and subsequently have not needed distance glasses should be checked yearly in case of any changes.

Changing your spectacle frames

can change your style. Maybe a colour or a rimless frame or even contact lenses? Why not book an appointment at Optica Machin in Estepona where Joanne and Jane will be happy to advise you on your options for a new look in time for Easter?

Choosing the right product for your visual needs and lifestyle can be confusing and this is where the English opticians at Optica Machin can help. Whether its spectacles or contact lenses, sunglasses or clear lenses, they can help you make an informed choice.

Optica Machin English Optician has been established in Estepona since 2000 and they pride themselves on taking the time to help you choose the right product for your visual needs. Jane works alongside her sister-in-law and together they form a great team, one on the clinical side and the other managing the practice.

As an independent practice, the

ladies at Optica Machin have the time and patience to treat their clients as individuals.

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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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# 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



**HAPPY TUMMY: A healthy balance of bacteria in your gut will benefit your immune system.**

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 high in probiotic bacteria which can stop harmful bacteria from getting attached to the lin-

ing 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.

## 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 soreness so try 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.

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## Flamenco from the Land of the Rising Sun

TOMORROW (Friday) sees a very unusual performance in Estepona when Japanese flamenco singer Masanobu Takimoto, better known as El Cartero de Osaka appears at the Padre Manuel Auditorium.

A regular face on the Spanish scene, he will be appearing at the Jerez Festival but he is making this special one-off appearance in Estepona alongside his regular guitarist Paco Javier Jimeno with whom he recently toured Japan.

Another Japanese flamenco star, the female singer Soko Kanetaka is also part of this special bill which is completed by the flamenco dance crew of the Inmaculada Luna Recha School in Sevilla and the flamenco singer, Ana Fargas.

Tickets cost €20 of which €4 is being donated to Cudeca and may be reserved by calling 609 543 950 / 660 379 749.

## When Ska meets Mariachi



**SONIDO INTERNACIONAL: Laid back but ready to entertain.**

NOW living in Malaga, Argentinian composer Manu Sonido formed his latest project Sonido Internacional several years ago.

Having recorded a number of albums with his previous band, the third under the name of Sonido Internacional 'Love will Win' was released last January and contains eight tracks which incorporate a range of influences from Mexico including Corridos and Mariachi all linked

with Ska music to make a very unusual and appealing sound.

To add to the appeal, one of the tracks on this new album includes a vocal appearance from another popular Malaga artist, La Mari of Chambao as well as Jorge Pardo.

In order to promote the new album, the artist has put together a group consisting of Ariel Romero on bass and Jato Gomez on drums, with

saxophone and backing vocals from Antonio Beltrán (El Curita), an old acquaintance of Manu from the mestizo Malaga scene.

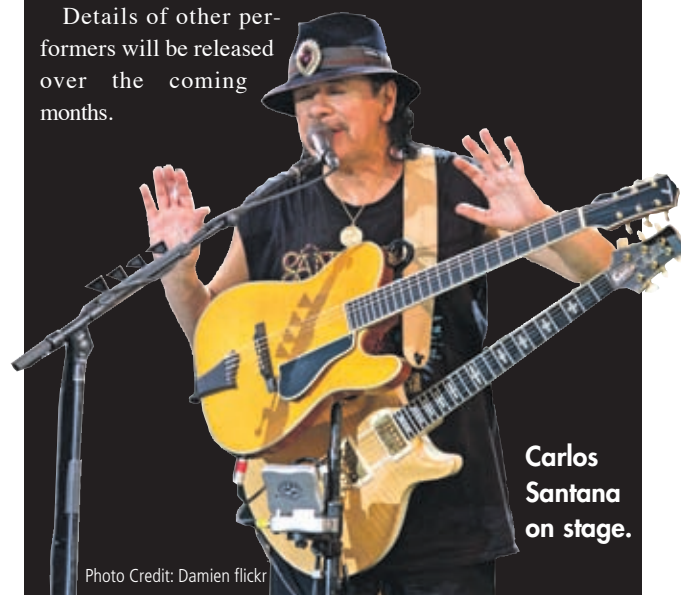
Kicking off a short tour of Spain which takes in Cordoba, Granada and Madrid, Sonido Internacional will be appearing at the Garage Cabaret in his adopted hometown of Malaga, tomorrow (Friday) starting at 10pm with tickets available on [www.lacocheracabaret.com](http://www.lacocheracabaret.com).

## Oye Como Va

EVERY year sees at least one major band or artist appear in Fuengirola as part of the Fuengirola Festival and El Marenostrium.

Recent years have seen the Beach Boys, Jamie Cullen, Simply Red and Sting join a number of popular Spanish bands but this year, the first international superstar announced is Carlos Santana who will appear with his band on August 9 and tickets go on sale next Tuesday. Many performers appear at the Castle Sohail but this has a relatively small capacity so there will a special stage constructed once again below the castle and overlooking the Mediterranean.

Details of other performers will be released over the coming months.



**Carlos Santana on stage.**

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Appearing in Stars of the West End are three principal performers,

Mike Sterling who made more than a thousand performances in The Phantom of the Opera including a cast recording and also appeared in Les Misérables as well as numerous other musicals on the West End and on tour.

Lucy Van Gasse is best known for her performances in Wicked and The Sound of Music.



**MUSICAL THEATRE: Lucy Van Gasse and Mike Sterling on a previous tour.**

Kate Galston has appeared in Chicago as well as Mamma Mia! The three artists will be featuring songs from the shows they have appeared in, as well many other well-

known numbers from other top musicals.

The Costa del Sol performances see the artists performing at the following venues;

Wednesday March 14 - Felipe VI Auditorium, Estepona

Friday March 16 - Moonlight Bar, Sunset Beach Club, Benalmadena

Saturday March 17 - Sunborn Yacht, Gibraltar

Sunday - March 18, Avanto Restaurant, Mijas Costa

Monday March 19 - La Sala Banus

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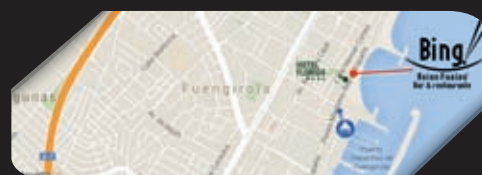
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As far as the public are concerned, Sat-

urday sees two performances as the María García Quartet appears at 2pm in the Plaza de Santa Ana and at 7.30 pm, Francisco Blanco 'Latino' will perform at the Vicente Aleixandre Cultural Centre.

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Demand for tickets at ballet performances is always great and with Gibraltar just across the border it is likely that this performance on May 3 could sell out quite quickly.

The work, based on a German legend, moves between love and magic, linking the eternal struggle of good against evil as it tells the story of Prince Siegfried and love for Odette, a young woman turned into a swan by an



Photo Credit: Moscow Ballet

**MOSCOW BALLET: Swan Lake on stage.**

evil spell and Odile, the black swan and daughter of a wizard.

Swan Lake is undoubtedly the most popular ballet of all and with lead dancers from the Moscow Ballet showing the eventual victory of love, the evening promises to bring a feeling of

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- American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or [www.acestepona.org](http://www.acestepona.org).
- Walking Football: every week from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit [www.walkingfootballspain.com](http://www.walkingfootballspain.com) for details.
- 1st Fuengirola scout group meets at St Anthony's College Fuengirola on Thursday 5pm to 7pm for all young people between six and 18 years. Contact Robert Troost: 610 755 995 or [Robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk](mailto:Robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk).

## Friday March 2

- Age Concern meet every

## DO NOT MISS....

### Evaristo Guerra exhibition opening, Marbella, March 1

AN exhibition by the artist Evaristo Guerra is set to open at the Museum of Contemporary Spanish Engraving in Marbella today (Thursday).

The exhibition entitled 'Evaristo Guerra: tributes, engravings, silkscreens, oil paintings and gouaches' will depict the artist's vision of the natural landscapes which inspire his work.

Throughout his long career,

Evaristo Guerra has received numerous awards and acknowledgments for his work, and there is even a painting competition named in his honour in Arenas.

In 1995 Guerra began to decorate the interior of the Ermita de la Virgen de los Remedios Church in his native Velez-Málaga - a project he devoted every summer to until 2007 when he finally completed the 1,150-square-metre painting.



Photo credit: Twitter

PICTURESQUE: Evaristo Guerra in front of his artwork.

The exhibition opening will start at 7.30pm today, with the artist himself expected to attend. The display can be visited until May 5, Tuesday to Saturday from 8am to 8pm.

Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conriza in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship, and we look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

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■ Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcántara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcántara.

■ Royal British Legion: Benjarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

■ American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or [www.acestepona.org](http://www.acestepona.org).

■ University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm

at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit [www.u3afuengirolacostadel-sol.com](http://www.u3afuengirolacostadel-sol.com).

## Saturday March 3

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce - Las Chapas.

■ Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucía.

■ Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.

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## Sunday March 4

■ Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

■ University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Marítimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit [www.u3afuengirolacostadel-sol.com](http://www.u3afuengirolacostadel-sol.com).

■ Sunday market La Trocha Coin. Every week. Over 200 stalls. All welcome. For more

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## Monday March 5

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■ 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Brea 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.

## Tuesday March 6

■ Royal Air Forces Association Costa del Sol Branch Coffee Morning social at Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurín el Grande on every first Tuesday in the month starting at 12pm. Everyone is welcome, members or otherwise. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the Association to help with welfare work. For more information: [www.rafacostadelsol.co.uk](http://www.rafacostadelsol.co.uk).

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■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.

■ Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anita on 634 157 042.

■ Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.

■ Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or [frd@mijas.es](mailto:frd@mijas.es).

■ The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Marítimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.

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■ The Good Vibrations Singing Sessions runs Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at Huber Plataforma De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €100 prepaid concession, €15 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.

## Wednesday March 7

■ The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.

■ Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. Contact 635 407 255.

■ Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.

■ Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or [frd@mijas.es](mailto:frd@mijas.es).

■ Málaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.

■ Parent and baby coffee mornings: every week 11am-1pm at Mundo Mania, Canelada. Entry €5 includes coffee and two hours of play in the baby and toddler play frame.

■ TIMS (The International Music Society) Choir: rehearsals every week from 7-9.30pm in St Andrews Church, Los Boliches. A very friendly group of different nationalities. For more information contact 654 891 790.

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# 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 its ready 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.



**FURNITURE:** Keep it simple, sleek and stylish.

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.

Don't forget to add cute accessories made from old knick knacks such as a cute bird feeder made from a vintage teacup.



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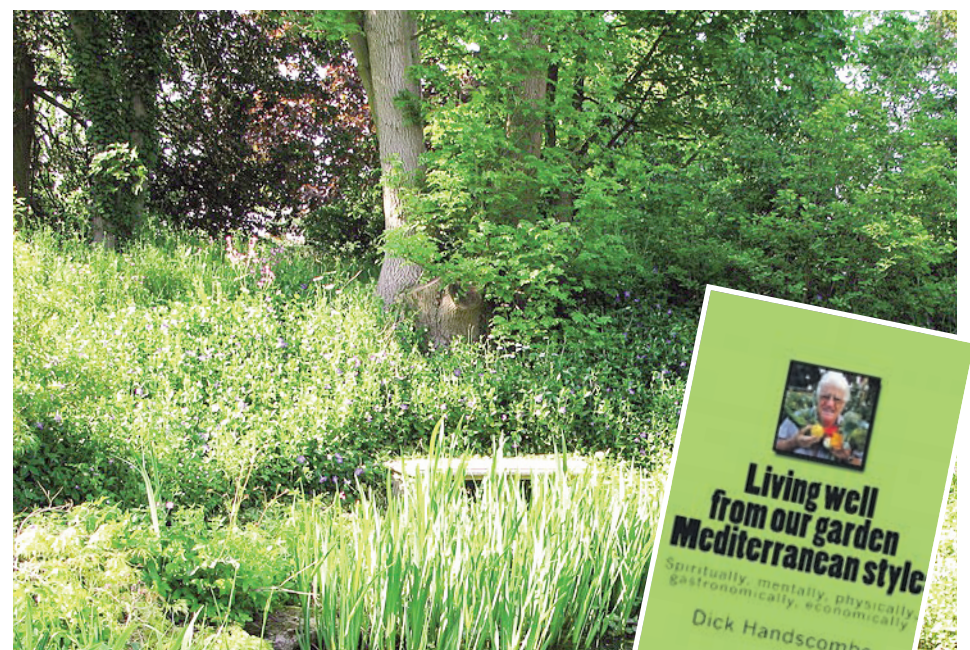
LIVING in Spain, relaxing, strolling, drinking and eating in natural surroundings is an easy thing to do on as many days as possible, whatever the time of year.

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



**AWASH WITH LIFE: A natural garden and (inset) Dick's latest must-read book.**

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 jasmine, 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 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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# Link to animal abuse

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"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 anguish 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 in-

stance, the mother or father abuses 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 in-

tervene 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.

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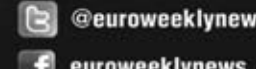
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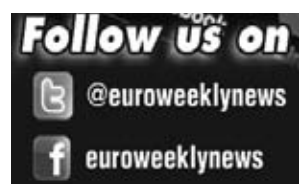
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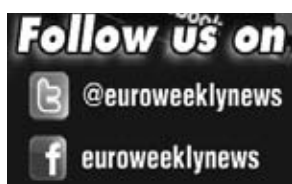
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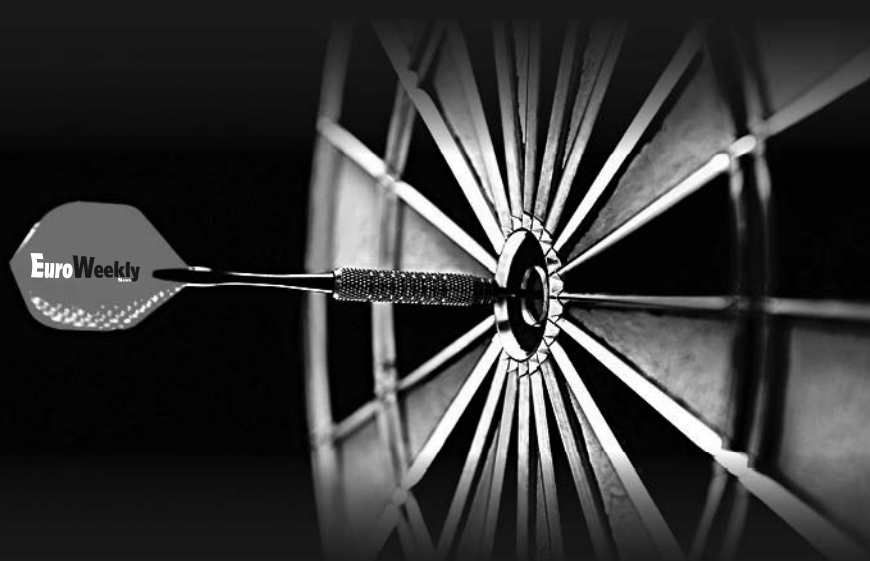
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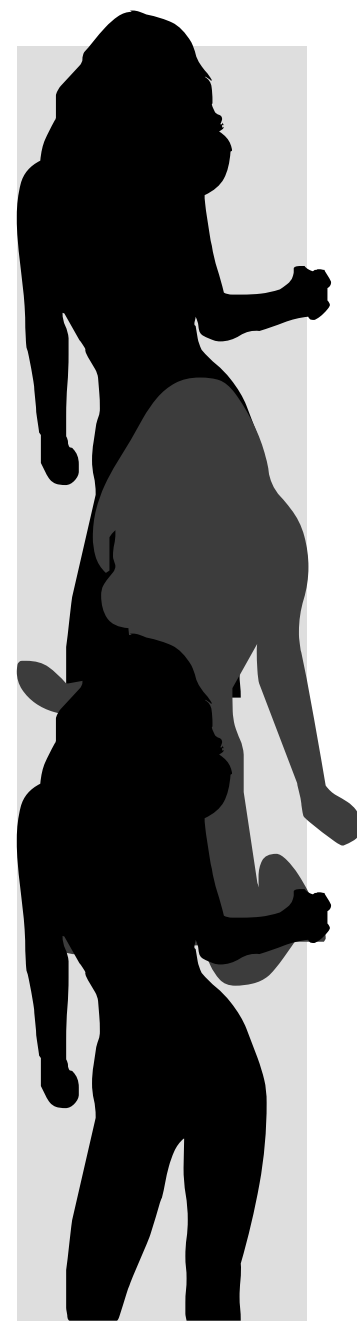
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# SEAT launches Cupra as independent brand

SPANISH car giants SEAT have officially launched CUPRA as its own independent brand.

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

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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 opportunity 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, determination and courage.

As part of the announcement, the brand's first model, the CUPRA Ateca was also revealed.

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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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La Liga Preview

# Barca seek to extend record unbeaten run

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 factio 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, winning 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 Cris-

tiano Ronaldo, and will look to continue to boost their confidence ahead of their Champions League second-leg with Paris Saint German on Tuesday.

Full fixture list

Today (Thursday)

Real Betis vs Real Sociedad

Las Palmas vs Barcelona

Alaves vs Levante

Saturday

Villarreal vs Girona

Sevilla vs Athletic Bilbao

Deportivo La Coruña vs Eibar

Leganes vs Malaga

Real Madrid vs Getafe

Sunday

Levante vs Espanyol

Barcelona vs Atletico Madrid

Real Sociedad vs Alaves

Valencia vs Real Betis

Monday, March 5

Celta Vigo vs Las Palmas

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 Aguerro, 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 Manchester 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.

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 H A vs Arsenal

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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. Europa L. 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

# Full speed ahead!

FORMULA ONE teams have begun their 2018 pre-season testing in Barcelona.

The first test of the week-long pre-season testing officially got underway on Monday; with drama unfolding from the get go.

McLaren got off to the worst possible start as Fernando Alonso lost a wheel after six laps on the first day.

The two-time champion lost control at the final corner of Spain's Circuit de Catalunya and his right wheel came loose of the car.

At the time, McLaren Executive Director, Zak Brown said: "There is no drama. It is quite an easy fix."

"It is what testing is for. All the teams will have a variety of issues. We will lose very little time. No big deal at all."

Alonso had been on course to set the fastest time of the day so far when he crashed out and was back out before the end of the day, setting the fifth fastest time; before they lapped quicker than they managed in the whole of testing last year on day two.

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo set the pace on day one and was the only driver to complete 100 laps, finishing ahead of Valtteri Bottas' Mercedes and Kimi Raikkonen for Ferrari.

Testing continues for the rest of the week and after this week's session, another test will take place in Barcelona between March 6 and 9, before the season officially gets underway in Australia on March 25.

CUP WINNERS:  
City comfortably beat Arsenal 3-0 in the Carabao Cup final on Sunday.







Credit: Twitter

**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.

## Kane we sign him?

### Madrid legend wants Harry at Bernabeu

REAL MADRID legend Raul has admitted he would like to see Harry Kane at Real Madrid in the future, calling him 'one of the best strikers in the world.'

Raul, who scored 323 goals for Madrid in 741 appearances, was full of praise for Kane who has once again been the standout performer of Tottenham this season.

Following his 56 goals in 52 games for club and country in 2017, the 24-year-old has continued to impress with another prolific season for Spurs, notching 35 goals in all competitions already, matching his entire total for the last campaign.

And when asked if he would like to see Kane at the Bernabeu in the future, the former Madrid striker, who was speaking at the 2018 World Sports Awards, told the media: "Why not? Of course, I imagine a lot of teams would like to bring him to their team."

The England striker has continued to be linked with Real Madrid in the past few months, not a surprise for Raul who also said the England man has "great qualities."

"Harry Kane is a typical striker," he said.

"He scores in every single game. I think he has great qualities. I like him a lot.

"I don't know if he wants to change or if he has the opportunity to change, but I think he is doing well. He is one of the best strikers in the world."



**MADRID BOUND?:** Kane continues to be linked with a move to the Bernabeu.

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The instructions were clear, Banus wanted a true championship course of classic design, long with wide fairways and large greens, suitable for international championships but enjoyable for all levels of players, and Mr Jones delivered exactly that.

It has an easy access and is less than 45 minutes from Malaga and Gibraltar airport. The design is typical Trent Jones Sr with open fairways and strategically placed obstacles, his aim was to build a course where the player had to think instead of just teeing high and letting the ball fly.

It has generous fairways, strategically



**LOS NARANJOS:** A great view of the course from the 19th hole.

placed bunkers and water hazards. The greens, with Penn A4-grass, are spacious and slightly undulated. The tees are long and have four markers: red, yellow, white and black with course lengths starting from 5.131 metres and reaching 6.532 metres at its' longest.

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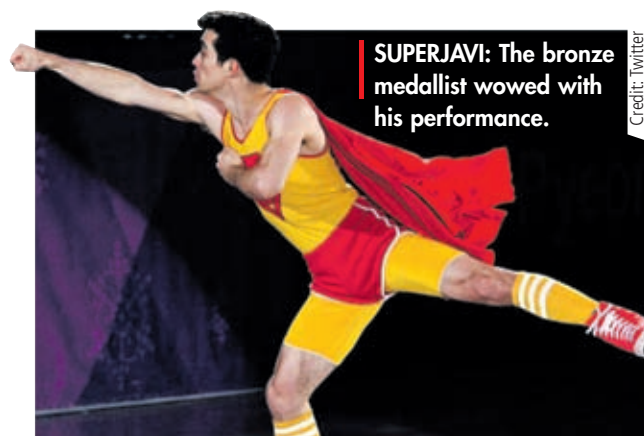
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**SUPERJAVI:** The bronze medallist wowed with his performance.

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 are 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

by Ben Park

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 said 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 fi-



Credit: Twitter

**HUMAN:** Pep has said he will 'always' wear the ribbon.

nal win, the Spaniard spoke at 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 democracy; 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 consequences.

"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, to formally respond to the charge.

# Ex-Spain striker Quini dies aged 68

FORMER Barcelona and Sporting Gijon striker Enrique 'Quini' Castro has passed away after reportedly suffering a heart attack aged 68.

Widely regarded as one of the greatest Spanish strikers of all-time, Quini scored 231 league goals in 443 games for Gijon while also notching 54 goals in 100 games for Barcelona.

He was also awarded the Pichichi trophy five times, given to the league's top scorer, and represented his country at both the 1978 and 1982 World Cups.

The Spaniard was famously kidnapped at gunpoint after scoring twice in Barcelona's 6-0 victory over Hercules in 1981, being held for 25 days before being released unharmed, and miraculously went on to finish as La Liga's top scorer that season.



Credit: FC Barcelona

Tributes to the former forward have flooded in on social media, with the likes of Lionel Messi, Andres Iniesta and Gerard Pique all sending their condolences, while Barcelona President, Josep Maria Bartomeu also spoke of his 'dismay' at Quini's death.

He wrote on Twitter: "Dismayed by the death of Quini, an extraordinary player and an incredible person who won a privileged place in the hearts of the Barca players and the world of football.

"Our heartfelt condolences to your family and friends."

**REST IN PEACE:** Quini was given a Golden Club badge at a ceremony held at the Camp Nou in 2016.

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