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Toon raiders!

Spanish weed smugglers jailed

by Benjamin Park

Two Spaniards have been sentenced to spend 16 months in prison each after attempting to smuggle a total of more than €165,000 of cannabis through Newcastle Airport.

According to reports, Carlos Gonzalez-Cortes and Leon Espada travelled on a flight from Alicante Airport to the North East, each carrying a large suitcase.

Border Force officials became suspicious of the pair after they appeared to be travelling alone but carried family sized suitcases.

Neither of the men knew the codes for their suitcases when approached by Border Force officials and when they were eventually opened, each case contained 12.5 kilos of cannabis worth an estimated €167,000 (£150,000).

Gonzales-Cortes, 46, claimed that a Buddhist in Malaga had asked him to take the drug to give it to UK cancer patients, while Espada, 63, admitted to having money problems and said he was offered €1,500 for smuggling the drugs.

The pair admitted to importing the cannabis and were subsequently sentenced to 16 months each at Newcastle Crown Court.

Following the case, Northumbria Police's Central CID, Frank Cox, told



PRISON TIME: Carlos Gonzalez-Cortes (left inset) and Leon Espada (right inset) have been sentenced to 16 months each behind bars.

British media: "This was a really huge seizure and it is amazing that these offenders thought they would get away with it."

"They were bringing cannabis into this country with the intention of selling it to street dealers who would spread it across the

streets of the North East.

"Not only is cannabis an illegal drug but it brings with it a lot of associated crime which can have a devastating impact on many of our local communities."

"With dealing of this scale we almost always find associated violence and disorder so it is important that we take illegal drugs off the street at the source of the problem."

"I want to thank our colleagues at Newcastle International Airport and the UK Border Force who ultimately stopped this huge haul of drugs hitting our region."

Crash landing

A PLANE reportedly landed on the motorway between Murcia and San Javier motorway blocking traffic.

The small aircraft made the emergency landing on Tuesday evening on the RM-19 motorway, which joins Murcia and San Javier, hindering traffic in the direction leading towards Murcia near the Polaris

World housing estate.

The emergency services attended the scene to investigate the cause of the incident after they started to receive phone calls from drivers who were blocked on the motorway.

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NEWS EXTRA

Stolen baby sentence

A MAN and a woman found guilty of abducting children, including taking a baby from the arms of a social worker, have been sentenced to 18 months and one year in prison respectively in Alicante.

Break ins

POSTERS warning residents to make sure their doors are properly closed have gone up in Murcia City and Benerita after a reported rise in thieves getting inside homes with tools within minutes.

Metal theft

TWO men from Muro de Alcoy who allegedly stole two and a half tons of nickel and 500 kilograms of copper in several robberies from a textile factory in a year have been arrested.

Stab arrest

TWO men aged 22 and 23 who allegedly stabbed two others in a dispute over seats at a bar in the Port of Alicante have been arrested and one has been charged with attempted murder.

Ten held in human trafficking bust



Photo by National Police

TRAFFICK STOPPED: Officers search one of the detainee's homes.

OFFICERS of the National Police have detained 10 people for allegedly trafficking human beings for slave labour.

They have also been accused of illegal immigration and belonging to a criminal organisation.

Previous police operations have established a relationship with the Nicaraguan community in Murcia, and their inquiries this time uncovered the trafficking ring.

Statements were taken from various trafficking victims and they had been taken from Nicaragua with the promise of getting them a job as domestic workers in Spain.

They were lent between €3,000 and €3,500 for flights and documents, but

for which they would later be charged extortionate levels of interest.

The 10 people arrested consist of three Spanish men and seven Nicaraguan women, while 20 victims are being helped.

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Spying scandal rocks council

by Tom Woods

THE discovery of a device for audio and video recording in the office of Eva Montesinos - the Alicante City Town Planning councillor - has caused a political storm.

The revelation has damaged the relationship between the PSPV, which is responsible for the recorder, and members from the Guanyar Alacant and Compromis political parties.

Both Guanyar Alacant and Compromis have filed complaints with the National Police and the Prosecutor's office about the incident.

Mayor of Alicante, Gabriel Echavarri, also had his office searched though no such device was found.

A routine sweep of Ms Montesinos' office was made by a private company hired by the council, which found the gadget under a



Photo credit: Twitter/sergioelmundo

DODGY DEVICE: An investigation into the incident is continuing.

piece of furniture attached with tape.

The president of the PPCV, Isabel Bonig, has called the president of the PSPV, Ximo Puig to condemn the incident and to 'demand accountability.'

"Puig must say something to restore order to Alicante," said Bonig, who claims to be astonished at the discovery.

"You do not know if you're in a shady little spy movie," she added.

A spokesman for Compromis said that it was "absolutely outside of any democratic institution."

The socialist government has been accused of a cover up and is being urged to inform the judiciary exactly what has happened.

Rock into the night

LEGENDARY guitarist Carlos Santana has announced he will play in Alicante on August 7.

Music promoter Horizonte Musical confirmed that the famous guitarist will play the bullring in Alicante later this year as part of his 'Divination tour' which will see

him perform three concerts in Spain.

Over the course of his illustrious career, the 70-year-old has sold more than 100 million records as well as winning 10 Grammy Awards and three Latin Grammys.

He has also collaborated with world-renowned artists

including Cee Lo Green, Wyclef Jean, Laryn Hill and Eric Clapton among others.

Tickets for the event at the Alicante Bullring can be purchased from www.santana.com, as well as horizontemusical.com from tomorrow (Friday) and Entradasatualcance.com from March 12.

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Sex pest arrest

A MAN has been arrested in Murcia on suspicion of soliciting children for sex and sexual abuse crimes. The arrested individual, who was detained after attending a carnival in the district, allegedly offered money to several children in exchange for sex, including an eight-year-old girl.

Special guest

POLITICAL advisor to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton, Juan Verde, will attend the First Summit of Business Excellence held in Murcia on March 15. Verde will be one of a number of established guests to visit the event which will be held at the Victor Villegas Auditorium.

Teens taken down

FOUR young people have been arrested in Murcia on suspicion of robbing two houses in the Zeneta neighbourhood. According to reports, two members of the arrested group were caught red-handed transporting stolen items - including a video games console and a camera - on a moped.

White lines

NATIONAL POLICE have dismantled several drug laboratories in Alicante Province reportedly dedicated to 'cooking cocaine.' Three individuals, who have subsequently been arrested, would reportedly 'cook' the cocaine in order to double its weight and double its value in the process.

Joining forces

MEMBERS of the Emergency Services and Civil Protection in Lorca have joined the search for Gabriel Cruz Ramirez, the eight-year-old boy who went missing in Nijar. Gabriel, who was last seen on February 27, disappeared after leaving his grandmother's house in Las Hortichuelas

Splash of the titans

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 4



RIVER WILD: The 'reventon' is a rare event.

Photo credit Flickr

IT is one of Spain's most dramatic natural spectacles.

And El reventón de los chorros del río Mundo - literally, the explosion of the Mundo River streams - has this week served up some stunning photo opportunities for thrill seekers.

The rare spectacle only occurs when rainfall above 100 millimetres falls for a prolonged period around 10-15 days beforehand, with a drop in temperature and atmospheric air pres-

sure sparking the breathtaking display.

The Mundo is the main tributary of the Rio Segura, which flows from its source through Murcia and Alicante before reaching the Mediterranean Sea.

Arising in the Sierra de Alcaraz mountains in Albacete, Castilla-La Mancha, the river flows out of a limestone cave which is at least 32 kilometres deep before plummeting 300 metres down a spectacular

cliff face.

The volume of water can be very low during dry periods, but when conditions are right an extraordinary upswelling occurs, pushing millions of litres through the limestone rock in a phenomenon known as 'trop plein' (overflow in French).

And the result is a truly unforgettable sight for the lucky few willing to brave the dangerous, slippery conditions.

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Worldstoppers

Spanish women set to strike



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GIRL POWER: The strike will be followed by demonstrations.

SPANISH women are set to make their biggest ever stand against Spain's macho culture.

It comes as hundreds of thousands of women will hold their first national one-day strike to demand equal salaries and tougher action against domestic violence to mark International Women's Day today (Thursday).

Organised by The Commission for March 8, a collective of feminist groups, the strike takes place under the motto 'if we stop, the world stops.'

While the action is legal and women are permitted to down tools for the whole day, national unions CCOO and UGT have suggested a pair of two hour slots - from 11-1pm and 4-6pm - since workers will not be paid while they are on strike.

The walk out will be followed by demonstrations and rallies in Spanish towns and cities, most of which are scheduled to begin at 6.30-7pm.

And the protest is not restricted to working women, with housewives urged to join the strike, or at least hang kitchen utensils or aprons in the

windows of their homes.

Purple bracelets will also be worn throughout the day, and women are being pressed to avoid buying any non-essential items, particularly feminine hygiene products which critics say are subject to a 'pink tax' in Spain, while boycotting companies considered to exploit the female image.

Men are encouraged to support their partners by assuming responsibility for housework and other domestic tasks, or by joining the protests and marches.

Women in Spain earn an average of 14.9 per cent less than men per hour, while there is a recognised career glass ceiling, with the majority of managerial and directorial positions in the country occupied by men.

Domestic violence also remains a major issue in the country, with 48 women killed by their partners or ex-partners in 2017.

For more information on the strike, see the website *feministas.org*.

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Following recent controversy in Spain, should bars and restaurants be allowed to ban children?

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Woman treated after house fire

AN elderly woman has been treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out in her home in Totana.

Emergency services received reports of a fire in a house close to the church in Totana.

Firefighters, along with officers from the Civil Protection Service and Local Police, were able to quickly extinguish the blaze, which left significant damage to the house.

All of the other occupants of the house were able to leave the house unharmed but the woman, who uses a wheelchair, was attended to at the scene for smoke inhalation.

Bolivian bother

by Benjamin Park

A BOLIVIAN woman has been arrested on suspicion of sexual harassment in San Andres.

According to reports, police received a complaint from a man after being forced to block the number of a 28-year-old woman after receiving a siege of calls and messages from her.

The victim claimed that an acquaintance of his would bombard him with texts and calls, leading him to block her number, and after she realised that she could no longer contact him, she sought other

ways of contact.

She would allegedly besiege him at both work and leisure areas, but would also aggressively warn him that if he was not going to be in a relationship with her then she would make life very difficult for him

In a final bizarre incident, the woman allegedly even pretended to be a postal worker so that she could enter the house and when she managed to gain access, she began to undress in front of the man.

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Airline boss blames Leo

A BUDGET airline chief has claimed that plans to extend Barcelona's El Prat Airport have been scuppered because planes are unable to fly over football superstar Lionel Messi's house.

The bizarre accusation was made by Vueling supremo Javier Sanchez-Prieto, who told Spanish media that construction of new runways is impossible "because you cannot pass over where Messi lives."

He added: "This doesn't happen anywhere else in the world."

The Barcelona and Argentina forward, 30, owns a multi-million Euro villa on the exclusive Bellamar housing estate in the suburban town of Castelldefells, where teammates including Luis Suarez, Ivan Rakitic and Philippe Coutinho also own properties.

He lives there with wife Antonella plus their two sons, and famously bought his neighbour's home before demolishing it to build a private football pitch.

The area is around 12 kilometres from the airport.

GIFT OF THE GARB: Garbiñe Muguruza.



Having a ball!

SHE'S the Spanish tennis champ who last year broke her Wimbledon duck.

But two-time Grand Slam winner Garbiñe Muguruza, 24, showed a different side after taking to the red carpet at this year's Oscars in Hollywood, Los Angeles.

The current world number three stunned in an elegant black satin dress by Spanish designer Hannibal Laguna before posing for snaps with basketball star Kobe Bryant.

Photo credit Antonella Rocuzzo/Instagram



HOME W.N.: Lionel and family in their garden.

Photo credit Garbiñe Muguruza/Instagram

Statue claim Virgin on the ridiculous



BRANSON PICKLE: Was Sir Richard around 150 years ago?

A STATUE on an iconic Spanish church has been compared to billionaire Virgin tycoon Richard Branson.

The stunning likeness was highlighted by British tourist Zach Culpin, who visited the famous La Sagrada Familia - the largest unfinished Roman Catholic church in the world - while on holiday in Barcelona.

And the 34-year-old from Weymouth

in Dorset was left stunned after snapping a shot of Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi's Nativity Façade.

He explained: "I was on holiday and wanted to visit the Sagrada Familia to see the incredible architecture and Antoni Gaudi's work in person.

"But when I looked at the pictures closely on my camera, I couldn't believe my eyes."



Celeb focus



Photo credit Imogen Thomas/Instagram

BEACH READY: Imogen Thomas.

Welsh wonder

SHE recently announced her retirement from swimsuit modelling.

But former Big Brother contestant and beauty queen Imogen Thomas, 35, showed she's still able to set pulses racing as she flaunted her killer curves in the Canary Islands after fleeing the freezing UK.

The Welsh mum-of-two sizzled in a sultry grey swimsuit before slipping into a skimpy peach number for an eye-popping yoga session.

Lara respect

SHE is set to star as Lara Croft in the rebooted Tomb Raider movie franchise.

But Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander, 29, said that she "could never compete" with Angelina Jolie's original screen version of the video game heroine.

The Swedish actress was speaking at a Madrid photocall for the new film, due to be released later this month.

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OUR VIEW

It's time to end the gender no-pay gap

SPAIN'S feminist strike is to be applauded.

The decision by Spain's working women and housewives to take a stand against issues including domestic violence and salaries is a brave one in a country with a strong male bias.

Whether or not today's industrial action and demonstrations spark genuine change remains to be seen, but the Spanish government has been wise not to contest the strike.

And if the turnout is anything close to the inspiration for the event it will undoubtedly be a resounding success.

In 1975 the women of Iceland decided to strike for equal rights.

Around 90 per cent of the female population took part, and the event brought about a seismic shift in the way women were viewed, placing it at the forefront of the fight for equality.

It was known as the Women's Day Off and five years later Iceland elected Vigdis Fimbogadottir, the world's first democratically-elected female leader.

In Spain, women simply hope to be seen as equals.

Heavily over-represented in part-time and temporary jobs, women also spend double the amount of time on unpaid work such as caring for family members of household chores than men, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

While progress has been made since the 1970s, when women were unable to vote, obtain a passport or buy property without their husband's permission, there is still a long way to go.

And today could mark an important step along that road.

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Oh deer!

Two investigated after decapitated fauna found

TWO people have been investigated by the Guardia Civil after the body of a decapitated deer was found in the Sierra de Alcaraz.

The incident reportedly dates back to December 2016, when the guard of a farm found a decapitated body of a deer on the farm's ground and reported it to the Guardia Civil.

During an inspection carried out by the Service for the Protection of Nature (PACPRONA), a cartridge from a 338Win-calibre weapon was found, believed to be the item that was used to kill the animal.

The Guardia Civil were later able to locate two people in an off-road vehicle that they believed may have been involved in



SEIZED: The gun which is believed to have taken the shot that killed the deer.

poaching and during a search of the car, a rifle matching the 338Win-calibre description was seized to investigate whether or not it was the same rifle that took the shot believed to have killed the deer.

Following expert laboratory studies, it has now allegedly been confirmed

that the cartridge found close to the animal's body did match the seized rifle.

As a result, the two people, one from Santomera, Murcia and the other from Ciudad Real, have been investigated for a crime related to the protection of flora, fauna and domestic animals.



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'Bicycle gang' busted

THE Guardia Civil has arrested six young people on suspicion of committing a number of robberies from parked cars in Almoradi.

Reportedly known to local police as the 'bicycle gang,' the teens, aged between 12 and 17, were arrested in connection with up to 23 robberies.

The group would allegedly

break the side window of cars using the handlebars of their bikes, take items from the car and then make off on their bicycles. Reports suggest that members of the group would

wander the streets in Almoradi looking for their next target, with one riding a bicycle, peering into cars as they went to check and see if there was anything worth stealing.

When items worth stealing were spotted, they would then lean on the car as a signal to the cyclist who would then break the window of the car with their handlebar.

The group were reportedly surprised during an attempted robbery by a passing pedestrian who, after making their presence known to the youths, was subjected to death threats from

members of the group, who stated they would 'kill him' as they fled.

The six, five boys and one girl, were subsequently located in Almoradi and arrested.

NEWS EXTRA

Child migrant numbers soar

MURCIA had the second highest number of unaccompanied child migrants of any province in Spain in 2017, with 412 arriving in the area and 65 children still in community centres, according to government data.

New scanner

A €500,000 CT scan machine donated by the owner of the Zara chain is set to arrive at the General Hospital in Elche this year, which is capable of scanning patients in less than 20 seconds.

Plate change

A MAN who allegedly altered the letters of his car's registration plate with tape to avoid speeding fines could face a charge of around €1,440 if caught, Local Police in Alicante have said.

Health march

ACADEMICS, politicians, unions and associations joined demonstrators in Murcia City to call for a better public health system last week, with around 6,000 people joining the march last Thursday.

Home sales

MORE than 5,770 homes were sold in Alicante City last year, an increase of around 26 per cent on 2016 levels in the capital, according to data.

Beach status

AUTHORITIES in Alicante have met to discuss regaining blue flag status for the Isla de Tabarca beach which it lost more than 10 years ago.

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Two quakes shake region

by Joe Gerrard

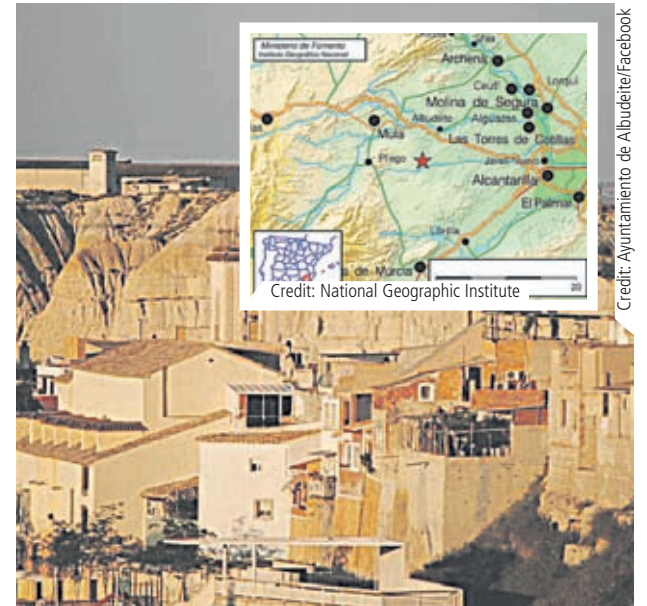
TWO earthquakes struck the south of Costa Blanca within minutes of each other last Friday evening.

The first, which measured a magnitude of 3.9, hit southwest of Albudeite in Murcia at 8.08pm. A second with a magnitude of 3.2 struck south of the same town eight minutes later at 8.16pm. Both had a depth of around 12 kilometres, according to Spain's National Geographic Institute (IGN).

The 112 emergency service line reportedly received several calls from Murcia with residents saying they had felt tremors.

Calls came from Molina de Segura, Alguazas, Alcantarilla, Alhama de Murcia, Archena, Bullas, Cieza and Santomera. They also came from Orihuela and Elda in Alicante Province and Almansa and Hellin in Albacete.

The only damage reported to have been caused by the quakes was the cave in of a ceiling in a house in Bullas.



SHOOK UP: The first earthquake hit southwest of Albudeite (MAIN).

TREMORS: The approximate epicentre of the two quakes which took place last Friday (INSET).

No injuries have been reported following the tremors.

Authorities in Murcia activated the province's earthquake protocol following the quakes. It requires them to devise coordinated plans to respond to the situation and provide information to resi-

dents. Earthquakes often occur in Murcia which lies close to the boundary of the African and Eurasian tectonic plates. Tremors are caused by movements of these plates against each other below the earth's surface.

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University funding

REGIONAL authorities have approved a €1,500,000 grant to the University of Murcia to cover the running costs of its Teaching and Research Services for this year, an increase of 50 per cent from 2017.

Refuse strike

WASTE disposal workers are set to strike for a total of 14 days during March and April after 10-month long talks between their union and the company that manages the Elche refuse plant collapsed.

Out of work

THERE were 1,119 more people out of work in the province of Murcia at the end of last month than there were in January, according to government figures.

Airport moves closer

THE tender for the air traffic service (ATS) at the new International Airport for the Region of Murcia (AIRM) has been approved by Spanish state owned air management company AENA.

In a meeting that was attended by Yolanda Muñoz Gomez, General Secretary of the Ministry of Presidency and Development of the Autonomous Community of Murcia, the Board of Directors of AENA Sociedad Concesionaria approved the key milestone.

The duration of the contract is eight years, with the possibility of extending the contract for a further year, and the maximum bidding budget is €8 million across the eight years, €1 million per year.

Aerodrome control, which will be carried out from the AIRM control

tower, covers the phase in which the planes enter and leave the airport, that is, the final phase of descent and the initial take-off, as well as the movement of aircraft on land.

The successful bidder will have to obtain the designation as provider of air traffic services by the General Directorate of Civil Aviation, following a favorable report from the State Aviation Safety Agency (AESA), and enable its control personnel in the control tower of the AIRM.

AENA has said it is working to get the AIRM 'as soon as possible, always ensuring that the facilities meet the strictest levels of safety, that it has all the licenses and permits required by law, and that it is able to provide a quality service to passengers and airlines.'

Council pledges €10 million to open wells

by Tom Woods

MURCIA Council has authorised an investment of €10 million in emergency works to open drought wells in the Segura basin.

The move ensures that the water resources will be used

to supply the population, irrigate the Segura basin and maintain local rivers.

Environment Minister, Maria Garcia Rodriguez, announced the plans on Tuesday after a meeting in Madrid with Francisco Jodar Alonso,

Minister for Water and Agriculture.

"We are going to start up the new wells in order to facilitate the extraction of water in the Calasparra Syncline, in El Molar and in Hellin," said Ms Rodriguez.

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TORCHED: The Guardia Civil visited the areas torched by the forest fires after they had been put out.

Burned out

Police investigate two people after forest fires

TWO people have been charged for allegedly causing forest fires in the Murcia region which took place at the end of last month.

The first of the blazes,

which began in the Loma de Banderas area of Caravaca de la Cruz, torched around 8,000 square metres of scrub land near the Segura River. The land is home to several

species of plant including pine trees and bushes.

Firefighters from several crews were able to extinguish the blaze before it spread over a larger area. After the fire was extinguished Guardia Civil officers began investigating its cause.

They found what reportedly appeared to be the remains of a bonfire at the base of a pine tree, which led police to question a 48-year-old man from Lorca as a possible suspect.

The man has since been charged for causing the fire due to negligence. His case has been sent to a court in Caravaca de la Cruz.

The second fire started along the banks of the Segura near the town of Calasparra. It destroyed around 3,200 square metres of plant life before firefighters put it out.

Police investigating the blaze found pruning from farms which they believe had been set alight and spread, causing the fire.

A 44-year-old man from Calasparra has since been charged with responsibility for the fire due to negligence. Proceedings for his case have also been sent to the Caravaca court.

The suspects could be handed prison sentences of one to five years and fines which could run for 18 months if they are found guilty.

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Car tax

AUTHORITIES in Murcia City hope to raise more than €24 million from new rates for the stamp duty on cars, which came in last Monday.

Kidnap hoax

LOCAL POLICE in Murcia said there is 'no record' of alleged attempted kidnappings of girls aged between 16 and 17 after claims that girls were going missing in Churra were posted on social media.

On the hampage

Runaway pig triggers graveyard chaos

By Matt Ford

A SOUTH-EAST ASIAN pig has sparked a Benny Hill-style chase in a Spanish graveyard.

More than half a dozen police officers spent two hours trying to catch the cheeky animal after a woman spotted it foraging among the tombstones in Alicante's municipal cemetery.

"The problem is that it was digging close to some freshly-laid graves," said a member of the maintenance team in the wake of the bizarre incident.

Having arrived at midday, it was after two o'clock by the time exhausted police managed to snare the invader.

"We had to run our b*****s off," laughed one, after the men were earlier seen poking fun at an inventive colleague who made a lasso from rope before failing to catch their quarry.



Photo credit Google Maps/Twitter

SNOUT AND ABOUT: The graveyard entrance and (inset top) police chase their target (inset bottom).

Witnesses described the scene as like 'something from a comedy film,' as some officers drove cars through the graveyard while others chased on foot.

Others slammed the presence of the pigs in the neighbourhood, where they are

breeding and seen as a pest.

"The pig just trotted straight through the front gate," a furious resident told Spanish media, before admitting that they are normally seen on nearby streets where they eat from bins that 'often remain uncollected for weeks.'

A Local Police official added: "They could cause a serious traffic accident one day."

Weighing up to 65 kilos, the Vietnamese pot-bellied pig has become a fashionable pet with the likes of Hollywood star George Clooney even owning one.

Driven round the bend

SIX new roundabouts due to be built in Cartagena this year have been delayed until 2019, according to General Director of Highways for Cartagena City Council, Jose Antonio Fernandez.

Roundabouts planned for La Palma-Torre Pacheco (kilometre 4), La Aparecida-La Puebla (kilometre 14) Canteras-La Torre de Nicolas Perez, San Jose Obrero (crossing of the RM-332) and El Carmoli-Punta Brava, at the intersection with the N-332, which leads to Los Alcazares, have all suffered delays.

Speaking to Spanish media, Fernandez said: "This year we will have made the projects for most of the roundabouts. That will not be a problem. But we do not have nor are we going to reserve money to make the expropriations."

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NEWS EXTRA

Health staff 'deficit'

A MEDICAL workers' union has said there is a 'clear deficit' of child and family doctors and health professionals in Murcia, with around 100 child doctors and 151 family doctors needed to meet the shortfall.

School map

MURCIA'S Education Minister has announced the launch of the region's first school map, which is set to offer parents detailed information on the 639 centres in the area.

Wife murder

A MAN from Orihuela found guilty of raping and murdering his wife after an argument has been sentenced to 21 years in prison by a court in Alicante.

Water return!



RETURNS: Water has finally returned to the Segura River and Los Chorros del Rio Mundo (inset).

THE Segura Hydrographic Confederation (CHS) has confirmed that water has returned to the source of the Segura River.

The confederation confirmed the news with photos posted onto its official account, stating that it was

'very good news' due to the fact that the river's source had been 'dry since last year'.

On their official Twitter page they posted: "Today we have great news.

"The water has returned to the birth of the Segura River which has

been dry since last year."

The confederation later posted a video of a waterfall showing the first 'blowout' of the year of Los Chorros del Rio Mundo which has now been viewed over 11,000 times.

Promising fibrosis therapy

RESEARCHERS from the National Centre of Oncological Research (CNIO) in Alicante have been involved in 'very promising' therapy treatments for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

A team of researchers from CNIO have been testing a new gene therapy for IPF, a type of chronic lung disease that is treatable but has no cure, on mice.

According to reports, their investigation has allowed the mice to be cured of IPF but the therapy will have to overcome new phases of research and clinical trials before it can be tested on humans.

The Spanish Society of Pulmonology and Thoracic Surgery (SEPAR) said: "The researchers themselves have stressed this is a first step to address the disease from a new approach and that research is at an early stage.

"Spanish pulmonologists have some real treatments, effective in some patients, which allow them to choose the best therapeutic option among existing ones.

"A multitude of patients have come to the medical consultations in the last few weeks asking about this progress.

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Surgery removes anesthetist

THE San Jose de Alcantarilla Clinic has removed an anesthetist from their practice after a patient died during a routine procedure in February.

According to reports, the 29-year-old patient underwent surgery to remove a cyst on their foot on February 9 when they sadly passed away.

A subsequent investigation was opened by the Murcian Health Service to clarify whether any negligence or bad practice had occurred during the procedure.

Head of Communication for the San Jose Clinic told Spanish media: "We are respectful of the work of the Health Inspection, but we have thought it necessary to separate this professional from service until the instruction phase is resolved."



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REMOVED: An anesthetist was let go from Murcia's San Jose de Alcantarilla Clinic.

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More medical equipment

THE Ministry of Health has announced that 85 health centres across the Murcia region will be given extra equipment.

According to reports, Health Minister Manuel Villegas has said that the centres will be given the additional materials to enable 'family doctors' to perform tests that would

usually only be able to be undertaken in hospitals.

Over the course of the next three years, the centres will be provided with dematoscopes, used for detection of skin cancer, and spirometers which measure lung capacity, alongside ultrasound and blood pressure monitoring devices and electrocardio-

graphs.

In addition, the centres will be provided with WiFi networks so that doctors can have direct access to the internet and also send images directly to specialists when needed.

Fraudster detained

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Callosa de Segura accused of around 50 crimes. Most of the indiscretions relate to identity fraud and the falsification of documents, committed across Spain.

The Guardia Civil has revealed that the man claimed to be a successful manager of a large technology company, and was able to carry out a network of scams that earned him about €300,000 in revenues.

It is believed the man was doing business in Granada, Madrid, Barcelona, Las Palmas

and Alicante, among other areas.

The suspect would dress smartly for meetings with companies and succeed in contracting services from real estate professionals, luxury hoteliers, and technology companies. He made purchases online and on the telephone, and even obtained eight vehicles including one valued at €85,000.

After closing the deals and placing the orders, the detainee falsified the proof of transfer, taking advantage of the period that payment transfers require.

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Water returns to region

RAINWATER from storms which have recently swept across Murcia and elsewhere in Spain has refilled the source of the Segura River, which has been dry since last year, according to the Segura Hydrographic Confederation.

More trains

MURCIA'S Development minister has asked the Spanish rail authority Renfe to improve connections between the province and Cartagena, with the request including more services and faster journey times.

Barracks works

ALMOST €16 million is set to be spent on 20 projects in Murcia City, including renovating the old Artillery Barracks building for cultural uses after councillors approved the plans.

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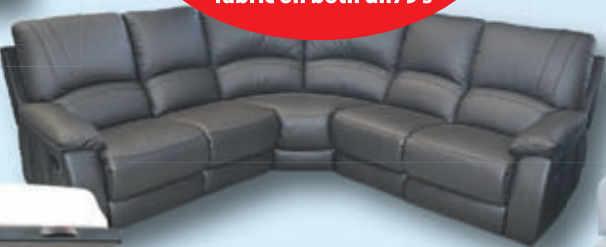


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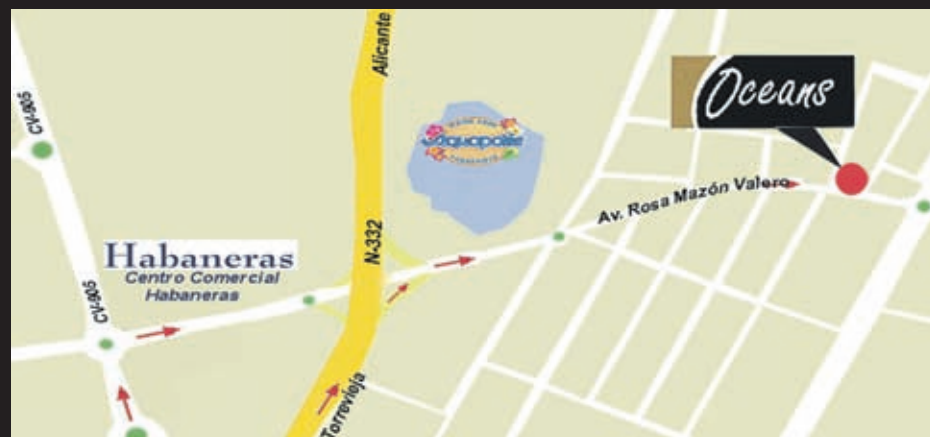
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Renters pay price for falling behind

EVICTIONS for non-payment of rent soared 28 per cent in Murcia last year.

However, the number of foreclosures decreased by more than 20 per cent compared to 2016, down to 2,571, according to the Sta-

tistical Section of the General Council.

It is the lowest figure since 2008 and Cantabria was the only autonomous community in which there was no decrease in foreclosures last year.

Almost four out of 10

evictions were due to non-payment of rent, with the rest relating to foreclosures.

The courts of Murcia also declared 149 bankruptcy proceedings, 127 of which were voluntary and 22 were forced.

Blaze claims life

AN elderly woman has died after a fire broke out in her home in Alicante City.

According to reports, the emergency services received reports of a fire on Calle Master Alonso close to the Alicante General Hospital.

Upon their arrival, firefighters were made aware by neighbours that an elderly woman had been trapped by the flames.

Once the firefighters managed to enter the house, the woman was found in the hallway close to the door but could not be resuscitated and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Several neighbouring houses were forced to evacuate as a result of the fire, which saw a dozen firefighters tackle the blaze, with the official source of the fire yet to be confirmed.

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Let's talk about risk

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



One of the most overlooked areas of financial advice in Spain is risk. Everything we do in life involves a risk/reward balance. That trip to the bathroom in the middle of the night? You flick the light on to avoid the risk of tripping over your bedroom furniture, but perhaps 1 in 10 billion times someone gets electrocuted by the bedroom light switch!

We all need to eat, so we get in the car, drive down the busy roads, cross the supermarket carpark. We're balancing the risk of the trip vs the risk of not eating!

Investment is also an essential balance of risk vs reward. It is the intention of central banks and governments to keep the economy growing at a constant rate. This is managed through fiscal and monetary policy and usually inflation targets are set at between 2-3%. In basic terms this means over 10 years the average costs of the things we need to survive day to day life will increase by around 25%.

So, in our current low to zero interest rates environment, the risk is do you leave your money in the bank and lose potentially 25% of its value over ten years, or do you balance risk vs reward to either match or stay ahead of inflation with some form of investment? The number of times I've heard people say leaving money in the bank is the safer

option, but for me losing a potential 25% of your savings buying power over 10 years is not a truly safe option.

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Womens' rights strike chord with council

ALICANTE Council has thrown its support behind a strike that will take place during International Women's Day.

The PSOE party confirmed that it approves of the action, which will last for four hours today (Thursday).

Two sets of two-hour strikes will happen between 11.30am to 1.30pm, and 4pm to 6pm, with public services halted during those periods.

Councillor for Equality, Sofia Morales, has encouraged the whole of the public to reflect on the day, explaining that the slogan 'stop moving' is an invitation to work together for change.

"If we do not stop to look at what happens around us, we cannot move forward and find the necessary tools to break the gender gap that



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exists in all areas and that impoverishes our society," she said.

The tram service in Alicante will also be affected by the strike, with three out of every four trams out of operation.

All buses in Alicante will be adorned with a purple

ribbon to commemorate the day, an initiative presented by Mayor Gabriel Echavarrí.

He said: "This is an important gesture in the fight for equality for women, and we will be more united than ever to support women's rights."



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A DEAD man's body has been pulled out of the sea off the Orihuela Costa, by the Guardia Civil's Maritime Service.

Emergency services were alerted when a passer-by in the Cala la Mosca spotted the corpse and raised the alarm.

First to the scene was the fire service who on arrival realised that the body was trapped between the rocks at the bottom of a steep cliff.

It was soon apparent that it would not be a rescue mission, but the specialist GEAS service of the Guardia Civil was called to assist in the recovery effort.

The deceased, believed to be a middle-aged man dressed only in his trousers,

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DOOMED RESCUE: It was impossible for the man to be saved from the water.

Guardia Civil retrieves corpse

was taken to the Cabo Roig port before being transferred for forensic tests.

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RENAME: The Plaza de la Division Azul is one of the areas set to be renamed.

Franco-era names erased from streets

THE deadline for a list of streets in Alicante City that will require renaming due to their links with the Franco regime passed last Monday.

A commission is now set to determine which streets will be accepted and which will not under Historical Memory laws. These laws require localities to erase traces of the dictatorship from public spaces.

The Historical Memory Commission will also seek a

consensus on what the new names are to be before they go to the authorities for approval.

District boards will also be required to vote on the proposed changes but these votes are non-binding.

Fernando Marcos, the city council's historical memory spokesperson, said the streets would be 'alicantinised' and that the new names would be acceptable to everyone.

Maria Jose Espuch, from the

Compromis group on the council, said the process, which should have served to dignify Alicante's streets, had become a 'deplorable circus.'

Espuch's comments come as Spanish media reported on Sunday that residents in the south of the city disapproved of 10 out of 13 of the proposed new names.

They have asked for Plaza de la Division Azul to be renamed after Alicante judo athlete, Maria Bernabeu.

Alleged sexual assault captors

TWO men have been arrested in Alicante after allegedly

sexually assaulting and holding a woman hostage after

meeting her in a bar.

According to reports the incident is believed to have taken place at the beginning of February, when the two men met the woman in a bar in Alicante and invited her back to one of their homes.

Once arriving at the house, the pair allegedly locked the front door before both sexually assaulted her and proceeded to hold the woman hostage for eight hours, not letting her leave.

The 32-year-old woman was eventually able to escape the house and immediately reported the incident to the police at the Northern District Police Station.

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Ports that saw the highest amount of traffic included Algeciras (101.45 million), Barcelona (61.4 million), Cartagena (34.7 million), Bilbao (34.3 million), Huelva (32.3 million), Las Palmas

(26.8 million) and Gijon (21.8 million).

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Thief going down for weight lifting



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HEAVY LIFTING: The man was arrested for stealing weights in Caravaca.

THE Guardia Civil have arrested a man in Caravaca who had allegedly been stealing lift counterweights for a scrapyard.

He is believed to be responsible for at least five robberies, using his knowledge of the infrastructure to remove iron plates for commercial gain.

Operation 'Aufzug' began at the start of the year after several concerned locals re-

ported the theft of the 25 kilogram counterweights.

The 37-year-old Spanish thief had experience in the lift industry and posed as a company employee performing routine inspections.

According to sources from the ongoing investigation, the suspect pretended to carry out surveys before seizing the plates while no one was looking.

He raided five buildings in

this way, reportedly stealing 58 counterweights as well as any copper wiring that was accessible.

He was selling the haul on to a waste management company and made around €2,000 from his crimes.

The police operation is exploring whether any other buildings have been affected, and the case has been referred to the courts of Caravaca de la Cruz.

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BUSSED OFF: Clamour is growing for Lorca Urban Transport to take action.

UTE slammed as bus improvements stall

by Tom Woods

LORCA Council is urging Lorca Urban Transport (UTE) to meet the terms with which it agreed to take

over the management of public services in the city.

Since taking over the running of the services last September, UTE was expected to carry out a series

of actions such as the repair of vehicles and the improvement of signs and bus shelters.

Socialist councillor David Romera criticised UTE for the situation and pointed out that the number of public transport users has declined from one million to only 400,000.

"The buses have not been refurbished, signals have not been placed on new routes, nor have digitalised screens announcing waiting times been put in place as planned," he said.

Lending a helping hand

THE Red Cross reportedly helped nearly 12,000 people in Cartagena last year.

The new president of the Cartagena branch of the Red Cross, Purificacion Lopez Martinez, presented her team of volunteers during a press conference held with the regional president of the NGO, Faustino Herrero.

"Now that I know the structure, the resources, the shortcomings and what I think we can improve, I can only say that this organisation is a huge presence in the city, having served 11,931 people during 2017, and that has to be managed with a business mind set," Martinez said.

"The Red Cross activity is so important here, mainly due to the immense work of 215 volunteers who have the support and funding of 4,312 members" she went on to say.

"We have managed to help so many people thanks to the efforts of the residents of Cartagena, who channel their strength, time and resources to help those who need it the most."

Martinez also mentioned that they plan to promote the city's emergency services, as well as working to meet the needs of the homeless and refugees by offering shelter as well as integration services, such as Spanish classes.

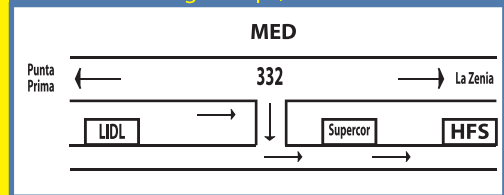
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Three trolleyed truckers arrested

THE Guardia Civil has arrested three lorry drivers from Murcia, one of whom was seven times over the alcohol limit.

Another of the drivers, who was driving an 18 ton lorry, tested positive for cannabis and cocaine, as well as alcohol.

The third detainee had an accident in Albacete while driving a 34 ton lorry, and was also over the alcohol limit.



Credit: Guardia Civil

DRUG DRIVING: Fortunately there were no injuries.

Deadly blaze at home

AN 88-year-old woman has died in a residence for old folk in Spain after being 'trapped' in her bed as fire engulfed her room.

The home says the woman was 'immobilised in bed with a special support' for her own safety.

Firefighters were called to tackle the blaze that was confined to the woman's room at the Los Almendros residence in Cartagena in Mur-

cia, southern Spain, but could not save her life.

Paramedics attended to several cases of smoke inhalation at the scene.

Police are investigating but have not yet determined what started the fire.

The Los Almendros centre opened in 2000. More than 70 people live in its residential area, and there are 40 people in sheltered apartments for the elderly.

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WATER METER: Was stolen from Calle San Jose.

A MAN has been arrested in Murcia after allegedly stealing a water meter.

According to reports, police were made aware of the incident after receiving reports of a large loss of drinking water from a pipeline in Calle San Jose in Murcia.

Minutes later, officers received another call from someone claiming that an individual was meddling with gas pipes in a nearby street.

After receiving a description of the individual, he was quickly located close to the San Lorenzo church and when frisked by officers, they found a drinking water meter and a brass water tap.

Once they had confirmed that both objects had been stolen from Calle San Jose, the man was arrested and transferred to the Carmen Police Station on suspicion of theft and damage to private property.

NEWS EXTRA

Disease meeting

MORE than 18 organisations which work with people with rare diseases met at the old bus station building in Alicante on Saturday for social activities with child sufferers for the International Day of Rare Diseases.

Bike routes

AUTHORITIES in Murcia City have approved the building of two new bike routes which will cover a distance of 7.5 kilometres in total at a cost of €1.2 million.

Water march

RESIDENTS, businesses and unions from the Alicante and Murcia provinces took part in a demonstration in Madrid yesterday (Wednesday) to demand more water infrastructure in order to prevent future droughts.



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Council demands more autonomy

ALICANTE Province has demanded more control over where their budget is being invested following their summons to the Spanish Federation for Municipalities and Provinces.

Alicante City was praised for its management of funds despite cut backs imposed by the central government, which only allows €10 million to be invested in 'sustainable' projects.

Despite the Fiscal Responsibility Authority acknowledging their success in keeping in line with restrictions, no increases in budget have been approved for vital areas such as the high-speed train station, access improvements to the Alicante-Elche airport and Alicante University among other projects.

Brit paedo's police probe

A BRITISH sex offender, who breached a court order by travelling to Spain for a holiday last year, has appeared in court for another breach.

According to reports, 32-year-old Lelo Roberts, who was convicted of possessing indecent images of children in 2014, appeared in court following a breach of a sexual harm prevention order.

The court heard how a specialist officer, tasked with checking on Roberts, visited a registered address of the man but was told that he had moved out two months before.

As part of his original sentence, the Brit was handed a community order as well as a sexual harm prevention order, meaning that he must notify Derbyshire police when he moves address or planning to leave the country.

Failing to inform the police of his new address was reportedly the third breach of the order Roberts has committed,



BREACHED ORDER: Roberts appeared at Derby Crown Court (inset) having also previously appeared for a trip to Alicante.

following an unknown incident and a trip to Spain last year.

He reportedly flew out to Alicante for a two-week holiday in February 2017 to 'clear his head' after losing his job while also being threatened with eviction.

Speaking on behalf of Roberts, Lauren Fisher reportedly told the court how her

client is now 'doing very well' since his move to a new home managed by Windrush Housing, a company that supports offenders who have been released from prison or have drug, alcohol or other issues

She said: "He is doing very well, has secured some voluntary work which he hopes will turn into a paid job.

"But he appreciates the serious position he has put himself in and knows he is at risk of going to prison."

As a result of the latest breach, Roberts was given a six-month jail term, which has been suspended for a year, as well as 60 hours' unpaid work and 30 rehabilitation and requirement days with the probation service.

NEWS EXTRA

False ID arrest

A 41-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly used falsified documents to steal the identity of another in order to obtain a driver's licence has been arrested by the Guardia Civil in Murcia.

No mayor

THIRTEEN members of Murcia's City Council have signed a motion to remove Jose Ballesta, the town's Paritdo Popular mayor, from office with the number of signatures falling short of the 15 required to present it.

Drug patrols

NATIONAL POLICE officers have stepped up patrols in the leisure areas of Alicante City in a bid to end the sale of drugs in public places.

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Gib Brexit concern

Spain's powers a 'disgraceful affront'

AUTHORITIES in Gibraltar have said they will use 'all instruments' at their disposal to counter proposals that Spain should have veto powers over the territory in Brexit talks.

The Government of Gibraltar called the plans, which are currently in their draft stages pending final approval from Britain and the EU, a 'disgraceful affront' to the territory.

The plans come under Clause 24 of the draft legal text published alongside the proposed Withdrawal Agreement put out by the EU this week.

They specifically grant Spain

veto powers over Gibraltar's status during the transition period that would follow Britain's departure from the bloc, according to reports.

Authorities in Gibraltar are concerned such a veto could result in the territory's exclusion from transitional arrangements.

Gibraltar's government has released a statement in which they said it was in the interests of both Spain and the territory to have a sensible Brexit plan going forward.

"The existing threatening language of vetoes and exclusions is an unnecessary provocation

in what is already a tense environment as the United Kingdom prepares to leave the European Union," they said. "Any such plan should put the interests of citizens and business in the area first," the government added.

Gibraltar's government said if Spain used the veto to exclude Gibraltar it would be one of the most discriminatory measures taken against a small territory in recent European history.

"The truth is that nobody stands to gain anything at all by excluding Gibraltar from the transition or from the future relationship agreement.

Vanished into thin air

A JUDGE in Spain has ordered the search of a Mercadona supermarket in Spain seven years after one of the staff went missing.

Thirty-one-year-old Maria Piedad, was a cashier at the Mercadona store in Boadilla del Monte, Madrid and she disappeared on December 12, 2010 after a night out with colleagues.

The main suspect was her ex-husband, Javier Sanchez (38), head of maintenance at the supermarket, who had offered to take her home.

A few hours later Javier sent a message to one of the woman's friends saying that he had left her at home but that didn't appear to be true and Maria hasn't been seen since.

As police investigations closed in on Javier he left the municipality and was captured on CCTV in disguise so as not to be recognised.

As a result of new evidence provided by the cashier's family the judge has ordered police to



SUPERMARKET SEARCH: Mercadona store in Spain (file photograph) and missing cashier Maria Piedad (inset).

focus their investigations on the floor of the Mercadona store. They are expected to remove some floor tiles in a search for clues about the whereabouts of Maria.

Javier, who remains the main suspect, committed suicide after leaving the area.

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Gun control

Arms dealer held in raids

IN an investigation that has taken almost seven months to complete, officers from the Guardia Civil have arrested an illegal arms dealer and seized a number of firearms.

Having becoming aware of a number of transactions involving illegally held firearms, a squad was formed to track down the arms dealer and the investigation concentrated on the area of Logroño in La Rioja.

The main suspect was a 52-year-old local man who it was believed had at least 20 guns obtained in Spain and more recently from the Czech Republic with authorities in that country confirming their belief that the dealer had taken delivery of at least three firearms from sources there.

In addition to the guns, the investigation revealed that the man had acquired



Photo credit: Guardia Civil

SHOT DOWN: Several firearms seized from the arms dealer.

large quantities of ammunition, as well as steel bearings of various calibres that would allow him to make the ammunition even more deadly.

Once sufficient evidence was collected officers raided two addresses in the area and discovered a horde of illegal firearms and gun making equipment.

Nineteen pistols, three rifles, spare parts, ammunition and gun making equipment were seized alongside computer equipment and documents.

Some of the pistols recovered were originally manufactured to fire blanks, but the arrested dealer had machined out the barrels to turn them into viable weapons.

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DETAINED: Seven arrested for the sale of the girls.

Sister act

Girls 'sold by sibling' freed

TWO girls aged 16 and 17 have been freed by the National Police after their sister sold them for €20,000.

Both girls had, according to the police, been sexually assaulted by their Romanian father and had fled to the home of their elder sister for safety.

Once there, the sister and her husband negotiated with other local Romanian families to sell the girls for €10,000 each to be married to members of these other families.

The first girl was sold to a local family close to the sister in Zamora (Castile and

Leon) and when rescued by the police was found to be ill and had received no medical treatment because the matriarch of the family didn't think it necessary.

The second girl was sent to Valladolid - also in Castile and Leon - and when released advised the officers that she had been sexually abused by the husband of the sister who had sold them.

In total seven people were arrested for their involvement in this matter and the two girls are now being looked after in a youth centre.

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Miracle recovery

Brain tumour boy 'clear of cancer'

THE family who sparked a manhunt when they took their son from Southampton General Hospital to Spain without doctors' permission three-years-ago has said he is now 'clear of cancer.'

Following a disagreement with doctors regarding his treatment, parents, Brett and Naghemeh, abducted their young son Ashya from the NHS hospital in the UK so that he could get pioneering treatment in Europe.

After a huge manhunt they were traced to a hostel in Axarquía, Malaga, where they were arrested by police and detained for 72 hours.

Ashya had a brain tumour which was successfully removed through surgery on July 24, 2014. He received further neurosurgery on August 22.

His parents wanted their son to be treated with proton therapy, which they felt was less harmful than conventional radiotherapy.

At that time the NHS did not provide proton therapy in the United Kingdom, although it has funded treatment abroad since April 2008 where evidence has shown there to be benefit.

In Ashya's case the doctors did not support moving the boy so that he could get proton therapy, and in response, on August 28, 2014, the parents took their son out of the hospital without telling the medical team and got a ferry to France.

An international manhunt was launched and just two days later, on August 30, they were found in Spain.



CREDIT: YouTube

CURED: Ashya King.

Ashya's parents were arrested and he was sent to a local hospital for urgent treatment. The parents were released when the request to extradite them to the UK was withdrawn.

The case was taken to the High Court and, on September 5, 2014, the court ruled that Ashya could receive proton therapy in Prague.

After the proton beam therapy, Ashya completed his recovery at the HC International Hospital in Marbella.

In June 2015 the family told the *Euro Weekly News* how the cancer was in remission. Father, Brett, said, "It was the right thing to do, I'm glad we did what we thought was right for Ashya."

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Naval officer dies

SPANISH naval captain Javier Montojo Salazar fell overboard from the ocean research vessel Hesperides last Friday night.

He was part of a scientific team undertaking research in the waters and islands in the Antarctic and the vessel was close to the Spanish naval base Juan Carlos I on Livingston Island at the time of the incident.

After discovering that the captain was missing, the ship undertook a search of the area and discovered his body in the freezing waters



Photo credit: Ministerio de Defensa

SEA TRAGEDY: Captain Javier Montojo Salazar undertaking research a few days before his death.

six hours later.

According to the Spanish Ministry of Defence, his body

is being taken to the port of Ushuaia in Argentina and will then be returned to Spain.

Battle of airlines in Spain

BUDGET airlines are preparing themselves for a commercial war with summer on the horizon.

The low-cost companies will be providing more seats, new routes and greater flight frequencies to take advantage of the tourist boom.

Although competing countries like Turkey and Egypt are beginning to show signs of recovery, Spain will once again be a leading destination.

According to sources in the tourism sector, the

volume of airline seats available to Spain will grow by 10 per cent this summer.

Ryanair, the leader of the Spanish market, is set to grow 5 per cent reaching 30 million seats, opening routes to Murcia, Sevilla, Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia among others.

easyJet, which will introduce 12 new routes, is set to grow 6 per cent and has also taken over Air Berlin.



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DANCING QUEENS: The Suzi4fitz Show girls.

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SUE GIBSON and her Suzi4fitz fitness and dance ladies have been working hard these last few months rehearsing their moves for their latest charity dance show Dance Yourself Dizzy at the Los Montesinos Music School on March 14 and 15.

All the proceeds from sale of tickets for the show will be donated to Los Montesinos Town Hall, who will buy much needed

food vouchers for families who are struggling at Christmas 2018.

The past two shows at the theatre raised a fabulous €4,000, all thanks to the support of their audiences.

Tickets are €8 and €10 and are available by phoning 634 343 873 or by emailing tickets.suzi4fitz@gmail.com or Facebook 'Suzi4fitz Show 'Dance Yourself Dizzy.'

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Jags have a roaring dinner dance

THE Parador hotel in Javea was the venue chosen to hold the gala dinner dance inauguration of the new Jaguar Enthusiasts Club of the Costa Blanca, which was attended by Mr Graham Searle, general manager of the head office in England.

As the JEC members started to arrive, they were met by Mike and Den in the reception area where a welcome desk had been set up to make sure everyone was given firsthand information about the event, and all the Jaguar cars were parked up in a secure cordoned off private area of the hotel's car park.

At 7pm, guests and members were able to gather together in a private area for a Champagne reception, before being seated allowing everyone to meet and greet friends old and new.

Then, with the help of her well organised seating plan, Brenda was able to direct everyone to their tables. Dennis Wilson took to the stage to make the introductions, asking the president of the new Spanish club to come forward to make himself known, and Michael Brook then made a short welcome speech.

The main speaker of the night was Mr Graham Searle who had flown in from England for the event. Mr Searle gave a very interesting talk about the history of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club, from its beginnings to what it has become to date, with clubs worldwide.



JAG FUN: A great evening was had by everybody.



Once the meal was served, a jazz singer entertained everyone with a selection of well-known classical songs which allowed guests to eventually take to the dance floor.

The night finally finished after a number returned to the public bar area for a night cap.

If you would like to join the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club on any future events please contact Mike on mikebikejec@gmail.com or 640 866 711.



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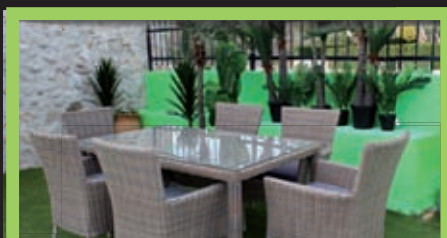
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Winter Olympic Challenge

DESPITE the cold at the Winter Olympics and in the UK, the Almoradi Scrabble Club snugly joined together to take on the challenge of finding bonus words to lay connected to the recent event.

It proved a struggle but 'HERO, COUP, PRIDE' were played with 'HERO' being declared as the winner, so Elaine took home a bottle of wine.

It was great to see so many players, including three new members, Graeme, Phyllis and Colin.

The highest score of the afternoon went to Vicky. As she had missed the January meeting, she was presented with her certificate for scoring 400 in one game (which she did back in August last year).

The next club meeting will be on Tuesday March 27 at Cafe Almoradi, starting at 3.30pm prompt.

And if you can rearrange CIMPYLO to form a word, you are just what we need.

For further details please contact Christine on 694 437 698.

Changes at Help Vega Baja, but exciting times ahead!

AT the HELP Vega Baja AGM, it was announced that following a review, the decision had been taken by the Elective Committee to close the charity's office in Torrevieja with effect from April 1, 2018.

The meeting was informed that despite the best efforts of everyone, including a complete restructure of the office in 2017, the number of people seeking help through the office had dropped dramatically, in contrast to other offices in the charity which had been extremely busy.

Michele Masson who was re-elected as President for the charity at the AGM, said "We strongly believe that if we allowed this situation to continue we would be failing in our duty and that our time, efforts and of course finances can help people if directed in other ways.

"We are working to ensure that our Facebook page and website are current and contain information sheets on popular topics. We are also improving the process of applying for membership online which we are working with our IT support to

achieve. We also acknowledge that not everyone feels comfortable using the internet. For these people we aim to make ourselves available at various venues in the town as often as possible.

"The committee was delighted to be able to report at the AGM that the charity had gone from strength to strength in the previous 12 months and that through the support received at fundraising events, charity shop, Campoamor market etc we were able to donate in excess of €30,500 to individuals and good causes in 2017.

"Our aim is to surpass this in 2018. Over 2,500 people received advice and information from our San Miguel Centre in the past year and there was a 44 per cent increase in net profit.

"Like all charities, we know there will be challenges in the year ahead, however, we are confident that with the team we have on board we will face any challenges and continue to be a well-respected charity that the community can continue to depend upon.

"I have written to the town hall in Torrevieja and other organisations to reassure them that we are still very much committed to the town and we will always do what we can to support people and like-minded charities in the future.

"From Tuesday April 3, all requests for help and support whether from an individual, social services or other organisation should be made via our San Miguel Centre on 966 723 733 or email office@helpvegabaja.com.

"The 24-hour non-medical emergency helpline can also be contacted on this number.

"Exciting times lay ahead for HELP Vega Baja and we welcome you to join us on this journey."

For more information about HELP Vega Baja, including how you can join the charity's team of volunteers, you can contact them via their Facebook Page or email office@helpvegabaja.com or telephone 966 723 733 Monday to Friday from 10am to 1.30pm.

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NORWAY

Stocking up

THE 'doomsday' seed bank located in a mountain on the Norwegian Arctic island of Svalbard, said it has collected more than a million varieties of crops, which it tries to protect from natural disasters.

House of cards

POLICE have raided five Norwegian poker clubs to crack down on gambling, arresting five people, and it was confirmed that the amount of money collected by the clubs was 'far beyond' what was permitted.

In hot water

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pany Norsk Hydro has been told to reduce its production by Brazilian authorities over reports that it has been polluting local ecosystems.

Photo row

TWENTY-SIX-YEAR-OLD Norwegian handball star Nora Mørk

DOOMSDAY: The Norwegian Seed Bank prevents crops from going extinct.

has agreed to return to the national team after she had her mobile phone stolen and intimate photos of her were circulated by the men's side online.

GERMANY

Coalition deal

GERMANY finally has a new government headed by Angela Merkel after the Social Democrats voted in favour of a grand coalition, ending five months of political deadlock.

Cyber attack

GERMANY'S government was threatened with a security crisis after hackers

managed to access its online system and collect confidential information, and German media blamed a hacking group known as 'Snake' for the attack.

Mind matters

ONE in six German students suffer from a mental health illness, according to a new study by Barmer health insur-

ance, amounting to nearly half a million people in total.

Unbiased anthem

A GERMAN official allegedly wants to change the National Anthem to make it more gender neutral by removing a reference to 'the Fatherland' and replacing it with 'Heimatland,' or homeland.

FRANCE

Gem heist

TWO diamond traders from India had their briefcase full of jewels, worth around €300,000, stolen from a metro in Paris while they were in town to sell their wares.

Finally held

A 57-YEAR-OLD French grandfather from the town of Pont-sur-Sambre has admitted to sexually assaulting and raping around 40 women over the past 30 years after police traced his car to the recent rape of a young woman.

Snow tragedy

FOUR skiers have been killed and one more injured in an avalanche. A ski touring expedition in an off-trail area in the French Alps and their guide have been held for questioning.

Name game

A FRENCH couple has been taken to court for naming their baby girl 'Liam,' as the public prosecutor said the name "would be likely to create a risk of gender confusion."

BELGIUM

Speed conflict

THE Flemish and Walloon regional ministers have rejected a draft royal decree to raise the speed limit from 120 to 130 kilometres per hour on sections of certain motorways.

Cracking down

TAX authorities in Belgium are reportedly more closely investigating Belgians who invest in crypto currencies, such as Bitcoin, who must pay tax of 33 per cent on any gains, but are notoriously difficult to track.

Unbuckled

MORE than 20,000 Belgians have reportedly been granted exemptions for wearing seatbelts over the past decade for health reasons, according to figures released by FPS Mobility.

Sleazy sports

ONE in four Flemish athletes has been found guilty of attempted or actual match-fixing or corruption, according to an investigation by The University of Ghent.

NETHERLANDS

Plastic free

THE world's first plastic-free aisle has been introduced to a Dutch supermarket, offering more than 700 products, with plans to introduce the idea on a national scale.

Balanced life

THE Netherlands reportedly has the best work - life balance in the world, according to the latest OECD Better Life Index after being assessed on 11 different factors, such as life satisfaction, income and housing.

Crime down

CRIME in Amsterdam fell by 5 per cent last year from 2016, according to figures issued by National Police.

Royal victory

THE illegitimate son of Prince Carlos has won the right to use his father's title after a three-year court battle but is still prohibited from being an official member of Dutch royal house De Bourbon de Parme.

SWEDEN

Safety first

SWEDISH people are reportedly eating less meat and buying more meat produced locally, according to new research from the Swedish Board of Agriculture, with the average consumption dropping by 2.6 per cent, the biggest reduction since 1990.

Drugs busted

POLICE in Stockholm have uncovered more than 180 kilos of cannabis, estimated to be worth €2.02 million, hidden in IKEA's infamous blue and yellow bags in a van.

Bias in play

A SWEDISH court has ruled that a wife who claimed her husband assaulted her did not have a credible case because he 'seemed to come from a good family, unlike hers.'

Road kill

A RECORD of 149 predatory animals were killed on Swedish roads and train tracks last year, many reportedly getting hit while eating other animals that were also killed by traffic.

DENMARK

No ghettos

THE Danish government has proposed to double the punishment for those who commit crimes in 'ghettos' in order to help improve the level of social integration between immigrants and nationals in urban areas.

Bridge bother

THE infamous Øresund Bridge between Denmark and Sweden was temporarily closed in both directions following an accident caused by a lorry which lost control due to hazardous driving conditions caused by the cold weather.

Top model

DENMARK'S Prince Nikolai made his modelling debut by walking on the runway for Burberry during London Fashion Week after signing with Denmark's Scoops Models agency.

Sniffed out

A DANISH man was arrested on suspicion of drug dealing after he appeared on a documentary about the sale of recreational drugs on social media.



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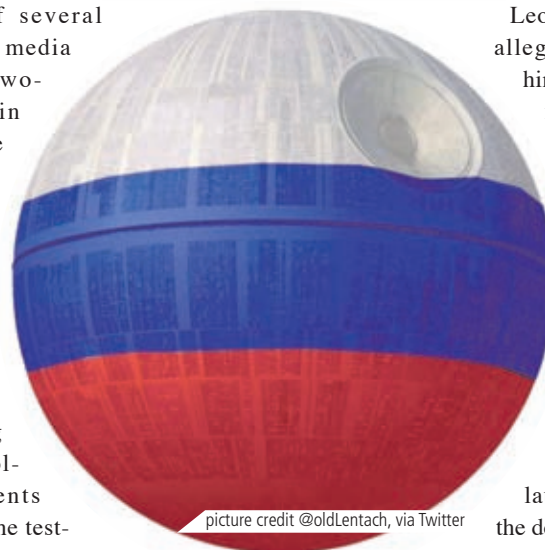
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Nuclear comments go viral online

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin became the subject of several jokes on social media following a two-hour address in which he spoke of the country's nuclear weapons capabilities. Tweets likening him to Darth Vader and Kim Jong Un were among those posted following comments he made about the testing of a new ballistic missile system.

Россия 2024



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For those too lazy to read, a summary of Putin's address in one picture. Russia 2024.

four female reporters that he sexually harassed them. Leonid Slutsky called the allegations a "hit job" and hinted they were part of a foreign plot to smear him, according to reports in Russian media.

Worker deaths probe

AUTHORITIES have launched an inquiry into the death of five North Korean workers at a construction site in southern Russia. The labourers, who are suspected to have died from carbon monoxide poisoning, may have been the victims of criminal negligence, according to reports.

Cocaine arrest

THE suspected leader of a drugs smuggling operation that allegedly saw hundreds of kilograms of cocaine smuggled from South America to Moscow on a Russian presidential plane has been arrested. German police arrested Andrei Kovalchuk who was reportedly found hiding in the country.

Opposition march

POLITICAL groups opposed to President Vladimir Putin came together for a march in memory of slain opposition figure Boris Nemstov. Organisers said around 7,600 people turned out for the demonstration, with protestors calling for a 'Russia without Putin.'

Harassment claims

A DEPUTY in Russia's parliament has said he is innocent following claims from at least



picture credit Helga Salemon, via Twitter

JAILED: Goncharenko was handed the sentence over his displaying of an inflatable duck in the window of his St Petersburg apartment.

Duck display arrest

AN activist has been sentenced to 25 days in prison for displaying an inflatable duck in the window of his St Petersburg apartment in protest over corruption. Artyom Goncharenko was reportedly referencing an investigation into Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's summer house which allegedly has a home for ducks.

TV's big two boost profit

SPAIN'S TV duopoly has strengthened its grip on the market.

Media group Atresmedia, owner of channels Antena 3 and La Sexta, reported a profit of €142.1 million, a 10 per cent increase on 2016 and its best result since 2008.

Meanwhile Italy-based Mediaset, the country's leader in audience ratings and advertising revenue through its channels Cuatro and Telecinco, among others, raked in €197.5 million profit for an increase of 15 per cent.

Bargains for Brits abroad

By Matt Ford

BRITISH holidaymakers are bargain hunters while the Spanish are 'memento shoppers' according to a new survey.

The study by American market research consultant Horizon Consumer Science saw more than 22,000 globe-trotters from 37 countries quizzed over their shopping habits while travelling.

And the results showed that British tourists tend to overlook premium brands and local products in favour of items that they can pick up more cheaply than in the UK, including tobacco and alcohol.

They also spend little time planning

where to shop while abroad and tend to head to wherever is most convenient.

Other nations displaying similar behaviour include Sweden, the Netherlands, Brazil, Denmark, Malaysia and New Zealand.

"People motivated to find bargains will put discounted prices ahead of factors such as whether the items are culturally important or unique to the places they are visiting," the report said.

But Spanish tourists are more likely to seek items that will "serve as a re-

minder of their trip," it added.

"The items need to be different than what they can buy at home, but they don't necessarily need to signify the destination.

"It is the buying experience itself that creates an important part of the memory.

"It might be that the shopper buys something they can get at home, such as a luxury handbag, but, because they bought it on a trip, they are reminded of the place every time they use it."

Other memento shoppers include the Swiss and Poles.

Tax boon for flush expats

SPAIN is among five European countries trying to attract rich expatriates via attractive tax rates.

According to Dutch professional services firm KPMG LLP, foreign residents of France, Spain, Ireland, Germany and the Netherlands earning average salaries of €250,000 per year now fork out less tax and social security than those living in the UK.

In Spain, expatriates receiving their salaries from companies registered outside the country pay a special rate of 24 per cent on income up to €600,000.

Quote of the Week

"I can assure you all I will do what I can and a bit more than what I can, if that is possible; and I will do everything possible and even impossible, if the impossible is also possible." Spanish Prime Minister discusses the Extremadura region's economy



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TRAVEL BOOST: The cost of flights is set to fall, according to Iñigo de la Serna (inset).

Air fares set to plunge in Spain

SPAIN will soon have the cheapest air fares in Europe.

It comes after Development Minister Iñigo de la Serna revealed that national air navigation manager Enaire is to lower tariffs by 12 per cent.

Rates have been frozen since 2012 and were expected to fall by 4 per cent this year.

But by tripling the cutbacks, officials expect the price of flights to tumble.

Mr de la Serna said that the

scaling down of tariffs will "make the European navigation service more competitive," adding that he expects carriers "to maintain a policy of co-responsibility with the effort that is being made" and transfer a portion of the savings to ticket prices.

Secretary of state for infrastructure, Julio Gomez-Pomar, added that the government is "pushing" and "insisting" for airlines to slash ticket prices.

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Feeling the benefits

THE number of jobless people in Spain hit a nine-year record low in February as the official total fell to 3.47 million, according to data released by the Spanish Ministry of Employment and Social Security.

Cash landing

SPAIN'S second-biggest airline Vueling posted record profits of more than €120 million in 2017, eclipsing the previous year by two and a half times, the carrier owned by Anglo-Spanish group IAG has revealed.

Crust magic

SPANISH fast food restaurant firm Telepizza - which has more than 1,600 eateries worldwide - has splashed out €10.7 million for a majority slice of Irish chain Apache Pizza, according to reports.

Debt mountain to climb

SPAIN has finished in the global top 10 of countries with the highest ratio of government debt to Gross Domestic Product.

The country ended 2017 with arrears of more than €1 trillion, equivalent to 105.76 per cent of the total value of goods produced and services provided over the year.

And the shocking figures place the country ninth in the international ranking, which was topped by Japan with a debt-to-GDP ratio of 220.82 per cent, Greece (179 per cent) and Portugal (138.08 per cent).

Spain is sandwiched between the United States (106.1 per cent) in eighth and Singapore (104.7 per cent) in 10th.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,752.60	65.00	3.85	24,462.78
Associated British Foods	2,609.00	2.00	0.08	20,464.78
Admiral Group	1,870.25	25.25	1.37	5,403.94
Ashtead Group	2,038.50	40.00	2.00	10,061.40
Antofagasta	825.50	-17.10	-2.03	8,452.74
Aviva	504.80	7.30	1.47	20,250.81
AstraZeneca	4,758.50	22.50	0.48	60,350.10
BAE Systems	586.60	10.60	1.84	18,470.73
Barclays	205.49	0.19	0.09	36,047.20
British American Tobacco	4,220.00	8.14	0.19	97,972.80
Barratt Developments	528.40	-4.00	-0.75	5,356.34
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,817.50	52.50	1.39	5,084.49
British Land Co	640.90	13.30	2.12	6,166.16
BHP Billiton	1,456.30	43.70	3.09	30,789.78
Bunzl	1,931.00	-19.00	-0.97	6,503.67
BP	471.05	6.95	1.50	94,360.06
Burberry Group	1,618.25	-16.25	-0.99	6,658.26
BT Group	238.13	1.88	0.80	23,812.57
Coca-Cola HBC	2,288.00	-76.00	-3.21	8,698.40
Carnival	4,591.00	-30.00	-0.65	9,860.77
Centrica	141.40	0.70	0.50	7,859.73
Compass Group	1,524.00	4.38	0.29	24,361.57
Croda International	4,744.00	288.00	6.46	6,019.10
CRH	2,366.50	-32.50	-1.35	20,511.59
DCC	6,722.50	207.50	3.18	5,866.34
Diageo	2,382.75	1.25	0.05	59,781.91
Direct Line Insurance Group	364.45	-9.35	-2.50	5,205.75
Evrax	444.30	0.00	0.00	6,418.46
Experian	1,486.75	-33.75	-2.22	14,092.49
easyJet	1,550.25	-26.75	-1.70	6,403.00
Ferguson	4,905.50	-192.50	-3.78	12,789.02
Fresnillo	1,227.50	30.00	2.51	8,765.35
G4S	258.90	4.60	1.81	3,984.50
GKN	404.90	-15.10	-3.60	7,471.60
Glencore	364.03	-0.47	-0.13	54,215.39
GlaxoSmithKline	1,315.80	25.80	2.00	64,674.70
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,681.50	24.50	1.48	7,909.26
Halma	1,138.50	-27.50	-2.36	4,498.75
Hammerson	464.75	16.85	3.76	3,540.67
HSBC Holdings	695.10	-9.90	-1.40	144,039.83
International Consoltdtd Airs Grp	615.00	-2.34	-0.38	12,833.62
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,449.00	-5.00	-0.11	8,654.05
3i Group	902.40	-3.60	-0.40	8,991.47
Imperial Brands	2,570.00	-14.00	-0.54	24,830.54
Informa	706.40	8.80	1.26	5,723.54
Intertek Group	5,116.00	243.00	4.99	7,833.90
ITV	151.98	-1.92	-1.25	6,255.49
Just Eat	874.90	25.90	3.05	5,893.27
Johnson Matthey	3,068.50	38.50	1.27	5,978.25
Kingfisher	342.45	-5.35	-1.54	7,506.48

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	919.20	6.20	0.68	6,821.41
Legal & General Group	259.45	6.05	2.39	15,522.07
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.82	-0.18	-0.27	49,249.45
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,779.50	-57.50	-1.50	13,668.36
Micro Focus International	1,980.25	-7.75	-0.39	8,793.90
Mediclinic International	604.90	30.50	5.31	4,332.05
Marks & Spencer Group	291.20	4.50	1.57	4,729.64
Mondi	1,854.25	-56.75	-2.97	8,934.19
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	225.05	2.35	1.06	5,312.36
National Grid	729.35	-9.85	-1.33	25,045.53
NMC Health	3,241.00	-91.00	-2.73	7,041.45
Next	4,772.00	92.00	1.97	6,823.86
Old Mutual Group	247.20	1.20	0.49	12,568.72
Paddy Power Betfair	8,317.50	22.50	0.27	6,995.92
Prudential	1,754.50	-36.00	-2.01	47,346.55
Persimmon	2,564.00	-20.00	-0.77	7,978.82
Pearson	727.30	8.50	1.18	5,659.72
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,576.00	-114.00	-2.00	40,285.93
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	260.55	2.95	1.15	31,793.27
Royal Dutch Shell	2,294.50	45.00	2.00	105,343.37
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RELX	1,477.50	10.00	0.68	15,671.42
Rio Tinto	3,711.25	72.75	2.00	50,845.99
Rolls-Royce Group	801.10	-16.30	-1.99	15,319.77
Randgold Resources	5,834.00	-106.00	-1.78	5,424.46
RSA Insurance Group	625.00	11.60	1.89	6,321.29
Rentokil Initial	265.75	-6.75	-2.48	4,834.02
Sainsbury (J)	252.50	-0.50	-0.20	5,618.09
Schroders	3,405.50	58.50	1.75	7,650.86
Sage Group (The)	668.60	6.60	1.00	7,323.73
Segro	549.20	-23.00	-4.02	5,726.71
Shire	3,141.25	-64.25	-2.00	29,321.49
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,445.00	15.00	0.62	5,883.55
Sky	1,408.75	35.25	2.57	23,584.92
Standard Life Aberdeen	361.95	-4.25	-1.16	10,876.57
Smith (DS)	452.95	-6.85	-1.49	5,006.35
Smiths Group	1,529.50	-23.00	-1.48	6,254.82
Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust457.70	6.50	1.44	6,298.23	
Smith & Nephew	1,269.50	5.50	0.44	11,173.27
SSE	1,240.25	26.25	2.16	12,386.98
Standard Chartered	770.00	-10.00	-1.28	26,232.49
St James's Place	1,108.50	0.00	0.00	5,973.32
Severn Trent	1,701.25	-20.75	-1.20	4,072.12
Tesco	210.05	8.05	3.99	17,087.89
TUI AG	1,555.50	37.50	2.47	8,957.65
Taylor Wimpey	188.93	2.88	1.55	6,055.96
Unilever	3,582.50	-130.00	-3.50	45,704.72
United Utilities Group	679.50	16.70	2.52	4,594.56
Vodafone Group	199.02	0.00	0.00	53,976.28
WPP Group	1,348.25	82.25	6.50	16,255.14
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3M	230,370	-0.42%	-0,970	137,012,64
AMERICAN EXPRESS	95,6000	+0.48%	0,4600	81,700,68
APPLE	176,210	+0.69%	1,210	888,104,50
BOEING CO	344,670	-1.44%	-5,020	201,752,13
CATERPILLAR	146,380	-2.56%	-3,850	87,429,60
CHEVRON	111,64	-0.36%	-0,40	212,381,96
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,060	+0.59%	0,260	216,110,44
COCA-COLA	43,72	+0.67%	0,29	184,927,05
DOWDUPONT	68,43	-0.48%	-0,33	159,142,17
EXXON MOBIL	75,55	+0.47%	0,35	318,391,29
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,1200	+0.71%	0,1000	122,467,73
GOLDMAN SACHS	258,12	+0.52%	1,34	97,399,24
HOME DEPOT	178,4600	-0.66%	-1,1800	207,859,25
IBM	154,49	+0.44%	0,68	141,657,20
INTEL CORP	48,9800	+2.38%	1,1400	226,980,00
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	113,3200	-0.10%	-0,1100	385,958,05
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,8200	+1.21%	1,5400	344,430,90
MC DONALD'S CORP	148,2700	-4.77%	-7,4300	117,561,85
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54,36	+1.23%	0,66	146,133,53
MICROSOFT	93,050	+0.22%	0,200	710,745,95
NIKE	65,89	-0.65%	-0,43	85,244,42
PFIZER	35,9500	+0.90%	0,3200	213,529,26
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	79,500	+1.02%	0,800	199,108,87
TRAVELERS CIES	137,88	-0.78%	-1,09	37,318,63
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	129,94	-0.28%	-0,36	103,659,26
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	225,19	+0.33%	0,74	217,182,27
VERIZON COMMS	48,26	+0.63%	0,30	196,304,87
VISA	120,77	+0.31%	0,37	216,369,03
WAL-MART STORES	88,7700	-0.35%	-0,3100	261,341,29
WALT DISNEY CO	102,9900	+0.41%	0,4200	154,066,59

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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 5

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
T2 Biosystems, Inc.	\$ 6.36	1.28 ▲ 25.20%
American Public Education, Inc.	\$ 35.25	6.90 ▲ 24.34%
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.17	0.42 ▲ 24%
Nektar Therapeutics	\$ 102.87	18.32 ▲ 21.67%
Intra-Cellular Therapies Inc.	\$ 21.80	3.76 ▲ 20.84%
Protagonist Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 20.86	3.45 ▲ 19.82%
51job, Inc.	\$ 76.39	11.88 ▲ 18.42%
Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 6.12	0.93 ▲ 17.92%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 13.27	1.90 ▲ 16.71%
Puma Biotechnology Inc	\$ 71.05	9.30 ▲ 15.06%
Tandem Diabetes Care, Inc.	\$ 3.89	0.50 ▲ 14.75%
Most Declined		
Atlas Financial Holdings, Inc.	\$ 11.10	7.70 ▼ 40.96%
Ascent Capital Group, Inc.	\$ 5.07	1.60 ▼ 23.99%
Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 14.18	3.14 ▼ 18.13%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 13.65	2.62 ▼ 16.10%
Radius Health, Inc.	\$ 32.915	4.625 ▼ 12.32%
Fulgent Genetics, Inc.	\$ 3.82	0.49 ▼ 11.37%
Olympic Steel, Inc.	\$ 20.845	2.465 ▼ 10.57%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 4.47	0.52 ▼ 10.42%
Asta Funding, Inc.	\$ 4.40	0.45 ▼ 9.28%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 9.05	0.86 ▼ 8.68%
Fluidigm Corporation	\$ 6.27	0.58 ▼ 8.47%

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Gender equality boost

SPANISH QUARTET MAKE GLOBAL RANKING

FOUR major Spanish companies have been included in Bloomberg's Gender Equality Index 2018.

Electricity firm Iberdrola, and telecommunications behemoth Telefonica plus banking groups Santander and BBVA all appear in the business media specialist's latest ranking of the world's 104 most gender diverse businesses.

Spanning 24 countries, the report comes as thousands of women strike across Spain to mark International Women's Day today (Thursday).

Chosen companies demonstrate diversity from director level and most have developed a 'structured strategy' aimed at ensuring diversity in the workplace.

Marta Garcia-Valenzuela of Madrid-based consultancy firm Talengo explained that the Spanish quartet do not yet have such initiatives in place, although plans are reportedly on the table.

"There is less discrimination against women because they are mothers... but companies have to realise that talent and leadership have no gender, whereas the usual model in Spain corresponds to a male aged over 40 and born into a particular family," she said.

Talengo is working alongside companies keen to break these established patterns including Telefonica, where president Jose Maria Alvarez-Pallete has introduced several initiatives aimed at promoting multiculturalism, gender equality and 'generational inclusion.'

A special committee has been charged with implementing the schemes, and in 2017 the number of women contracted by the firm increased by 12 per cent, with 42 per cent of current managers female.

Elsewhere, BBVA Culture and Communications director Enrique Gonzalez said that his company is also committed to boosting women via in-



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SEXISM IN THE CITY: Although conditions are improving, there is a 'long way to go' in Spain.

ternal promotions, manager training and changing the way in which internal vacancies are listed.

Iberdrola is the only energy firm included in the Bloomberg Index and has five women on its board of directors, while the total number employed has increased by 50 per cent in the last decade and the company's recently-appointed chief executive officer is female.

But Roberto Martinez, director of the 'family protection' foundation Masfamilia said that more must be done.

"Women are discriminated against because they are mothers, and worse, because of their capacity to be mothers in the future," he said. "There is no magic solution, only determination and the need for the government to help companies."

STAFF TO STRIKE OVER CONTRACT DISPUTE

Amazon 'fails to deliver'

EMPLOYEES at American e-commerce giant Amazon's biggest warehouse in Spain are to go on strike.

The decision comes after more than 74 per cent of the 1,100 staff working at the multinational's depot in San Fernando de Henares, Madrid, voted in favour of the move.

It follows months of talks over disputed working conditions during which the two parties failed to strike a deal.

The previous agreement expired at the end of 2016, but a revamp proposed by Amazon officials sparked outrage among workers.

The main bone of contention is reportedly the decision to switch from a bespoke agreement (convenio in Spanish) to a standard version designed for logistics companies by Madrid's regional government.

Under the terms of the new agreement, salaries for existing staff would be frozen indefinitely while new employees would earn less than before.

In addition, workers would continue to only have one in every five weekends off, and supplementary payments



Photo credit: Twitter

PRIMED TO STRIKE: The warehouse in San Fernando de Henares, Madrid is Amazon's biggest Spanish facility.

for sick leave would be slashed.

Ana Berceruelo, an official responsible for collective bargaining for Spain's largest trade union, the Workers' Commissions, said: "The company says it has a problem with absenteeism, but we say it is directly related to workload."

She went on to explain that working in the warehouse involves walking up to 20 kilometres per day, with the unions slamming the 'musculoskeletal

diseases' and occupational risks involved.

Under the current agreement, Amazon pays staff 100 per cent of their salaries when they are off sick for the first time, and from the fourth day of any later periods of illness.

But the firm aims to reduce the payments to 50 per cent.

"They say that people go on the sick because of these payments," said Ms

Berceruel. "They are also branding local doctors as liars."

The staff are happy about one of the suggested changes, which would see many of the 800 people currently employed on a week-by-week basis handed permanent contracts, since the new agreement only allows a maximum of 25 per cent of the workforce to be temporary.

Amazon said in a statement that its salary packages are "in the high range for the logistics sector, with a complete package of benefits including private health insurance, a pension plan, and life insurance."

But an attempt to make peace by calling 'friendly and concerned' meetings with groups of 30 employees backfired and led to the strike call.

"They tried to influence us by speaking to us in smaller groups... I do not know if this has been done in any other company but it was grotesque and had a rebound effect," a source told Spanish media.

A date for the strike is set to be announced shortly.

Bust toy chain says Spanish stores 'will remain open'

TOYSHOP chain Toys 'R' Us has moved to calm Spanish shoppers.

An official from the embattled brand said that its stores in Spain will stay open after announcing that its 106 UK stores will be shut down, with around 3,200 staff facing redundancy.

The firm's American parent company last September filed for bankruptcy protection in the UK and Canada after racking up debts of more than €4 billion and failing to make a profit since 2013.

Jean Charretteur, Toys 'R' Us director in France, Portugal and Spain, said: "Our stores are being transformed and modernised while we seek new and better locations to expand our network in the Spanish market."

The future of commuting?

AN international technology firm headquartered in Spain has bagged a €2.8 million development contract for a futuristic train.

The civil works division of Carbuces has been commissioned to design and engineer a prototype passenger 'capsule' for the proposed Hyperloop One project to link Dubai with Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

Chaired by Virgin tycoon Sir Richard Branson, Hyperloop One is an American company that aims to move travellers at airline speeds for a fraction of the cost.

The prototype is earmarked for delivery by the end of the year, and will consist of a 700-metre tube which will be equipped with thousands of intelligent sensors allowing the system to be tested.



Photo credit: Sotheby's.com

THE BEAUTIFUL FRAME: The painting was sold at Sotheby's in London.

MASTERPIECE RAKES IN MORE THAN €55M

Picasso piece breaks record

A MASTERPIECE by Spanish artist Pablo Picasso has smashed the British record after selling for £49.8 million (€56.2 million) at auction.

The Malaga-born painter's *Femme au Beret et a la Robe Quadrillee* (Marie-Therese Walter) was bought by a telephone bidder at Sotheby's London.

It was the prize piece in a 47-lot sale of impressionist, surrealist and modern art, and obliterated its £35 million (€39 million) estimate to become Europe's second-most expensive artwork after Giacometti's *Walking Man* sculpture, which sold for £65 million (€73.4 million) in 2010.

Painted in 1937, the same year as other Picasso masterpieces, including *Guernica* and *The Weeping Woman*, it depicts the head and shoulders of his French mistress and muse Marie-Therese Walter.

The couple met 10 years earlier, when he was 45 and she just 17, and their daughter Maya was born in 1935, but by

the time the painting was completed Marie-Therese was vying with Dora Maar, the model for *The Weeping Woman*, for Picasso's attention.

The brightly-coloured 22-inch high painting had never appeared on the market before, with the former owner having acquired it from the artist's private estate, according to Sotheby's catalogue.

London-based art adviser Gurr Johns - which buys and sells artworks for moneyed clients - landed the piece plus the sale's three other Picasso paintings, splurging £73.8 million (€83.4 million) in the process.

A day earlier, the company splashed £38.9 million (€43.9

million) at Christie's as it snapped up at least nine other Picasso works.

It remains unclear whether the purchases were on behalf of a single or multiple clients.

Sotheby's first major auction of the year raked in £136 million (€153.6 million), down on last year's £150 million (€169.5 million) but still a sign of market strength, according to an official.

But despite including the most expensive artwork ever sold on British soil, it was eclipsed by Christie's total of £149.6 million (€169 million).

The sales come ahead of the opening of the Tate Modern exhibition 'Picasso 1932 - Love, Fame, Tragedy', which opens today having transferred from the Musee National Picasso, Paris.

It includes the masterpiece *Le Reve*, an earlier portrait of Marie-Therese Walter which was bought in 2013 by American billionaire hedge

fund manager Steven A Cohen for \$155 million (€127.2

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Spain's Ibox firms reveal profit boost

SPANISH businesses have been reaping the rewards of an economy that has grown for 17 consecutive quarters.

It comes as accumulated profit for 34 of the 35 firms listed on the Ibox 35, Spain's principal stock exchange, reached €40.1 billion in 2017 according to new data from national security watchdog the Comision Nacional del Mercado de Valores.

The total represents a 16.2 per cent year-

on-year increase.

And the companies also brought in 7.6 per cent more than in 2016, with revenues approaching €474.2 billion, equivalent to the combined expenditure of all of Spain's public agencies.

Banking group Santander topped the Ibox 35 net profit chart with €6.6 billion, while mining company ArcelorMittal pulled in the greatest revenue of just over €56 billion.

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OTHERS THINK IT



WELL, the Finns may have been calling it 'just another Wednesday,' but when I found myself heading for the Piccadilly underground station, in a temperature of minus four degrees centigrade, (with a wind shear of minus 12!), it certainly felt like the 'Beast from the East' to me!

Yep, the ol' boy's in Blighty again, and, with his usual impeccable timing, found himself experiencing one of the coldest March days to hit the auld country since records began. Talk about brass monkeys. Once more I was reminded as to one of the main reasons I moved to balmy España all those years ago.

On this occasion I was 'in town' to accompany my son David on his first fashion shoot (don't ask!). It all actually went rather well. In fact, as I have now been promised a new Bentley and a villa when he 'makes it,' I am delighted that my future, which has al-



'UNRECOGNISABLE': London shivers in 2018 and (inset) Leapy's son on his fashion shoot.

ways been somewhat precarious, is now completely assured and I can now relax a bit - dream on Leapy!

'Course nothing has really changed from my last visit. London is still completely unrecognisable from my particular days of yore, both in skyline and diversity. To me one of the saddest aspects is still the suppression of free speech. On one visit to a well-known large West End store, when I quietly,

but truthfully remarked that the experience reminded me of a Mid-East bazaar, my horrified niece fearfully urged me to keep my voice down, before we were arrested or suffered actual physical damage.

Ah well, I'm sure it will all sort itself out, one way or another.

Could hardly believe one report I read this week. It concerned a young girl of 11 who had been turned out of a

McDonald's into the snow; apparently for no better reason than the fact that she was wearing a school uniform! In the report McDonald's proffered no better explanation than it was now their policy to ban any youngster dressed in this manner. Unbelievable? Yes I thought so too. So I delved a bit.

It was actually my 17-year-old Goddaughter who came up with the reason for this seemingly unacceptable policy.

Apparently school uniforms are looked upon as a way of rival factions identifying themselves. It appears after experiencing a number of altercations and violence between children of opposing schools, McDonald's had decided to ban uniforms altogether. Is that a sad reflection of our day and age or what?

Finally, to really take the biscuit on all this feminism and 'me too' onslaught we've been experiencing of late, I cite the utterly moronic American university feminist, who has seriously begun a movement to eradicate the word 'Man' altogether!

In fairness she was subsequently shot down in flames by her interviewer, who suggested that, among other things, if her quest were to become a success, she herself would become merely a 'Wo'! Yep, she would also become a 'Hu' of course. Manfred Man would become plain old Fred and the baby Jesus laid in a 'ger.' I dunno, what a load of old 'ure.'

Keep the faith.

Love Leapy

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Back-to-back Spanish press awards for EWN

THE EURO WEEKLY NEWS has done it again.

After scooping the 2018 Professional Trajectory gong, Spain's leading English language newspaper has now picked up back-to-back wins at the Spanish Periodical Association (AEEPP) Awards in Madrid.

The latest honour comes after the paper was in 2017 voted Best Free Publication at the same event.

It follows a ground-breaking year for the paper and parent company EWN Media Group (EWNMG), with sister brands RTN newspaper and Sol Times joining the company's portfolio after last year's win.

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

And the EWNMG are justifiably proud after being recognised by an international panel of judges from the upper echelons of European business and media.

Having started life in a tiny Fuengirola flat more than 20 years ago, the group now produces 10 newspapers per week from its modern headquarters on the Costa del Sol, with readership thought to be pushing a million.

In the past year alone the company has acquired two additional brands, given away a car in a prize draw, raised money for two major appeals, sponsored a motor racing team and moved into its state-of-the-art new offices.

But what most clients and readers don't see is the endless commitment of all in-



involved in putting together 10 newspapers every seven days.

From editorial to design, sales to production, accounts to HR, every single member of the EWNMG team has performed above and beyond the call of duty - often under extreme pressure - over the last 12 months.

And while massive thanks is of course reserved for all who read and advertise in the final products, it is those at the sharp end who merit special praise for securing a second consecutive national award after emerging from an especially challenging year.

Congratulations to all, you deserve it.



'WHAT AN HONOUR': Michel and Steven Euesden accept their Professional Trajectory award.

Official praise



“ Many congratulations to Euro Weekly News for this fresh recognition on their work and achievements. It is fantastic to see an English language newspaper thriving in the Spanish media landscape. **”**

SIMON MANLEY: British Ambassador to Spain.

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OH WHAT A NIGHT: The nominees and winners take to the stage and (insets) winners and speakers at the glittering Madrid event.

‘Biggest and most popular’ EWN clients salute national accolade

“Congratulations to the *Euro Weekly News* for winning this prestigious award.

It goes some way to recognise the hard work and commitment by all the team at EWN to produce a paper which is enjoyed every week by many thousands of expats and a good number of Spanish readers keen to improve their English.

May your success continue even as the world of journalism evolves in this more digital age.

Best wishes from all at Currencies Direct as you continue on your ‘trajectory.’

Peter Loveday

Director

Currencies Direct Southern Europe

“A just deserved award for the biggest and most popular expat newspaper in the Spanish islands for the second year running, it is an absolute pleasure to both work and advertise with you and your team.

Congratulations and here’s to the third year in a row...

Emma Quantrill

Operations Director

Golden Leaves International

“As a regular and long term advertiser in *Euro Weekly News*, Sala Group are not surprised that the newspaper has received yet another award from the Spanish Press Association.

Congratulations to the Euesdens and all of the hard work-

ing staff connected with this excellent English language newspaper in Spain.

It works for us!

Ian Radford

Chairman

Sala Group

“I am not surprised by the success of the *EWN* winning a prestigious national award for the second year running.

The owners Steven and Michel and the whole team are hardworking, inventive and creative and are good to their clients. I am enjoying writing for them each week. In my opinion this is THE paper with everything you need and with everybody in it! My warmest congratulations to all at *EWN*, you deserve it!

Steven Saunders

Master Chef, restaurateur and food writer for the RTN newspaper

“Costa Women are delighted to be adding our congratulations to EWN Media Group for their latest award - what a journey the group have been on over the last few years. The papers are not only a recourse, but the integrity of their journalism helps support the foreign community in Spain with up to the minute news and information. Costa Women wish to thank Michel and Steven for their continued support. Let the news and stories continue!

Ali Meehan

Founder of costawomen.com

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11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week

BBC TWO

8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
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10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
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8:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea
9:00pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
10:00pm	Civilisations
11:00pm	Match of the Day
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Top Gear

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>John Peel and Janice Long present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 30 May 1985.</i>
9:00pm	The Brain: A Secret History
10:00pm	Pop! The Science of Bubbles
11:00pm	Horizon
12:00am	Horizon
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:30am	TOTP2
2:15am	TOTP2 <i>Mark Radcliffe with some classic Wham! performances on Top of the Pops.</i>
2:45am	Classic Cellists at the BBC
3:45am	Pop! The Science of Bubbles
4:45am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
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6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Secret Life of Kittens
9:00pm	Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
10:00pm	Do the Right Thing with Eamonn and Ruth
11:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
12:05am	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords

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12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

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8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Rugby League
11:45am	Live European Tour Golf
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Great Women: The Stars of ODI
5:00pm	My Icon
5:15pm	My Icon
5:30pm	Katie Taylor: Golden Girl
6:00pm	Winning Over the World
7:00pm	Women's 6 Nations: Story So Far
8:00pm	My Icon
8:15pm	Women's Super League Preview
8:30pm	Live Super League
10:45pm	Live Premier League Darts
11:30pm	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells

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4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
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	Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
10:00pm	Rachel Nickell: The Untold Story
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	UEFA Europa League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:35am	Lethal Weapon

itv2

8:10am	Dress to Impress
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:55am	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
4:40pm	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	White House Down
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	White House Down
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	Family Guy
1:40am	American Dad!
2:10am	American Dad!

itv3

7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat <i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a Yorkshire village in the 1960s.</i>
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	Coronation Street <i>The paper boys and girls ask Mavis to sack Harry</i>
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Unforgotten
12:00am	Unforgotten
1:05am	DCI Banks
2:05am	DCI Banks
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:05am	The Chase <i>Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh</i>
7:55am	Pawn Stars
8:20am	Pawn Stars <i>Staff at the pawn shop ponder the value of a 1940s' mandolin</i>
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	Quincy, M.E.
10:50am	Minder
11:55am	The Sweeney
1:00pm	The Avengers
2:05pm	Ironsides
3:15pm	Quincy, M.E.
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5:20pm	The Sweeney
6:30pm	The Avengers
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	You Only Live Twice
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	You Only Live Twice
11:25pm	Full Metal Jacket
12:25am	FYI Daily
12:30am	Full Metal Jacket
1:50am	Minder
2:50am	The Sweeney
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:00am	Star Trek Beyond
10:20am	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter
12:10pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
1:55pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
4:15pm	Star Trek Beyond
6:30pm	Wonder Woman
9:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
11:30pm	Wonder Woman

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:40am	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
7:40am	Monster Family: Special
8:10am	The First Wives Club
10:00am	Nine to Five
12:00pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
1:35pm	Baywatch
3:45pm	30 Minutes or Less
5:15pm	The First Wives Club
7:05pm	Nine to Five
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:10pm	30 Minutes or Less
12:40am	Bowfinger
2:25am	The Cable Guy
4:10am	Ibiza Undead

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Hard Target 2
9:00am	Monster Family
10:50am	Two Down
12:35pm	Wonder Woman
3:00pm	Baby Driver <i>Super-stylish crime caper about a music-loving getaway driver coerced into one last heist.</i>
5:00pm	Norman
7:10pm	Monster Family
9:00pm	Wonder Woman <i>Blockbuster superhero adventure starring Gal Gadot as an Amazon warrior princess who leaves her hidden island home to fight in the Great War.</i>
11:25pm	Baby Driver
1:25am	Two Down
3:00am	The Levelling <i>A trainee veterinarian returns to her family's farm following the sudden death of her younger brother.</i>
4:35am	In This Corner of the World

sky sports football

8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	Football
1:00pm	Championship Season Review
2:00pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Championship Season Review
4:00pm	Football
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Championship Season Review
8:00pm	EFL Matters
8:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
9:00pm	Football's Greatest
9:30pm	The Story of Las Palmas
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	La Liga Show
11:30pm	EFL Matters
12:00am	La Liga Icons: Zidane
12:15am	La Liga Icons
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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
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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

BBC TWO

8:15am	Wanted Down Under Revisited
9:00am	Back in Time for Tea
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
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9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	Putin: The New Tsar
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates and Richard Skinner present the pop chart programme, first shown on 6 June 1985.</i>
9:00pm	Classic Albums
10:00pm	Tones, Drones and Arpeggios: The Magic of Minimalism
11:00pm	Tubular Bells: The Mike Oldfield Story
12:00am	Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975
1:30am	Top of the Pops
2:00am	Classic Albums
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4:00am	Tones, Drones and Arpeggios: The Magic of Minimalism
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CHANNEL 4

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9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
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11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11:55am	Winter Paralympics Opening Ceremony Live
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3:10pm	Countdown
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6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Crufts 2018
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:55am	The Inbetweeners
1:30am	Winter Paralympics Live

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!
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2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Perfect Roommate
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
10:00pm	Jane McDonald and Friends
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	French and Saunders
12:30am	That's So...1990
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The X Files

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9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Identity Thief
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells <i>Day one of the BNP Paribas Masters from the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California.</i>
7:30am	Live NRL <i>Week one of Australia's National Rugby League is here as Newcastle Knights meet Manly Warringah Sea Eagles at McDonald Jones Stadium.</i>
9:45am	Rugby League
11:45am	Cricket
4:30pm	Live Valspar <i>Featured Grps</i>
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football <i>The Edinburgh derby from Easter Road as Hibernian take on Hearts in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership.</i>
11:00pm	Cricket

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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	Mickey Blue Eyes
2:25am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Alphabetical
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

9:20am	Emmerdale
9:50am	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	Judge Rinder
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	The Hangover
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	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	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	Lewis
2:05am	Chocolat
4:05am	Life of Crime
4:55am	On the Buses
5:20am	Rising Damp
5:45am	Judge Judy

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football Rivalries
7:10am	The Chase
8:00am	Pawn Stars
8:20am	Ironsides
9:15am	Quincy, M.E.
10:20am	Minder
11:25am	The Sweeney
12:30pm	The Avengers
1:35pm	Ironsides
2:40pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:40pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Storage Wars
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Hornblower
10:30pm	Live Bamma World Title Fight
12:30am	Reservoir Dogs
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	Reservoir Dogs
2:35am	Fifth Gear
3:25am	The Protectors
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping
5:00am	Teleshopping

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11:00am	Wonder Woman
1:30pm	Domino
3:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:00pm	Batman Returns
6:10pm	Aeon Flux
8:00pm	Wonder Woman
10:30pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
12:30am	Kill Bill Vol.2
3:00am	Domino
5:15am	DC Super Hero Girls: Hero of the Year

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11:40am	Get Him to the Greek
1:40pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
2:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
3:40pm	Sausage Party
5:20pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:35pm	This is Spinal Tap
7:05pm	That Thing You Do!
9:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:40am	Sausage Party

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7:00am	Monster Family: Special
7:30am	Monster Family
9:20am	Norman
11:25am	Two Down
1:05pm	Snatched <i>Fish-out-of-water comedy starring Goldie Hawn and Trainwreck's Amy Poehler as a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
2:45pm	Monster Family
4:35pm	Wonder Woman
7:00pm	Baby Driver
9:00pm	Snatched
10:45pm	Wonder Woman
1:10am	Baby Driver
3:10am	Two Down
4:45am	In This Corner of the World

sky sports football

9:00am	SPFL Greatest Games
10:00am	Celtic's Invincibles
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Celtic's Invincibles
5:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
8:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons: Zidane



AMANDA HOBBS
Sales Advisor

Come to Our Open Day

My name is Amanda and I will be giving the short presentation on the facilities at Ciudad Patricia. I will then give you a guided tour of the show apartment and will be available all afternoon to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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

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

I really look forward to meeting you on the day. **PLEASE CALL ME TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.**



Find Out about Ciudad Patricia For Yourself at our Open Day on 14th March at 11:00 am

-  11:00 **Welcome: Coffee & Cake** (Central Building)
-  11:30 **Presentation & Short Film** Questions & Answers
-  12:15 **Tour of the Grounds** Visit Show Apartment
-  13:00 **Lunch in Restaurant** (Optional 10€ per person)

I'll also be presenting an exciting update about our newest apartment building - IRIS. We're well into construction for October delivery. We've pre-sold 10 of the 15 apartments so don't miss out.

Ciudad Patricia RESTAURANTE

STARTERS
Salad from our Salad Bar

MAIN COURSE
Roulade of Pork with Mushroom Sauce
Cod out of the Oven with Dill Sauce
Served with Fresh Vegetables and Fries or Mashed Potatoes

DESSERTS
Ice Cream, Fresh Fruit, Flan or Pie
10€ Incl. half a Bottle of Wine and Bread



Afterwards, you can enjoy lunch at our restaurant. We've arranged a special 3-course menu at the price of just 10€ per person which includes wine and bread. All in all it's going to be a wonderful morning, we're sure you'll enjoy your visit, and I can't wait to share with you why Ciudad Patricia is such a wonderful place to come and live.

PLEASE CALL AMANDA on 673 064 288 TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE -Thank You



"Live the rest of your life with peace of mind" Patricia & Trevor



"Easily the right decision" Nancy & Alister



"Quite simply, living here is paradise" Gladys



10 ways Ciudad Patricia helps to take away the worries of getting older in Spain.

1. We have 2 doctors at Ciudad Patricia. One has lived on site in one of our apartments for over 20 years and been working here for over 30 years. Both speak English.
2. Our doctor has his own surgery for free consultations giving you peace of mind and convenience.
3. 24 hour emergency medical assistance cover all included.
4. Jayne is the residents' own helper and is available during normal working hours. She can check on you when you are not well, collect prescriptions, go shopping, accompany you to go to the national health hospital and doctors, translate for you plus many other things to help you, all for a small fee.
5. We want our residents to live as long as they can independently in their own home for as long as possible. We can provide help after an operation to get washed and dressed in the mornings, housework, washing and ironing etc. Again, subject to a reasonable fee.
6. On the resort is a residential care and rehabilitation centre should you find you can no longer live independently and safely in your own home even with the extra help provided.
7. British television is available with any package you are used to.
8. We provide 10Mb internet to apartments. Additionally, computers with printer are available in the main building for residents' use.
9. You don't have to be resident in Spain to live at Ciudad Patricia.
10. We have extensive, beautiful, well-kept gardens, 3 outdoor pools, heated 28° indoor salt water pool, petanca courts and gym. Small well-behaved pets are welcome.

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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	MasterChef
3:15pm	MasterChef
4:15pm	Coast and Country Auctions
5:00pm	Six Nations Rugby Union <i>Action from the Six Nations Trophy</i>
8:00pm	BBC News
8:10pm	Regional News
8:15pm	Weather
8:20pm	Pointless
9:10pm	Casualty
10:00pm	Troy: Fall of a City
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	A Few Best Men
2:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:20am	BBC News

BBC TWO

8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Gorilla Family and Me
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Cats v Dogs: Which is Best?
2:00pm	The Caine Mutiny
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Me and My Dog
5:30pm	Final Score
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Hugh's Wild West
8:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
9:00pm	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Hitchcock's Shower Scene: 78/52
11:30pm	QI XL
12:15am	Dial M for Murder
1:55am	The Lady Vanishes
3:30am	Civilisations

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
9:00pm	Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest
10:00pm	Fatal Fiancé
10:45pm	Fatal Fiancé
11:30pm	Only the Lonely: The Roy Orbison Story
12:30am	TOTP2 Wham Special <i>Top of The Pops 2 Wham Special</i>
1:00am	Janis
2:30am	Joy of Rachmaninoff
3:30am	Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of the American Northwest
4:30am	TOTP2 Wham Special <i>Top of The Pops 2 Wham Special</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Winter Paralympics Live
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
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
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:25pm	Coast v Country
4:25pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:30pm	Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
6:30pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Winter Paralympics Today
8:00pm	Crufts 2018
10:00pm	45 Years
11:50pm	First Dates
12:55am	The Inbetweeners
1:30am	Winter Paralympics Live

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:50am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:25am	The Gadget Show
12:15pm	Police Interceptors
1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:15pm	Police Interceptors
3:15pm	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	The Secret Life of Kittens
7:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
8:00pm	Brunel's Britain: Master of Bridges
9:00pm	Brunel's Britain: King of the Sea
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	Jane McDonald and Friends
12:25am	Celebrity 5 Go Motorhoming
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Cowboy Builders

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7:00am	Alvin and the Chipmunks
8:40am	The Goldbergs
9:10am	The Goldbergs
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10:10am	The Goldbergs
10:40am	Young Sheldon
11:10am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
11:40am	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:05pm	Stuart Little 2
1:40pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
6:15pm	Extreme Cake Makers
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Captain America: The First Avenger
10:00pm	Salt
12:05am	Gogglebox
1:05am	Naked Attraction
2:15am	Tattoo Fixers

sky sports main event

7:00am	My Icon
7:15am	My Icon
7:30am	Rugby Union <i>Hurricanes meet Crusaders in Wellington in the 2018 Super Rugby season.</i>
9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:55pm	Rugby Union
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Football
2:10am	EFL Goals: Championship
2:40am	La Liga Greatest Games
2:50am	La Liga Greatest Games
3:00am	Classic action from Spain's La Liga
3:00am	Boxing

itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Dancing on Ice
2:15pm	ITV News and Weather
2:25pm	Six Nations Live
5:30pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News and Weather
7:15pm	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
11:40pm	ITV News and Weather
12:05am	2 Fast 2 Furious
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:35am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2:00pm	Take Me Out
3:00pm	Catchphrase
4:05pm	Hotel Transylvania
5:10pm	FYI Daily
5:15pm	Hotel Transylvania
5:55pm	Uncle Buck
6:55pm	FYI Daily
7:00pm	Uncle Buck
7:45pm	Jack the Giant Killer
8:50pm	FYI Daily
8:55pm	Jack the Giant Killer
10:00pm	The Expendables
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Expendables
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	American Dad!
1:55am	Action Team
2:30am	Action Team
3:00am	Ibiza Weekender

itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>
8:10am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	A Touch of Frost
11:30am	A Touch of Frost
1:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
3:55pm	Columbo
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders <i>There are two contrasting weddings taking place in Midsomer - Cully's to Simon, and local baronet Ned Fitzroy's to Beth Porteous.</i>
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Lewis
2:05am	The Good Karma Hospital
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

8:25am	The Avengers
9:30am	The Avengers
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:35am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	Pawn Stars
1:00pm	Pawn Stars
1:25pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
5:00pm	The Battle of Britain
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	The Battle of Britain
7:40pm	Football's Greatest
8:00pm	Storage Wars
8:25pm	Storage Wars
8:55pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	The Chronicles of Riddick
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Chronicles of Riddick
12:20am	This is the End
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	This is the End
2:30am	The Sweeney
3:25am	The Protectors

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9:30am	Charlie's Angels
11:15am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
1:15pm	Hanna
3:15pm	Miss Congeniality
5:15pm	Charlie's Angels
7:00pm	Ghostbusters
9:00pm	The Shallows
10:30pm	Wanted
12:30am	Hanna
2:30am	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	Don't Think Twice
9:30am	Hail, Caesar!
11:20am	Click
1:15pm	Bridesmaids
3:25pm	Why Him?
5:20pm	Splash
7:20pm	Happy Gilmore
9:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:10pm	Why Him?
1:05am	48 Hrs
2:50am	Barbershop: The Next Cut
4:45am	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Norman
9:10am	Monster Family
11:00am	Snatched
12:45pm	Wonder Woman
3:15pm	City of Tiny Lights <i>London-set crime thriller about a hard-drinking private detective searching for a missing sex worker.</i>
5:15pm	Baby Driver
7:15pm	Snatched
9:00pm	Wonder Woman
11:25pm	City of Tiny Lights
1:20am	Baby Driver
3:20am	The Levelling
4:50am	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>

sky sports football

9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Football
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
11:30pm	La Liga Icons
11:45pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	Football
2:10am	EFL Goals: Championship
2:40am	La Liga Greatest Games
2:50am	La Liga Greatest Games
3:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
3:15am	La Liga Icons

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BBC one

8:30am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	BBC News
1:25pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:30pm	MasterChef
2:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
2:55pm	Songs of Praise
3:30pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
6:05pm	Earth's Natural Wonders
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	Sir Bruce Forsyth: A Celebration
11:05pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Regional News
11:30pm	Weather
11:35pm	Match of the Day 2
12:35am	Fright Night
2:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

4:25am	This is BBC Two
7:10am	Coast
7:55am	A-Z of TV Gardening
8:15am	The Instant Gardener
9:05am	Gardeners' World
9:35am	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	The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives
3:00pm	Money for Nothing
3:45pm	Laura
5:10pm	Back in Time for Tea
6:10pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
7:10pm	Deep Impact
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Life and Death Row
11:20pm	The Mash Report
11:50pm	Top Gear Extra Gear
12:15am	Women's Six Nations Highlights
12:45am	Question Time
1:45am	Panorama
2:15am	Holby City

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect
	<i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth
	<i>Classicist Dr Michael Scott journeys to Athens to explore how drama first began.</i>
10:00pm	Michael Jackson's Journey From Motown to Off the Wall
11:30pm	Sings Motown
12:31am	I'm Not in Love: The Story of 10cc
1:30am	Art of France
2:30am	Smile! The Nation's Family Album
3:30am	Sings Motown
4:30am	The Beauty of Anatomy

CHANNEL 4

8:00am	Tennis
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
2:05pm	The Simpsons
2:35pm	The Simpsons
3:05pm	The Simpsons
3:35pm	The Simpsons
4:05pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
5:25pm	Crufts Extra with Alan and Clare
6:30pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Winter Paralympics Today
8:00pm	Crufts 2018
10:00pm	Homeland
11:00pm	The Last Leg Winter Paralympics Special
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:00am	Married at First Sight
2:00am	The Inbetweeners
2:30am	Winter Paralympics Live

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:30pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
1:00pm	Britain's Greatest Bridges
1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:15pm	Police Interceptors
3:15pm	Open Season 2
4:45pm	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
6:25pm	Journey 2: The Mysterious Island
8:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Olympus Has Fallen
12:15am	Rise of the Krays
2:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Now That's Funny!
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:25am	The Big Bang Theory
9:55am	The Big Bang Theory
10:25am	The Big Bang Theory
10:50am	The Big Bang Theory
11:20am	Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World
1:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Goldbergs
6:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
7:00pm	Young Sheldon
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:55pm	I, Robot
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The World's End
1:10am	The Big Bang Theory
1:40am	The Big Bang Theory
2:10am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
3:10am	Timeless
3:55am	Rude Tube

sky sports main event

7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Cricket
	<i>Day three of the second Test between South Africa and Australia at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth.</i>
12:30pm	Football
	<i>Rangers take on Celtic at Ibrox in the SPFL Ladbrokes Premiership.</i>
3:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Arsenal face Watford at the Emirates Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
	<i>Bournemouth take on Tottenham Hotspur at the Vitality Stadium in the Premier League</i>
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
11:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells
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	Britain's Brightest Family
3:30pm	Catchphrase
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	Six Nations Highlights
1:15am	100 Year Old Driving School
1:40am	Marcella
2:30am	Jackpot247

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7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	You've Been Framed!
7:45am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:20pm	The Voice UK
2:45pm	The Flintstones
3:45pm	FYI Daily
3:50pm	The Flintstones
4:30pm	Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights
6:15pm	Evan Almighty
7:15pm	FYI Daily
7:20pm	Evan Almighty
8:10pm	Gravity
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	Gravity
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:30am	Zack and Miri Make a Porno
2:30am	FYI Daily

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7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
	<i>Jessica's night at a political fundraiser turns to murder.</i>
8:50am	Heartbeat
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Columbo
	<i>Columbo faces off against a lawyer who killed his rock star girlfriend.</i>
12:55pm	A Touch of Frost
2:55pm	A Touch of Frost
4:55pm	Lewis
7:00pm	The Durrells
9:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure
11:00pm	An Audience with Victoria Wood
12:10am	Lewis
2:10am	Life of Crime
3:00am	Blue Murder
4:20am	Rising Damp
4:45am	Road to Avonlea

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Minder
7:50am	Minder
8:45am	Storage Wars
9:10am	Storage Wars
9:40am	Storage Wars
10:05am	Storage Wars
10:30am	Storage Wars
11:00am	Storage Wars
11:25am	Storage Wars
11:55am	Storage Wars
12:25pm	Storage Wars
12:55pm	Storage Wars
1:20pm	Pawn Stars
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:15pm	Pawn Stars
2:50pm	The Battle of Britain
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	The Battle of Britain
5:30pm	You Only Live Twice
6:35pm	FYI Daily
6:40pm	You Only Live Twice
7:50pm	Hornblower
10:00pm	Firefox
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Firefox
12:45am	Falling Down
1:50am	FYI Daily
1:55am	Falling Down
3:00am	River Monsters

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7:00am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
9:20am	Wonder Woman
11:45am	Ghost in the Shell
1:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
2:00pm	Suicide Squad
4:15pm	Wonder Woman
6:40pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
11:00pm	Suicide Squad

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8:05am	Norbit
9:55am	Knocked Up
12:10pm	The House Bunny
1:55pm	Table 19
3:30pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:20pm	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
7:15pm	Police Academy
9:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm	Table 19
12:25am	Another 48 Hrs
2:10am	The Blues Brothers

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7:00am	Norman
	<i>A small-time New York hustler glimpses the big time when he charms a visiting Israeli politician who goes on to become prime minister. Thoughtful drama.</i>
9:15am	Monster Family
11:05am	Snatched
12:50pm	Wonder Woman
3:20pm	Baby Driver
5:25pm	City of Tiny Lights
7:25pm	Snatched
	<i>Fish-out-of-water comedy about a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
9:00pm	Wonder Woman
11:25pm	Info not available
1:00am	Baby Driver
3:00am	City of Tiny Lights
4:55am	The Levelling

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8:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
9:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15pm	Football
3:15pm	Football
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
12:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid

Terms of ensnarement

Do not enter this column if you have not agreed to its Terms and Conditions, warns Terence Kennedy.

TECH FOR THE TIMID



SOME 22,000 people recently agreed to clean toilets for 1,000 hours after failing to read the fine-print on a phone app.

Quite a few diners agreed to give up their firstborn in return for using a restaurant's free Wi-Fi.

They were of course victims of pranks played by software designers, who perhaps need to get out more.

But there was method in their madness: making people aware of what they might be giving up by simply clicking 'I agree' to get past the Terms and Conditions of whatever juicy software or service being offered.

Hands up if you ever read that fine print? In the early days I used to, until it became the length of a Jackie Collins bonkbuster and twice as tedious.

Now developers can sneak virtual anything into the T&Cs and most



CONTRACTS: Lawyers get their clauses in.

of us wouldn't know it. If you did you might be horrified.

When a shiny new app asks for access to our e-mail accounts, we click 'Yes' without hesitation. When it asks if it may raid our precious contacts lists, we agree.

Give up whatever shred of online privacy we still have left? Certainly. May the app track how many times we visit Pornhub? Click 'Yes' and 'If you liked pneumatic Morris Dancing,

here are 28 other perversions you may enjoy.'

A *Guardian* journalist recently spent an entire week just reading 146,000 words of the T&Cs covering everything he wanted to do that week, and said it made him want to die.

He had to read 21,000 words just to use his iPhone. Booting his laptop, opening Gmail and checking Twitter took another 35,000 words

of his life.

And who knew when buying a Kindle book from Amazon, that it's not actually yours, as thousands of people found out suddenly a decade ago when the company remotely deleted users' copies of George Orwell's *1984* and *Animal Farm* from their devices without so much as a how's yer father, because of a copyright dispute.

The supreme irony was of course that it involved *1984*, the dystopian novel where Big Brother controls everything.

But as long as there are lawyers there will always be fine print. Which we will rarely, if ever, read.

Unless of course it's something along these brief lines:

'I don't claim this software is good for anything. If you think it is, cool. If it doesn't work, that's too bad. If you don't like this disclaimer, that's too bad. I reserve the right to do the absolute minimum provided by law, up to and including absolutely nothing.'

Reading the EULA-gy

LAWYERS are divided on whether the typical T&Cs none of us read are actually enforceable.

These 'end-user licence agreements' (or EULAs) are certainly contracts, usually considered to be legally binding. But our inability to negotiate them violates common law principles of fairness, so they may not be worth the pixels they're written on.

In an ideal world we'd know what we're agreeing to. Those days evaporated when we all discovered the pressing need for a way to tell everybody online exactly what we had for breakfast.

To show how ridiculous it all is, a bored Apple iTunes lawyer once sneaked a prohibition into the music service's T&Cs, forbidding using iTunes for the design, manufacture or production of nuclear or biological weapons.

Advertising Feature

Congratulations Peggy '100 years young'

PEGGY NUTT, a resident at Senior Resort Ciudad Patricia for a wonderful 33 years celebrated her 100th birthday on February 16, 2018.

Peggy was born in Oxford on February 16, 1918. She was the youngest of six. She married at the age of 21 and had her daughter Shirley. At the age of 60 she moved to Spain with her second husband to Moraira.

Nadine, the resort manager had spent months planning and organising a very special day and party for Peggy. All the residents were invited to the big day, and there was a big surprise for Peggy.

It kept the residents and Peggy wondering what the surprise was to be. Family and friends were also invited to the special occasion and also a very lovely lady, her daughter Shirley who is 77 years old. Shirley flew over from England to be with her mum.

Nadine gave a wonderful speech about Peggy and some of her highlights of living at Ciudad Patricia. Also the councillor for welfare, Angela Llorca, gave a nice speech and read out the message from the mayor.

There were tears all round when Peggy's

favourite little people turned up. For many years Peggy always enjoyed a show put on by life size and life like wooden puppets. A few years ago the puppeteers retired. Nadine asked them very nicely to come along and say Happy Birthday to Peggy. She was so thrilled to see them and they both gave her a big kiss.

Gordon Innes, president of the residents association, gave a lovely and funny recollection of Peggy's life. Another lovely surprise was an envelope from Buckingham Palace, inside a congratulatory card from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Now for the surprise, all the staff at Ciudad Patricia from the manager to the caretakers had practised dances and put on a big show for Peggy.

They had the four caretakers, reception and resort painter and decorator as the Village People.

A number of the female management team appeared as the Weather Girls dancing and singing It's Raining Men.

There was also Madonna with Material Girl with all the caretakers and resort support worker Jayne.



PEGGY: Enjoying her birthday party.

The doctor played the piano and dressed up as Beethoven.

The concert included ABBA with the staff on the reception on keyboards and guitar, alongside the resort manager and support worker as the singers.

There were the Andrew Sisters and the caretaker of Flora and his wife who did an amazing salsa dance. The show ended with all staff on stage singing and dancing to We are Family where Peggy got up and joined them dancing all together.

Peggy's zest for life is unbelievable, at 96 she fractured her pelvis. At 97 she suffered from a bad bout of pneumonia and only last year at 99 she broke her ankle. Peggy gave a short speech to say thank you to all those that came to her birthday celebrations.

She insisted in taking the microphone to say "I am really overwhelmed by your kindness and really appreciate what you have done for me today. I want to give special thanks to all the staff for

everything you have done over the last 33 years here. Everyone has helped whenever I have had any problems, it really is a joy to live here."

Lovely kind words and you could tell she actually meant it from her heart.

Peggy then enjoyed a special lunch with her family and friends. At 4 o'clock the big party began with a live band Don't Ask, there was a huge delicious birthday cake and lovely food on the buffet table. Yes you guessed it Peggy was again first on the dance floor.

Peggy was on the go enjoying herself from 10.30am until 7pm, amazing for someone with so much energy at 100 years old. She is now planning her 101st birthday for next year.

Peggy is an incredible lady for 100 years old, she is a very good ambassador for Ciudad Patricia.

To find out more about the Ciudad Patricia retirement apartments in Benidorm visit their website www.ciudadpatricia.es/en/.

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Holding Back the Years
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
3:45pm	Commonwealth Observance Day
5:15pm	Flog It!
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

7:30am	Coast and Country Auctions
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	Women's Six Nations Highlights
2:30pm	Yes Chef
3:15pm	Your Home in Their Hands
4:15pm	Planet Earth I
5:15pm	Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Top Gear
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Being Blacker
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Putin: The New Tsar
1:15am	Odyssey
1:55am	Odyssey

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Treasures of the Indus
10:00pm	The Art of Spain
11:00pm	Caligula with Mary Beard
12:00am	Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome
1:00am	On Camera: Photographers at the BBC
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read presents the weekly pop chart show, first broadcast on 29 July 1982.</i>
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	Fabric of Britain
4:00am	Thomas Chatterton: The Myth of the Doomed Poet

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
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
8:30pm	Winter Paralympics Today
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Electric Dreams
12:00am	Winter Paralympics Highlights
1:15am	Winter Paralympics Live

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	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Deadly Daycare
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Anglo Welsh Cup Highlights
9:00pm	Extreme Winter Road Rescue
10:00pm	Terror in the Air: Flights Out of Control
11:00pm	Police 24/7
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	Now That's Funny!
5:45am	House Doctor

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8:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:00am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	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	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize <i>Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.</i>
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Cricket <i>Day four of the second Test between South Africa and Australia at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth</i>
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	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells

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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
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
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9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Marcella
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	Rachel Nickell: The Untold Story
12:50am	The Kyle Files
1:15am	100 Years Younger in 21 Days
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

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8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
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9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
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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	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Action Team
11:35pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	Plebs

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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
4:50pm	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	Vera
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:00am	Scott and Bailey
2:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:55am	Judge Judy
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Football Rivalries
7:10am	The Chase
8:00am	Pawn Stars
8:20am	Pawn Stars
8:45am	Ironsides
9:50am	Quincy, M.E.
10:50am	Minder
11:55am	The Sweeney
1:00pm	The Avengers
2:05pm	Ironsides
3:10pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:15pm	Minder
5:20pm	The Saint
6:25pm	The Avengers
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	River Monsters
11:05pm	Above the Law
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Above the Law
1:10am	This is the End
2:15am	FYI Daily
2:20am	This is the End
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:00am	Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol
11:00am	Mission: Impossible II
1:15pm	Mission: Impossible III
3:30pm	The Mummy
5:35pm	Jack Reacher
8:00pm	Top Gun
10:00pm	The Mummy
12:00am	Jack Reacher
2:15am	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back

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10:55am	Calendar Girls
12:50pm	Paul
2:40pm	Stuck on You
4:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:05pm	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
6:40pm	Love Actually
9:00pm	Paul
10:45pm	Stuck on You
12:50am	Little Man
2:35am	Bad News Bears
4:35am	Jackass: The Movie

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7:00am	Two Down
8:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:00am	Wheeler
10:45am	Wonder Woman
1:10pm	Snatched
2:55pm	City of Tiny Lights <i>London-set crime thriller about a hard-drinking private detective searching for a missing sex worker.</i>
5:00pm	Baby Driver
7:10pm	Wheeler <i>Faux documentary blurring the line between reality and fiction as Stephen Dorff plays charismatic country singer Wheeler Bryson, out to make it big in Nashville.</i>
9:00pm	Wonder Woman
11:25pm	Snatched
1:00am	Info not available
2:35am	City of Tiny Lights
4:30am	Baby Driver

sky sports football

8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
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10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Football Years
7:30pm	Football Countdowns
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao
8:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits

Advertising Feature

UK Passports... The facts

FOR several years now The Card and Gift Shop in Quesada has been assisting expatriates in all areas involved with UK passports.

There seems to have been plenty of new offers for the renewal or replacement of passports but it is better by far to choose assistance from a company that actually knows what it is doing.

In the same way that the Royal Mail offers a checking and delivery service for those who don't want to deal directly with the UK Passport Office, The Card and Gift Shop in Quesada can help in every step of the process.

There are certain fees which have to be paid to the UK Passport Office but the loss in transit of a passport or indeed incorrect information or photographs can make the delay even more frustrating, especially if your application is rejected due to a technical error.

Passport photographs have changed dramatically in the last couple of years, photos taken in Spain for ID purposes, such as driving licence or NIE, are not suitable for your passport. The Passport Office insist that the photo must be taken in the last month, 95 per cent of delayed applications are because of incorrect photos but this is just one of the areas where the company can assist.



VALUABLE COMMODITY: Passports are important documents that must be protected.

The post shop at The Card and Gift Shop can supply six photographs which meet all of the requirements of the Passport Office and offers a service to check your application form to ensure that all of the necessary details have been filled in.

Passports are valuable commodities in the il-

legal market which is why it is so important to submit everything via a secure delivery service to ensure that the document arrives safely and is returned to you.

According to the Passport Office, it takes between four and eight weeks to issue a new or replacement passport and you can apply for a new

one up to nine months in advance but just think what would happen if your valid passport sent for renewal disappeared!

With all applications now being completed online there is even more pressure to get it right. Once the application is completed online you then have to print it, sign it and securely send it with your new photos and old passport to the appropriate office in the UK.

You can arrange for renewal, new passports, babies' passports, with every step and stage all included in one place it makes sense to use an all inclusive service such as The Card and Gift Shop in Quesada, especially as it is priced well below others whilst offering the same service.

They are experts in the process, completing hundreds every year and can even arrange for customers to pay in cash as not everyone has the ability to pay by card.

Just give them a call on 966 718 684 or pop into The Card and Gift Shop in Quesada at Avda Los Naciones 1A Local 12 (behind the Santander Bank) for more information on costs and services or to book an appointment.

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3:15pm	A Place to Call Home
4:10pm	Escape to the Country
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5:30pm	Flog It!
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	Inside Britain's Moped Crime Gangs
12:55am	Drugs Map of Britain

BBC TWO

7:30am	Holding Back the Years
8:15am	The Sheriffs are Coming
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	Yes Chef
3:30pm	Your Home in Their Hands
4:30pm	Planet Earth I
5:30pm	Into the Wild with Gordon Buchanan
6:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
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 Archeologists
11:30pm	Newsnight
11:30pm	Weather
12:10am	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
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1:15am	MasterChef

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Immortal Egypt with Joann Fletcher <i>Joann Fletcher explains how ancient Egypt's extraordinary story fits together.</i>
10:00pm	The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story
11:00pm	The Prosecutors: Real Crime and Punishment <i>Series documenting the work of the Crown Prosecution Service</i>
12:00am	A War
1:45am	Top of the Pops
2:25am	Top of the Pops
2:55am	The High Art of the Low Countries
3:55am	The Art of Spain

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Winter Paralympics Live
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
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
8:30pm	Winter Paralympics Today
9:00pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
10:15pm	Seven Year Switch
11:20pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	Winter Paralympics Highlights
1:15am	Winter Paralympics Live

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
4:20pm	Missing Daughter
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	World Rally
9:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
10:00pm	Wild Britain with Ray Mears
11:00pm	The Crown in Crisis: Elizabeth-Our Queen
12:05am	The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
1:05am	Left for Dead
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Now That's Funny!
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Tattoo Fixers
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:30am	My Icon
6:45am	My Icon
<i>In the next episode of this special series, former England captain Casey Stoney discusses the individuals that have inspired her during her life and career.</i>	
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Cricket
<i>Day five of the second Test as South Africa host Australia at St George's Park in Port Elizabeth.</i>	
4:30pm	Sky Sports News
<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>	
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells
<i>The sixth day of the BNP Paribas Open from Indian Wells.</i>	
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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4:55am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:00pm	Cheltenham Festival
5:30pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
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
1:15am	Piers Morgan's Life Stories
2:05am	Jackpot247
4:00am	ITV Nightscreen

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7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
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11:15am	The Bachelor
1:05pm	Emmerdale
1:35pm	Coronation Street
2:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle 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!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The 40 Year Old Virgin
12:25am	Family Guy

itv3

7:50am	Heartbeat <i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a Yorkshire village in the 1960s.</i>
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse <i>Drama series featuring Colin Dexter's laconic detective.</i>
1:35pm	The Royal
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3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
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5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:00am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	The Chase
8:35am	Pawn Stars
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9:25am	Ironsides
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	The Protectors
12:00pm	The Saint
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2:15pm	Ironsides
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4:20pm	Minder
5:25pm	The Saint
6:30pm	The Avengers
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	Full Metal Jacket
12:15am	FYI Daily
12:20am	Full Metal Jacket
1:30am	Minder
2:30am	The Americans
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	Suicide Squad
9:15am	After Earth
11:00am	Independence Day
1:40pm	Hancock
3:25pm	Suicide Squad
5:30pm	After Earth
7:15pm	Independence Day
10:00pm	Hancock
11:45pm	Bad Boys
1:55am	Bad Boys II
4:35am	I Am Legend

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:20am	All About Steve
12:05pm	How to Lose Friends and Alienate People
2:05pm	The Bounty Hunter
4:05pm	Sausage Party
5:40pm	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
7:15pm	Juno
9:00pm	The Bounty Hunter
11:00pm	Sausage Party
12:35am	The Benchwarmers
2:10am	Revenge of the Nerds
3:45am	Jackass: Number Two
5:25am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	The Levelling
8:40am	City of Tiny Lights
10:45am	Custody
12:45pm	Wonder Woman
3:20pm	Wheeler
5:15pm	Snatched
7:00pm	Custody
<i>Courtroom drama focusing on three women brought together when a hard-working single mother has her children taken away from her.</i>	
9:00pm	Wonder Woman
11:25pm	City of Tiny Lights
1:20am	Snatched
3:00am	Info not available
4:40am	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>	

sky sports football

1:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
2:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
8:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:30pm	Football Years
9:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
9:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
9:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
10:00pm	League Cup Final Highlights
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga



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Does the Benidorm holiday need a break after 10 years?

BENIDORM, ITV1 Wednesdays, is back for another season of fun in the sun. I'm still not sure that the hour-long format works, I think the writing was much punchier with a 30-minute slot, but for a show celebrating a significant telly milestone someone is clearly doing something right.

The season 10 launch saw Joyce Temple-Savage (I would love to know the back story here, is there a Mr Temple and/or Savage in her past and was she ever at Butlins Skegness, maybe 1974?) getting married to Monty.

John Challis plays a wonderfully shady Monty and is a great addition to the cast, but one of the reasons I continue to watch is Tim Healy in various states of excessive make-up and figure hugging clothes, including a wedding dress at Joyce's big day.

Episode two saw Jacqueline panic about Kenneth going missing, but of course he returns safe and sound. I'm pleased Joey is back, Nathan Bryon plays this part so well, but I'm not sure about his new friend Callum, who seems to be a taller version of Tiger who has hit the gym.

Critics of the show will say the once present comedy edge is slipping, but I think the format is sufficiently robust to withstand even

FUN IN THE SUN: Benidorm.

the terrible weather we have been having on the Costa del Sol, although I hear the weather is better along the coast and further north.

Another show recently starting a new run is *Mum*, BBC2 Tuesdays. The second season kicked off with Cathy's 60th birthday celebrations in the local gastro pub, followed by Cathy playing Easter Day cat and mouse with Michael, but it's a game I enjoy. The show would surely stall if these two ever did manage some time alone?

This week Cathy hosted a BBQ and the cat and mouse game with Michael continued. But the stars this week are Cathy's in-laws, Maureen and Reg, who should have their very own hashtag #sayhowitis. There were some predictable and deliberate misunderstandings on their part but some kinder touches too. The through line here is quite dark and for me, works really well.

I need to mention *100 Years Younger in 21 Days*, ITV Tuesdays. I've no idea where this mess of a show was dreamed up, but I wish the producers had taken a duvet day when



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they commissioned it and simply not bothered. The celebrity ant-agers look just fine as they are and wouldn't be themselves if they were a little less portly, had smoother skin or lived on a liquid diet - unless that liquid was Rioja and they lost a few ounces with some tapas in the sun.

The World's Most Extraordinary Homes, BBC2 Wednesdays continued its look at, well homes which are extraordinary, in Switzerland this week. Caroline and Piers (you are right, I've no idea who they are either) walked

us through homes made of concrete, a house with vintage cars in the basement and prison cell bedroom. I think the team should come to Spain, I could show them some truly extraordinary homes on the Costas and if we threw in the people who live in them, now there's a show. You know some potential participants, right? Next week the team are in Japan...

Happy viewing.

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

**Nora Johnson
Breaking Views**



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#MeToo 'trial by Twitter' still making headlines

THE #MeToo movement is too focused on isolated incidents of male misconduct and must do more than simply 'collect scalps,' the historian Mary Beard has said. And I can't help agreeing with her.

The pendulum is swinging, but I suspect it could swing too far the other way thanks to a hefty push from the likes of Twitter.

Without due care, #MeToo could become #Allmenarapists which couldn't be further from the truth. This is a serious subject that's at risk of tipping into trial by Twitter - a torch-carrying, pitchfork-wielding witch hunt.

Why not concentrate instead on something really meaningful in the interests of protecting women rather than the: 'He may have touched my knee, but it was difficult to tell, it might have been the tablecloth, but I'm still a victim' claims that



GRID GIRLS: Demeaning, empowering, or neither?

make up much of what we've seen so far?

From another perspective, I don't quite understand why being a hostess at the Presidents Club or a Formula One grid

girl, for instance, is demeaning, but a photo of a female celebrity posing naked is 'empowering.'

Admittedly, for decades, women were routinely groped in the workplace, but why carry

on waging a war against men?

Surely a better solution is to work with them to help them understand what's going on and how best to deal with this. Otherwise aren't we simply storing

SNOW JOKE: The 'Beast from the East' sparked hysteria.

up resentment from men when we just single out their bad behaviour? Surely none of us want young boys to grow up in a world where men are scared of putting a foot wrong and no allowance made for tactless mistakes? We shouldn't be putting all behaviours in the same bucket.

Finally, what about the Beast from the East? The snow that caused road chaos, cancelled trains, closed schools. Ridiculous! It's not like the UK's never had snow in February/March before, but the media nonetheless went into full disaster-predicting mode. But of course it's all caused by global warming, or Brexit. Not so much Beast from the East, more like Apocalypse Snow or Hysteria from Siberia...

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12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
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2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
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7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Panorama
9:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build
10:00pm	Saving the British Bulldog
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Film 2018

BBC TWO

9:00am	Great British Railway Journeys
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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

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11:00pm	Crime and Punishment
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10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:40am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tenable
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

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7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
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10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
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9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:00am	Unforgotten
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2:50am	Judge Judy
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
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1:10am	Hornblower
3:10am	Deals, Wheels and Steals

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11:00am	The Great Wall
12:50pm	Jason Bourne
3:00pm	Green Zone
5:00pm	The Bourne Identity
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9:00pm	The Great Wall
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3:10am	The Bourne Identity
5:15am	Titan A.E.

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:25am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:00am	Attack of the Lederhosen Zombies 5 to 7
8:25am	Ghost Town
10:10am	Airplane!
12:00pm	Shallow Hal
1:35pm	Bridesmaids
3:35pm	The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
5:45pm	The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
7:15pm	Bowfinger
9:00pm	Shallow Hal
11:00pm	Bridesmaids
1:10am	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
2:45am	Billy Madison

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am	Monster Family: Special
7:00am	The Levelling
8:30am	City of Tiny Lights
10:25am	Wheeler
12:10pm	Wonder Woman
2:35pm	Snatched <i>Fish-out-of-water comedy about a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
4:10pm	Custody
6:00pm	City of Tiny Lights
8:00pm	Wonder Woman
10:25pm	Snatched
12:00am	Scribe <i>A recovering alcoholic finds himself at the centre of a political conspiracy after he accepts a shady job transcribing calls from tapped phones.</i>
1:35am	Info Not Available
3:10am	Custody
5:05am	Wheeler

sky sports football

11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons Zidane
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 Countdowns
6:30pm	Football
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Football Years
8:30pm	Football Years
9:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	La Liga World
10:00pm	League Cup Final Highlights
11:00pm	Eredivisie
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons

Brick wall tactics

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

THE Mobile World Congress was held recently in Barcelona where Cataluña's political and constitutional crisis has not gone unnoticed by the Congress's organisers GSMA.

They have agreed to hold the annual conference in Barcelona until 2023, a spokeswoman said: "But we will continue to monitor events in Spain and Cataluña and evaluate any potential impact," she announced.

So as well as the 3,208 companies that have left since last autumn, Cataluña could lose the Congress, which brings jobs, thousands of visitors and millions of euros to the city.

Cataluña might believe it drives the Spanish economy but instead it's driving head-on into a brick wall.

Who could put a name to most of them anyway?

DE GUINDOS has always been one of the most-

easily recognised, together with finance minister Cristobal Montoro. Then there's Rajoy's right-hand woman, the vertically-challenged vice-president Soraya Saenz de Santamaria, sometimes known as the Poison Dwarf.

There's also the Partido Popular secretary general Dolores de Cospedal, who hungered after a Cabinet post but was shunted into a siding, namely the Ministry of Defence, to keep her out of Saenz de Santamaria's way.

What the mutterers are aware of, but reluctant to say aloud is that new, recognisable faces are badly needed and change should start at the top.

The very top, eh Mariano?

Wear a yellow ribbon

PEP GUARDIOLA, sometime Barcelona manager, now at Manchester City, makes no secret of his support for Catalan independence.

He wears with pride a yellow ribbon demonstrating his support for Oriol Junqueras, Jordi Sanchez and Joaquim Forn, remanded on charges of sedition, rebellion and misappropriation of public funds.

The Football Association announced that the ribbon is a political statement which breaches its kit and advertising regulations but Guardiola does not intend to remove it. "Those guys in Spain, they haven't been proven guilty," he said.

Junqueras, Sanchez and Forn remain remanded because Pablo Llamela, the Supreme Court judge, believes they could flee once released.

Given the example of former president Carles Puigdemont who scuttled off to Brussels as soon as things got hairy, there is every reason to believe Llamela is right.

Other members of the former Catalan coalition government remanded with them last November were released after promising to be good boys and girls and explaining that the UDI of October 27 was 'purely symbolic.' More of a white flag than a yellow ribbon, then.

Delaying tactics

CONSIDERING that pollsters have found that only 40.8 per cent of Catalans now support independence, it's time for the Catalan separatists to concede that they are unauthorised to form a government.

Perhaps that's why they now want remanded Jordi Sanchez as a substitute for self-exiled Carles Puigdemont as the next regional president.

Since this will get the thumbs down on legal grounds, this allows the separatists to continue to avoid forming a pro-independence government that only two-fifths of the population want.

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LUIS DE GUINDOS: New vice-president of the European Bank.

Room at the top

LUIS DE GUINDOS, Spain's Minister of the Economy, is all set to become vice-president of the European Bank and his departure should theoretically herald a Cabinet reshuffle.

As always, Mariano Rajoy is shuffling only his feet and giving his usual impression of forward movement while standing still.

Nominating a new economy minister will be the only change, Rajoy has said, to the despair of many Partido Popular insiders.

Change and renovation are needed, they mutter amongst themselves, but the public and potential voters are getting only the same old faces.

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Brexit result was not a mistake and expats support it

REGARDING Our View 14 to 21 February, I would like to enquire where you got your information regarding the stats which you quote stating that it has become clear the majority of expats voted to stay in the EEC?

This is quite clearly false information, in fact you will find out if you do a proper survey that most expats voted to leave, the other false information which you seem quite happy to band around and quote, having found the time to force through the referendum bill, total rubbish and more false information.

Isn't it bad enough living abroad having to listen to the constant drip, drip, drip, of left wing socialist rubbish from the BBC, Sky, Channel 4, the list goes on and on, you need to let it sink in that the vast majority of expats are not stupid. We left the UK because of EEC rules and regulations which here in Andalo are mostly totally ignored unless they suit.

I have lived in Spain when it was not inundated with EEC rules and regulations as well as the UK and we were far better off.

Colin MacGregor, address withheld

Fear and loathing in La Linea

AS the year passes so there seem to be more and more reports of drug dealers taking over the border town of La Linea de la Concepcion.

In fairness it always had a reputation of being a bit rough around the edges, but recently the storming of the local hospital to 'rescue' a major dealer, attacks on police officers and a brick through the window of a reporter's car shows things have got worse.

The Spanish authorities seem to be able to find plenty of Guardia Civil and National Police officers to man the border with Gibraltar, many of whom



Ayuntamiento de La Linea

LA LINEA CITIZENS: Demonstrated against lawlessness.

spend more time on their phones than checking passports, so perhaps it would be a

good idea to get them involved in policing the town.

Paul Edwards, Sotogrande

HAVE YOUR SAY

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'Bible for foreigners in Spain' updated

A real gentleman with true knowledge... thank you Mr Searle.

Sandra Russell

Brilliant David! Just what we need. Xx

Maggie Hayes

Brain tumour boy 'clear of cancer'

They definitely did the right thing - any normal loving parents would try to do their utmost for their children no matter what sacrifices they had to endure to give their children the best possible chance of life.

Gillian Evans

They were on a UK programme this week. He is now in school, riding a bike etc, like all other children. Parents should always research when their child's life is at stake, even if the doctors don't approve. They wanted to zap his brain with radiation. The chances of him living a normal life was minimal, if he had survived.

Great admiration for the parents. They were very well informed about the treatment their son could get elsewhere.

Pamela Doyle

Fantastic news, the parents did the right thing. So pleased for them all.

Vivienne Mallinder

Comments from EWN online

Tenant from hell 'blackmailed' landlady

At least in Spain there are mostly no carpets. Floors you can clean. I had £8,000.00 worth of carpets ruined plus a skip of rubbish left outside. Plus writing on all outside walls. Garden totally left to go to ruin etc etc. In just half a year. Husband was high earner in the city. Proves you never know! Disgusting how some treat other people's property.

Edith Farmer

How is it possible to make and live in such a mess?

Jenny Dodd

He needs to be caught and jailed then sent back to the UK. We don't want scum like that over here!

Ken Officer

Tenants have been given every right under the sun which includes ripping off the landlord. I am a landlord myself and

had good tenants when there was an equilibrium in the law in regards to rights of both parties. Today if the tenant doesn't want to pay that's fine. If tenants trash your house that's ok as it's the right to do anything to your home at your expense as long as there's a tenancy agreement. The moment the landlord gets a tenant in then in effect the landlord has given up this right to expect his house to be looked after. That is the reason why I sold all my house and that is one of the reasons rents will increase.

Jo

Spain demands shared control of Gibraltar Airport

Nobody cares what Spain 'Demands,' it should start paying its own way first, it's in no position to be demanding anything.

Carl Glover

It was almost guaranteed Gibraltar was going to be Spain's bargaining power!

Tina Sexton

Gibraltar voted 96/4 to stay in the EU. So to share with Spain under EU rules is no big deal.

John Lionel Trailor

Glamorous grid girls

I THINK we should keep grid girls provided they are not forced to be there

As grid children will be all boys that will start another argument as grid girls will come under the ban.

Anyway, the grid girls provide a touch of glamour to a male dominated sport.

I am a F1 fan and vote for the status quo.

Derek, La Marina

Likes Leapy

HI LEAPY, I read your article today in *Euro Weekly* and want you to know that despite your closing comment that 'that should offend just about everyone,' it did not offend me in the least, in fact I found myself agreeing with everything you said, as I did a couple of weeks ago with your piece as an immigrant in Spain.

I am a UK national and live down here for about three months in the winter and I thoroughly enjoy your column; keep telling it as it is Leapy, so few do these days.

David O, UK and Spain

Editor's note:

Colin thank you for your letter. Our View allows for the newspaper to comment on a range of different matters. In this case, we have a huge pool of expatriate readers and a large number have expressed their opinion that the vote was a mistake. You are of course welcome to your opinion which is why we are happy to publish your comments.

No cry baby

IN reply to David from Nerja (*Issue 1702*).

Roger Federer is a gentleman and gracious in defeat, just because he shows emotion does not mean he is a cry baby.

He is a man who is not afraid to show how he feels, he never makes excuses if he is not playing well and always praises his opponent.

I enjoy watching Rafa as well and have seen him cry also, there is no shame in a man crying with emotion.

They deserve to be praised for their genius, not criticised.

I suggest if you don't like it, don't watch it.

Jan Lemon, Mojacar

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Motorbikes will save lives

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

THE latest two-wheeled addition to the Guardia Civil fleet sees a return for BMW, with the acquisition of nearly 300 BMW R1200RT motorbikes, set to replace the previous R850RT model, which had already started to be phased out by the powerful Yamaha FJR 1300.

As well as the move towards more powerful and purpose designed motorbikes, the latest fleet sees the addition of high-visibility colours, fluorescent yellow, required by new European regulations that recommend its use in police vehicles.

BMW Motorrad, owned by the BMW consortium, delivered the new motorbikes recently to the Guardia Civil, with the specific role of improving the safety of the officers who patrol the roads and motorways in Spain, and to make the roads safer for all.

The motorbikes will be used on the Iberian Peninsula, in the Balearic Islands and also in the Canary Islands and will serve to replace the previous BMW R850RT.

In this regard, the R1200RT 'includes all the elements of safety and comfort' and have specifications required by the Traffic Department in order to carry out the tasks for which they will be used, such as the installation of a siren and emergency lights, amongst other elements.

Francisco Javier Molano, Chief Lieutenant Colonel Guardia Civil in Galicia explained, "The new motorcycles allow the officers to perform speed controls and alcohol and drugs checks, without having to wait for the arrival of other patrols".

The motorcycles provide greater autonomy on the roads and with the new portable



Photo credit Guardia Civil

WHEEL OUTLAY: The Guardia Civil has invested in 291 new motorcycles.

radars, the officers will be able to set up checks and controls in more areas, and faster than ever before. The new radars are small enough to be carried in the motorbike's compartments, and can be set up on a tripod or used by hand.

The new alcohol and drug testing kits are also small enough to be carried on the motorbikes, allowing for instant checks to be carried out at the roadside at any time, day or night.

The Director General of Traffic, Gregorio Serrano, explained that the bikes are also intended to avoid the influence of applications and social networks that warn of alcohol controls. "With motorcycles, these monitoring devices for alcohol and drug consumption will be much more dynamic, since the motorcycle has a greater versatility of use than cars, and the controls will be much more agile".

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

Lawyer won't respond

Q. Four years on from completing our house purchase we have paid no IBI, despite numerous visits to the council offices. We do, however, receive IBI bills addressed to the previous owners. The solicitor who dealt with the conveyancing does not return my emails or answer my calls. I have spoken to another solicitor, who tells

me that our original solicitor held money back and should have got everything changed into our names. I was told to threaten to take legal action. I have done this and still he won't respond. What do I do next? I do not want to pay the previous owner's bills.

PB (by email)

A. Stop threatening and act. First, find a Spanish abogado to act for you. Step one should be to approach your provincial Colegio de Abogados, the law society, with all the documents relating to your case.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



They have a department of intermediation, which can require your original abogado

to defend his case. Spanish lawyers have been disbarred and even sent to jail for appropriating their clients' money. Also, pay the IBI bills. They are really yours, as you own the house even if it is not registered.

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

Hotel coat hangers...

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

IT used to be that supermarkets carefully placed products near the till so us, the punters, would pick them up on the way out. Then there was a hoo ha that, for instance, it wasn't fair if they put sweets there, kids would start kicking off if their parents wouldn't buy them some so many shops stopped the practice.

To be fair the worst thing that could happen is you'd come home with a) a couple of sulky ankle biters or b) some scrummy chocolate. Then Aldi and Lidl came along and the whole art of shopping changed.

Rows and rows of cheap groceries with unpronounceable names. So the wife pops out for some bread and milk and you get a phone call saying, 'Err have you got the phone number of a van hire company?' 'Why.' 'I'm in Aldi - I got the bread and milk then strolled down the middle aisles and bought a drum kit and a canoe.'

I exaggerate slightly but recently I've found myself the proud owner of a cover to put on the back seat of the car so the dog won't moul all over the place, pots and pans I don't need and a padded jacket. This means that all the

money saved buying hurdy gurdy brand products is blown in the middle aisles. It's the equivalent of a jumble sale come boot fair. I know the answer is 'don't look' but I just turn in to the kid having a strop because mum won't let me look at the sweetie counter. I'm thinking of starting a group called MAA - Middle Aisle Anonymous - so all addicts like me can go and get support.

Hotel coat hangers? Who decided that instead of the traditional household ones they have the things that are just a stem that you then have to try and get into a fiddly little hole. They would be more at home at a fairground than a wardrobe. Now it's probably worse for me because of my leg problems but even Mrs S says they are a nuisance and if she says so then it's written in stone. Do hotels get that many nicked?

I mean, they sometimes have the little satiny ones which are no good to man nor beast which are obviously more expensive than the wooden ones, but those can be removed easily. I'd happily pay a tenner hanger deposit for normal ones or just give me plastic ones that they give me if I ask for more. Mind you it's not as bad as one hotel I stayed in in New York in the early 90's where they had the ashtrays in the room screwed to the table but that's another story for another time.

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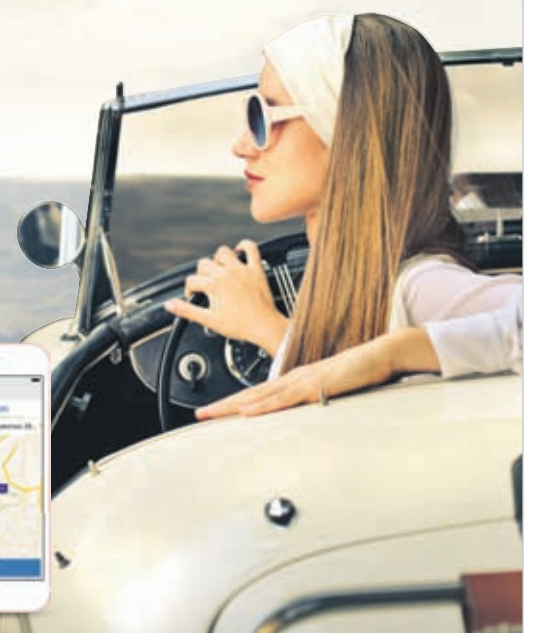
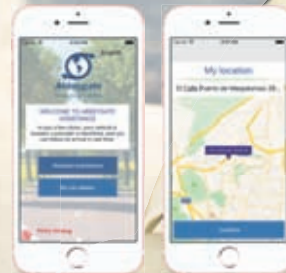
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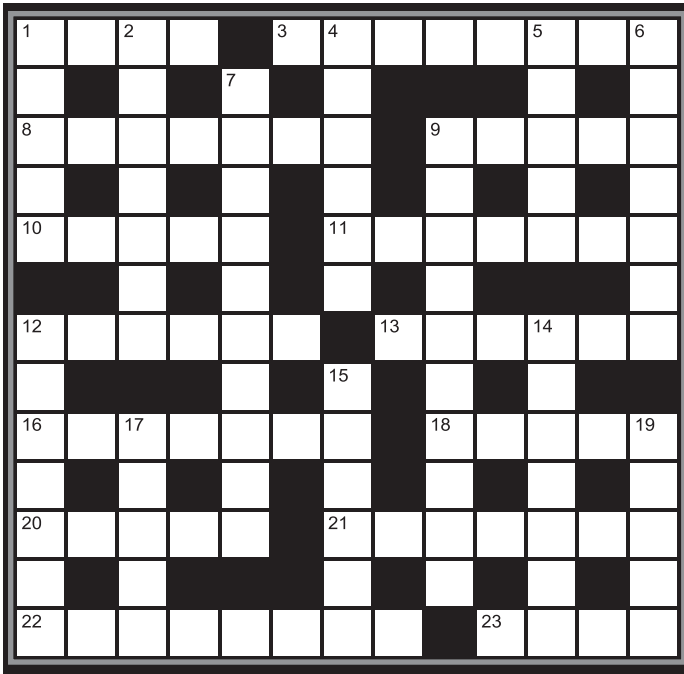


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Across

- 1 Dismiss white fortified wine (4)
- 3 Star with young girl outside US city (3,5)
- 8 Educator will find non-alcoholic beverage dear in France (7)
- 9 Point to unsatisfactory animal track (5)
- 10 One-off programme for aviator (5)
- 11 Commended form of despair (7)
- 12 Some slip-on chosen as something to wear (6)
- 13 Dishes spelt a different way (6)
- 16 Firm must order Eastern outfit (7)
- 18 Constellation seen from Mediterranean or Ionian Sea (5)
- 20 American finding time for management (5)
- 21 There's nothing in the brass instrument but a crown (7)
- 22 Eve's late, perhaps, but gives a lift (8)
- 23 Gravity-free network (4)



Down

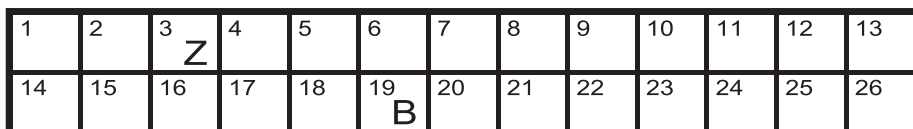
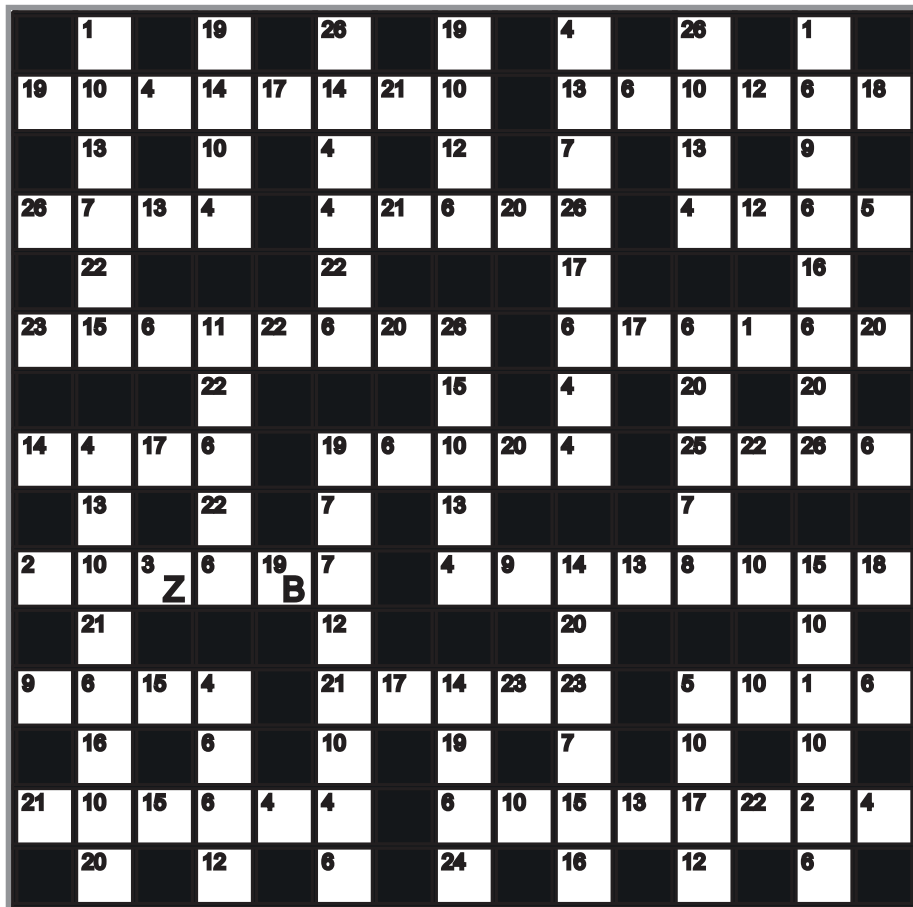
- 1 As prearranged, is winning in the tennis match (5)
- 2 Man left in, he made people laugh (7)
- 4 Sharp bar put off (6)
- 5 Slogs wildly, yet with a certain polish (5)

- 6 Good man drives and advances (7)
- 7 How suite he makes becomes head of state's residence (5,5)
- 9 Little time early in the morning (5,5)
- 12 Imagine an old Northerner on the

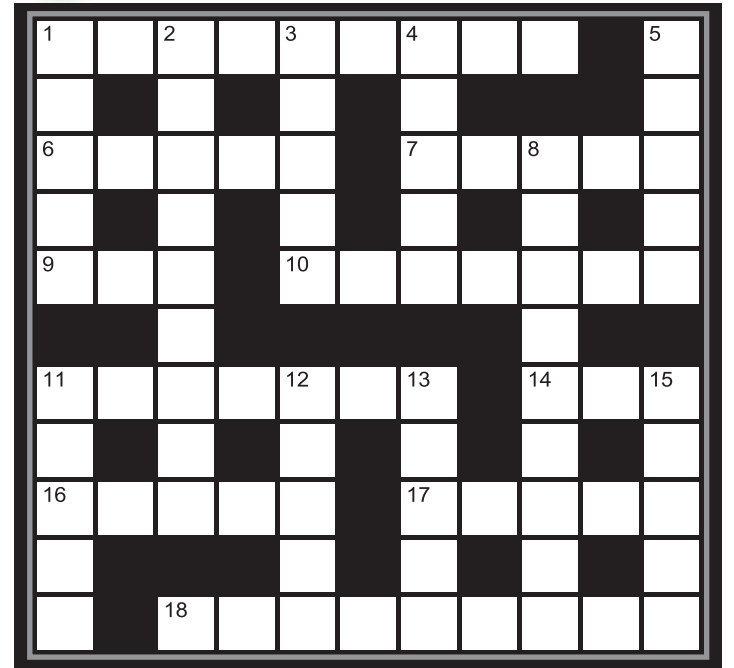
- Northern river (7)
- 14 Diluting agent is less thick (7)
- 15 Save when secure, possibly (6)
- 17 Flash flood ruins tapes (5)
- 19 Not a journalist is mentioned (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents Z and 19 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 3 appears and B every time the figure 19 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

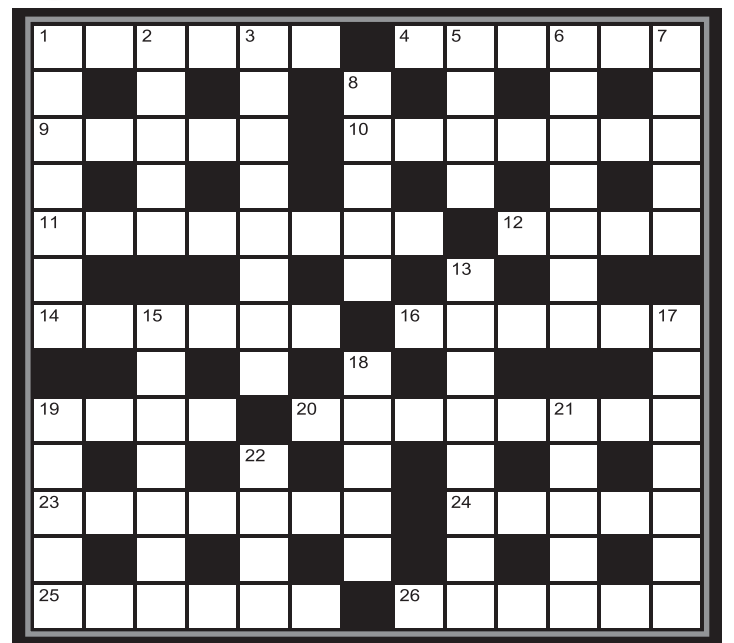
- 1 Frilly undergarment (9)
- 6 Group jargon (5)
- 7 Moderately warm (5)
- 9 Beer (3)
- 10 Open and genuine (7)
- 11 Lowest rank in the Army (7)
- 14 Large vase (3)
- 16 At or in the front (5)
- 17 Two times (5)
- 18 Having no smell (9)

Down

- 1 Bohemian dance (5)
- 2 Variety of mandarin orange (9)
- 3 Metal shackles for hands or legs (5)
- 4 Frequently (8)
- 5 Avoid (5)
- 8 Bias in favour of or against anything (9)
- 11 Keyboard instrument (5)
- 12 Sound (5)
- 13 Come or go into (5)
- 15 Requirements (5)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Lawn (6)
- 4 To weep (6)
- 9 Lila (5)
- 10 Lentejas (7)
- 11 Then (at that time) (8)
- 12 Obedecer (4)
- 14 Billete (6)
- 16 Tijereta (insecto) (6)
- 19 Mordedura (4)
- 20 To return (8)
- 23 Postman (7)
- 24 Struggle (effort) (5)
- 25 Dill (6)
- 26 Nadie (6)

Down

- 1 El más frío (7)
- 2 Hendidura (corte) (5)
- 3 To turn on (8)
- 5 Firewood (4)
- 6 Arco iris (7)
- 7 Oxidado (5)
- 8 Moscas (insectos) (5)
- 13 Brick (8)
- 15 Fourteen (7)
- 17 Alemania (7)
- 18 Fast (quick) (5)
- 19 Pothole (in road) (5)
- 21 Sacred (art, musical) (5)
- 22 Doblar (4)

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LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
Saturday March 03

15 19 20 **BONUS BALL**
29 42 50 36

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday March 03

23 25 33 **BONUS BALL**
39 42 46 24

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday February 27

3 31 41 **BONUS BALL**
48 50 8 11

Friday March 02

2 7 34 **BONUS BALL**
45 48 1 12

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LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday March 01

6 9 17 **BONUS BALL**
22 28 36 7 1

JOKER: 8 185 066

Saturday March 03

5 14 24 **BONUS BALL**
28 36 49 21 7

JOKER: 4 052 156

Sunday March 04

1 23 41 **BONUS BALL**
43 50 4

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

In your heart of hearts you know what you want out of life. It is a little timidity of spirit that is now stopping you. I know that recent experiences have sapped your confidence, but I have a message for you. Now is the time that you are most likely to make progress in your chosen field. Do not hesitate through lack of confidence in your talents. Build on your strengths.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Some loss of control over a project is irksome. A new start that seemed so promising seems to be going off course. A real injection of time and effort will make all the difference, however. Midweek, you see things going in the right direction again. Keep finances simple and try not to combine business with pleasure. That way lie complications.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Let others whinge if they will. Being determined to get your own way, they will stand little chance. Recent disagreements have left a sour taste. In the best of worlds, things will not always go your way. Life would be boring if that were the case. What you need now is a good dose of realism washed down with some sound financial planning. Be likeable and you will be liked. Simple, isn't it?

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You are holding a good hand. Deal with the right people and the rewards are high. There is potential for being cheated out of something that is morally yours, so it may be necessary to be 'difficult' or 'awkward' to get what you deserve.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Awkward situations usually bring out the best in you and this week proves that. In the longer term, you will be grateful to those making things difficult now. Midweek sees you turning the tables, which gives much satisfaction.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Being a brave and forthright soul, it is easy this week to dispel the negative thoughts of others. A relationship that makes you hesitate could be of great benefit to you. There is little to lose by 'going for it'. The outcome could be beyond your dreams, something that you have not had many of lately.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Be determined not to be intimidated by someone who thinks that they are superior. Decide who you will take advice (or orders) from and stick to it. You are not the person that you were in the past and others need to realise it.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Hidden forces are working away in the background. These give good and bad influences but life will not be dull this week. Sometimes you wish others would leave you alone. Not that you are being anti-social. We all reach a point when we need space to think.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Outside influences and pressures make it hard to concentrate. However, finances in particular need attention, so do not be distracted by others trying to put a finger into your 'pie'. Do not be concerned about making changes in your social life because this, in turn, will sort out some of your more immediate practical problems.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Petty arguments should be forgotten. More important things are afoot. Have you heard about fiddling while Rome burns? This may be you at the moment. Avoid wasting time with certain individuals and projects. A little extra effort in other directions, however, yields great results.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Being unusually uncertain of yourself this week could throw confusion into your ordered life. There is a partnership problem to be sorted out. Links with personal matters, however, make this tricky. Let some time pass so that someone close can get the message without feeling pressured.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Avoiding a decision will not help this week. Who will deal with this matter but you? A relationship is threatened if you do not make a move. Will loved ones always be there for us no matter how much we neglect them? Why take such a chance? We only get out of life what there is willingness to put in.

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.

15	17							
9			14	17	25			
16								
19								
13								
17								

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 H) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.

O	U	Y
E	H	N
D	R	G

TARGET:

- Average: 7
- Very good: 14
- Good: 9
- Excellent: 18

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- Alacrán, 5 Rocks, 8 Arm,
- Atravesar, 10 Early, 11 Oysters,
- Mosca, 14 Bajar, 19 Spanish,
- Firma, 22 Adelantar,
- Bat, 24 Otoño, 25 Mostrat.

Down:

- Abades, 2 Armario, 3 Ready,
- Narrow, 5 Revista, 6 Cisne,
- Stress, 13 Cuidado, 15 Aprobar,
- Estañón, 17 Rhythm,
- Pastor, 20 Abeto, 21 Forks.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- Descent, 5 Tacks, 8 Exact,
- Bumpier, 10 Mere, 11 Freehand,
- Rocker, 15 Recoup, 18 Marginal,
- Blot, 22 Chalets, 23 Beano,
- Allot, 25 Retinue.

Down:

- Dreamer, 2 Stair, 3 Eats, 4 Tabard,
- Tampered, 6 Chicago, 7 Shred,
- Sediment, 14 Curtail, 16 Pothole,
- Hawser, 18 Mecca, 20 Learn,
- Abet.

QUICK

Across:

- Poker, 4 Cross, 7 Astronaut, 8 Sick,
- Begin, 13 Dated, 14 Lego, 17
- Timetable, 19 Egret, 20 Pagan.

Down:

- Praise, 2/18 Kit bag, 3 Rook, 4 Chapel,
- Outline, 6 Safe, 9 Chatter, 11 Permit,
- Lintel, 12 Govern, 15 Cage, 16 Stop.

CODE BREAKER

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QUIZ: MIDDLE NAMES

- What are the middle names of British actor Hugh Grant: (a) Jack Mary, (b) Jeffrey Midge or (c) John Mungo?
- What is the middle name of the American actor, director and producer Nicolas Cage: (a) Kim, (b) Jong or (c) Un?
- What is the middle name of American actor Ricard Gere: (a) Cartier, (b) Graff or (c) Tiffany?
- What is the middle name of American actress, producer/director Courtney Cox: (a) Guitar, (b) Bass or (c) Drum?
- What is the middle name of American record producer, arranger, composer and musician Quincy Jones: (a) Delight, (b) Enthral or (c) Joy?
- What is the middle name of American singer, songwriter, dancer and actress Beyoncé Knowles: (a) Carmen, (b) Coppélia or (c) Giselle?

- What is the middle name of Cruel To Be Kind/I Love The Sound Of Breaking Glass singer Nick Lowe: (a) Ditch (b) Drain or (c) Pipe?
 - What is the middle name of former US vice president Joe (Joseph) Biden: (a) Crowette, (b) Finchette or (c) Robinette?
 - What is the middle name of retired professional basketball player Kobe Bryant: (a) Bean, (b) Chickpea or (c) Lentil?
 - What is the middle name of singer/songwriter Sir Elton John: (a) Hercules, (b) Jupiter or (c) Zeus?
- Not a lot of people know that... the famous showbiz Phoenix family have some unusual first and middle names: Rain Joan of Arc Phoenix, Liberty Mariposa Phoenix, Summer Joy Phoenix, Joaquín Rafael Phoenix (formerly known as Leaf Phoenix) and River Jude Phoenix*

Answers:

- JOHN MUNGO, 2. A - KIM, 3. C - TIFFANY, 4. B - BASS, 5. A - DELIGHT, 6. C - GISELLE, 7. A - DRAIN, 8. C - ROBINETTE, 9. A - BEAN, 10. A - HERCULES (he was born Reginald Kenneth Dwight)

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



THE 88th Geneva International Motor Show opens once again today (Thursday).

There will be more than 110 World and European Premiers paraded at this year's show. Over the last two days at 15-minute intervals the world's press has been briefed by top designers, professional race drivers and the prestigious brand ambassadors of the exhibiting brands.

Nearly 10,000 members of the world's press have swarmed over the exhibition halls close by Geneva Airport where 900 cars are exhibited over more than 77,000 square metres of exhibition halls with more than 700,000 visitors expected to attend over the next 11 days.

Among the luxury and bespoke manufacturers exhibiting are three British Brands. Rolls Royce Motor Cars, Aston Martin and McLaren. The Rolls Royce 'Phantom' was confirmed by the world's media as the 'Best Car in the World' on the shores of Lake Lucerne six months ago. Rolls-Royce will show why by showcasing three very different Phantom models each pitched at a different potential buyer of the marque.

Aston Martin has returned to Geneva buoyed as the fastest growing automotive brand, with swelling profits and the announcement last week of the highest

revenue performance in its history. At the centre of a bullish Aston Martin exhibit is the new Vantage, which is making its global show debut. Still to be tested by the world's media, this is the first

opportunity to get up close to Aston Martin's thoroughbred twin-turbocharged V8 sports coupe. McLaren is exhibiting what it bills as the 'ultimate road-legal track car'; the 'McLaren Senna' debuts at

Geneva and sets hearts racing. Solar Yellow and Laurel Green detailing echoes the helmet livery of the legendary Ayrton Senna F1 driver and three times World Champion at the wheel of a McLaren. Just 500 examples will be produced and all are already 'assigned.' Each 'McLaren Senna' is priced at €839,715 and if further individualised at McLaren Special Operations the price will soar by an extra €335,856 to the price. Legalised for the road but designed for the track the aggressive looks are a powerful expression of McLaren's philosophy, 'form follows function.'

Choose from the endless torque of the select Rolls Royce 'Phantom,' the heart-stopping excitement of the Aston Martin 'Vantage,' or the stark headbanging exhilaration of the 'McLaren Senna.'

Geneva is a petrol head's haven once again.

Nick Horne, Freelance Correspondent, London



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However, last year we went one stage further. We are now sole agents in Spain for the Turkish made Vigo Heater. This heater shares the design technology and ethos of the current Neater Heaters, but it has differences.

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FOR those who don't have a power supply in their property or only have a limited power source Solar Sky Spain may be able to help.

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The company designs and installs solar energy systems which are ideal for homes that do not have any power source as well as homes that only have a limited power source or homes which cannot be connected to the mains supply network.

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As you would expect, the firm is fully certified, registered and authorised in Spain for installation of all electrical and solar installations and in addition the company is the authorised installer for the Himoina Hyundai range of generators with all their equipment carrying a five-year guarantee.

The area covered by the company encom-

Advertising Feature

Time to be less patient with debts

CAN it really be 40 years since LPL Commercial Services started collecting overdue accounts and is still going strong?

How quickly the time goes. Have things really changed... well many seem to think that the cataclysmic change seems to be the dreaded Brexit! But I'm not really sure that change will be as life affecting as some may think.

As far as debt collection is concerned and the recovery of Community debts from owners living outside of Spain, wherever they reside, our success rate has not diminished, neither do we anticipate it doing so.

Wherever owners reside there are Statutes in place to protect and assist Spanish Communities and always will be.

So when it comes to collection has anything over the years really changed... perhaps it is embodied in the way that our wealth in real terms has increased; personal income, value of property and of course the overall cost of goods and services.

Many Communities in Spain, most



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LPL COMMERCIAL: Help IS at hand to collect debts.

not more than 25 years established, have seen costs rise enormously, whether it be heat and power, gardening fees, pool servicing and the general obligations to local taxes and rates.

This, in turn, has put an increasing burden on all property owners who are left juggling between income and

expenditure; not helped by the daily threat to expatriate pensions, brought on by pension fund collapses as well as the threat on currencies by the usual trends of commerce, not to mention the perceived threat of future trade agreements.

But somehow we all manage to

survive, a little penny pinching here and there and perhaps engendering a little more skill in how we look after our Communities. I think the days are gone when we could sit back and wait a few more years until we get payment from the debtor that we have not seen or heard of for the last five years.

Do we really need to settle for €50 a month when the debt is increasing by €60 per month and do we really need to be generous with time to pay when we see renters enjoying the benefits of a property where thousands are still owed in management fees?

So if I am really honest, from a Community point of view, I think the biggest change over these past 40 years is simply the fact that we should not be as patient as we were for the fees to come in, costs rise too quickly and personally I am greedy to enjoy the time I have left in more comfort than I had before, not less!!

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Brands include Bvlgari, Chanel, Dior, Chopard, Gucci, Prada Rayban, Oakley and Marc Jacobs amongst a wide range of designer frames to suit all tastes and pockets.

The company trains all members of staff to be proficient in the provision of professionally conducted and free of charge eye tests.

When it comes to eye health, the group focuses on prevention and is equipped with the means to test for problems such as glaucoma - the main cause of blindness in the world - as well as age related macular degeneration. The range of services offered can help to detect problems early,

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Hear, hear!

RECENT research from GAES, a company that specialises in hearing correction in Spain, has revealed that only one in 10 Spaniards get their ears checked from time to time, while 20 per cent revealed they have never had an ear exam.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), there are about 350 million people who suffer from hearing problems globally, and it has been estimated that 8 per cent of the Spanish population suffers from hearing loss.

However, 89 per cent of Spaniards said they pay little attention to their ears and 70 per cent consider it a problem associated with old age.

However, Juan Royo, a hearing specialist, revealed that there are an increasing number of young people who suffer from hearing problems.

Bad habits such as listening to music at a high volume and going to loud nightclubs are reportedly to blame for the issue, so Royo recommended protecting the ears against loud noise and regularly checking your hearing.

The first symptoms of

To help keep your ears healthy, you should treat ear infections early and listen to music at a low volume, especially when using headphones.

hearing difficulties are: having problems when following a conversation, not understanding some words and listening to the TV or music at a higher volume than usual.

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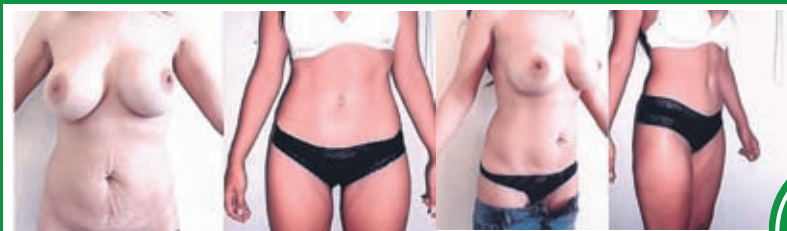
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Ask the Optician - How can I look after my eyes?

Lisa James, Store Director, Specsavers Opticas Guardamar

THIS month we're looking at just one very important question and sharing our top tips for taking care of your eyes and protecting your vision. We have two sets of tips, one for adults and one for children, so you can share this advice with the whole family.

What adults need to know about protecting their eyes:

- Stop smoking and eat a diet full of vegetables, fruit and nuts containing Vitamin A, zinc and antioxidants as this may protect against macular degeneration.
- Take frequent breaks when you're working on the computer to avoid eye strain. Every 20 minutes, move away and focus your eyes on something that is at least 20 feet away.
- Wear eye protection when you play sports. This is important for children too as in the UK, sport and recreational injuries are the biggest cause of accidental eye injury in children.
- Wear safety goggles when undertaking DIY, there are more than 20,000 eye accidents every year and some of these can result in blindness.
- Protect your eyes from the sun with the right sunglasses. When buying sunglasses, al-

ways look out for the CE kite mark and ensure that your sunglasses are marked UV400. Cheaper glasses not bearing these marks will not provide adequate protection from the sun's harmful UV rays.

What to tell your children about their eyes:

- Never poke things into your eyes, not even fingers.
- Never play with strong chemicals, like washing-up liquid, washing powder or bleach. Getting these in your eyes can be very dangerous.
- Never throw sand or dirt in anyone's face.
- Never look straight at the sun - not even through dark glasses. The bright light from the sun can burn your retina.
- If an optician suggests you need to wear glasses - wear them!
- Always wear sunglasses in bright sunshine.

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The science of lying

ACCORDING to scientists, most people are generally quite bad at recognising if someone is lying or not.

As visual cues vary depending on the person and the situation, they are often unreliable and considered too subtle to be distinctive.

Research reveals that we each tell dozens of lies on a daily basis, but that we're only detected about half the time.

Physical cues such as avoiding eye contact and having a higher pitched voice are often unreliable as skilled liars know how to control or disguise them.

A study from the University of Granada revealed the area around your nose often gets warmer when lying, which has been appropriately named the 'Pinocchio Effect'.

This tick is easy to detect as the flow of blood to the cheeks usually increases when this happens.

Meanwhile, psychologists have claimed it is easier to detect lies from language and speech than body cues.

Liars allegedly distance themselves from the sub-

ject subconsciously ('that man' instead of using their name) and will also use a disproportionate amount of first person pronouns such as 'me' and 'I', as well as more formal language.

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Is it a painful procedure?

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IT'S a common problem, as soon as the lights go off, the mind suddenly switches on and all attempts to go to sleep go out the window.

Being haunted by anxiety while you're trying to rest is bad timing to say the least, but there are several simple things you can do to put a lid on your worries and help you finally drift off.

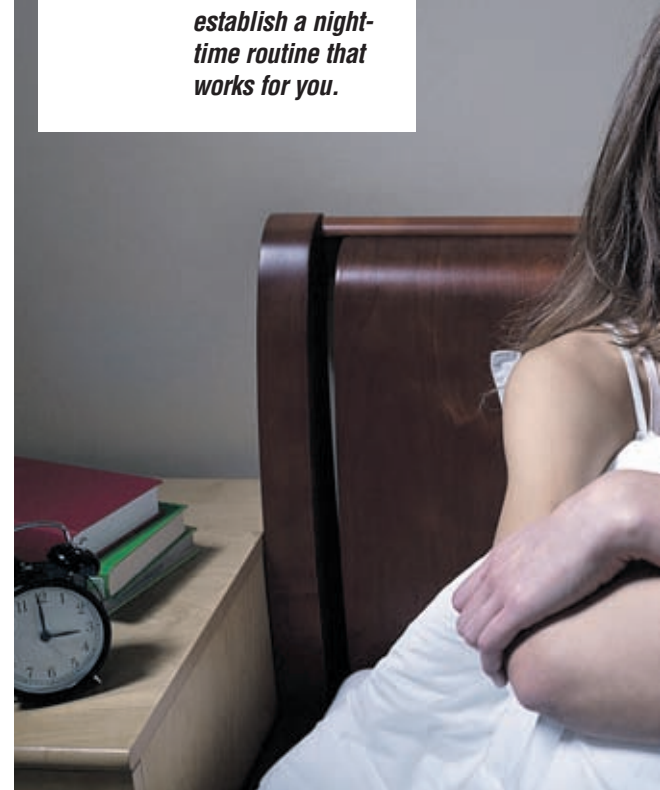
An easy way to get your mind in the habit of going to sleep when you want it to is to establish a night-time routine that works for you and stick to it.

Whether it's having a bath at the same time each evening before you go to bed, or reading a chapter of a book, having a set routine in place will help your brain to recognise when it's time to go to sleep, making it easier to switch off. The more you stick to the routine, the easier it will be to fall asleep when you want.

You should also try to avoid stimulants, like alcohol and caffeine, in the last few hours before you go to sleep.

As alcohol is a stimulant as much as it is a sedative, it makes us more likely to wake up in the night, as it gets metabolised so quickly and it leaves the body wanting more.

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Meanwhile caffeine takes six hours to leave the body, so try and have your last cup of tea or coffee before 3pm and your last glass of wine at 7pm if you want to go to sleep at 10pm.

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Activities on the Winter Beach

DESPITE the fact that it starts this Sunday and runs until mid-June, The Winter Beach will run every Sunday in Orihuela.

The Ciudadanos councillor Luisa Bone is behind this pioneering initiative which will include aerobic activities (aerobics, yoga, body balance), nautical activities (paddle surfing and kayaking), introductory dives and workshops for youngsters.

For this month, every Sunday at 10am, participants are invited to get fit by doing one hour of aerobics on the beach and then in April, the rest of the planned activities will take place.

The beach of La Caleta in Cabo Roig was chosen as the location for this programme as it is the best place to plan and carry out various activities.



Photo Credit: Ayuntamiento de Orihuela

BEACH ACTIVITIES: Councillor Bone announcing the programme.

It is the beach that most residents and tourists visit in winter and this beach also has a beach bar open all year round.

“The pioneering initiative will include aerobic activities (aerobics, yoga, body balance).**”**

Details of all of the planned activities can be found on the website of the Municipal Department of Beaches and on the Orihuela website.

Councillor Bone said, “It’s the first time that a programme has been launched outside of the summer season to encourage families to the beach with activities for all ages.”



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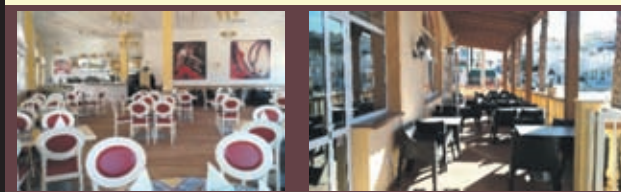
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Silverstones, not just a race course but a new bar bistro with an F1 theme

WITH the Formula 1 season about to start in time for Easter, Silverstones, a superb themed fine dining restaurant in Montebello is the ideal place to drink in the atmosphere.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to midnight (although food is only served until 4pm on Sunday) this comfortable bistro and bar contains a huge amount of driving memorabilia including signed shirts and full driver's suits.

The bistro boasts a superb chef who offers a selection of fine international food and the well-stocked bar is open to visitors even if they are not dining.

As the weather improves, so the open terrace will come into play and as this is the only motor sport themed restaurant and bar on the Costa Blanca it is bound to attract 'petrol heads'



SILVERSTONES: A new destination in Montebello.

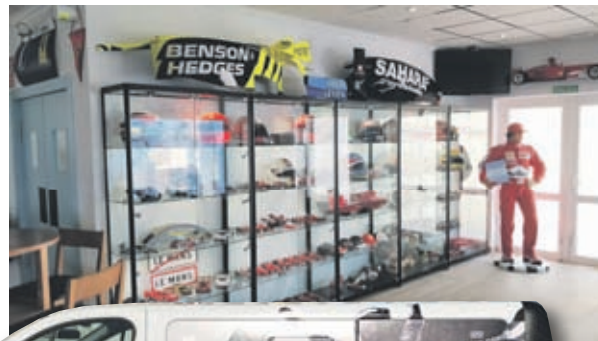
including vintage and veteran car clubs on their days out.

A lot of thought has gone into the design and decor of Silverstones named after the 'Home of British Motor Racing' which this year is celebrating 70 years since it hosted its first Grand Prix race.

Although perhaps best known for the Formula 1 events (the next race being on

July 8 this year), Silverstones also hosts numerous other racing and endurance events for cars and MotoGP.

Having opened on March 1, this will be a fine addition to the number of eateries in the area and promises to be a



friendly and comfortable venue to enjoy a meal, drink and the very interesting decoration.

With a wide selection of food including a vegan option and a menu del dia, the choices

are varied but the menu is not so large that the kitchen is overwhelmed by guests ordering a selection of different dishes.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner

are all on offer, with different choices for each time of the day and the bistro and bar are now serving Heineken, the F1 global beer partner and Mumm the former official Champagne of F1 (until Bernie Ecclestone allegedly decided that they weren't paying enough) will be available to enjoy with - rather than spray - your friends.

Silverstones Bar and Bistro can be found at Avda Romero, Montebello, near Quesada just off junction 745 of the AP7 and their new website www.silverstonesbarbistro.com as well as their Facebook page are worth visiting to find out more about this intriguing new place to visit in Costa Blanca.

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This will be followed by a second performance at 6pm on the same day with both concerts at the Centro Cultural Virgen del Carmen being free and tickets will be available two hours before each concert.

The Youth Orchestra conducted by Adolfo Arronis Ruiz will perform Beethoven's Symphony No. 1.

They will also perform a selection of film soundtracks including the Harry Potter Suite, Chevalier de Sangreal (from the Da Vinci Code) and Pirates of the Caribbean 3 to name but a few.

Most of its 64 members are mid-level music school students in Torrevieja, Orihuela, Murcia and Al-



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IN CONCERT: The Torrevieja Youth Symphony Orchestra.

moradi while others are completing their studies at various specialist music colleges.

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There will be plenty of beautiful hand crafted items including cards, jewellery, knitted items, bric a brac and nearly new clothing. Home-baked cakes will also be available such as scones and other treats.

Due to the recent relocation there are lots of bargains to be had at rock bottom prices and everything must go. Admission is free and there will also be refreshments on sale.

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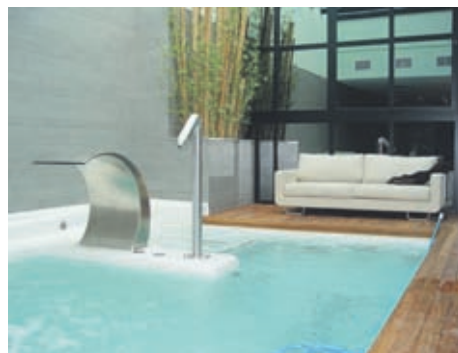
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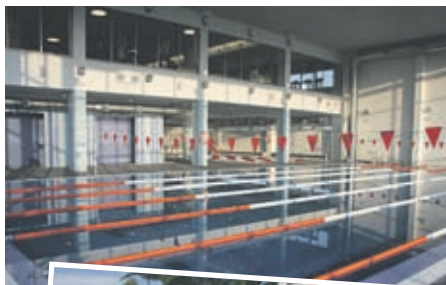


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THE popular British television series *A Place in the Sun* has taken a battering from the weather this week while filming in Spain.

The *Channel 4* TV programme that helps British couples swap the grey skies of Britain for sun, sea and sand abroad came unstuck when the crew encountered bad weather bringing production to a halt.

Presenter Jasmine Harman, who has worked on the show since 2004, took to social media as the crew retreated indoors on the Costa del Sol.

In a series of posts, the TV star even joked, "I'm sure it says '*A Place in the Sun*' on my contract! This is not what I signed up for! I might just have to have a diva stop!"

She went on, "The rain in Spain falls mainly on... us!"

Before adding, "Whoops! This weather is bonkers! I've been feeling left out of all the extreme weather posts, but now we've had torrential rain, gale force winds, glorious sunshine and pea soup fog all within half an hour...!"

And then she went on, "It's not snowing, but just to let you know, it's not all sunshine and roses here in Spain either!"

The popular programme first aired in 2000 and has seen spin-offs including an overseas property exhibition.

Not 'a place in the sun'

Rain affects filming for C4 show



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PAIN IN SPAIN: A Place in the Sun called a halt to filming.



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Quality Airsurred

AIRBNB is sending out inspectors to assess thousands of properties listed on its home rental service, in an effort to reassure customers of their quality.

The plus programme is aimed at winning over travellers who are sceptical of the current rating system drawn from guests' comments.

The volume of misleading reviews that have been post-

ed through Airbnb has become a big enough problem to spawn a website devoted to horror stories.

These have ranged from an overcrowded, dirty, hippy commune in Pasadena, California, to a Paris vacation ruined in a mouldy, bug-ridden apartment.

"You realise over time that you do have to take more responsibility for your platform, you have to be



Credit: Twitter @theinformation

FAIR BNB: Brian Chesky hopes the changes will restore his company's reputation.

hands on, you have to make judgements," said Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky in an interview with The Associated Press.

The plus programme will initially cover about 2,000 properties in 13 cities including: Barcelona, Cape Town, Los Angeles, London, Rome and Sydney.

It is of course a fraction of the roughly 4.5 million

properties listed on Airbnb across 81,000 cities worldwide.

At a time when the company's growth has been slowing, by the end of the year Chesky expects 75,000 homes to be verified in 50 cities.

Despite its popularity though, Airbnb remains unprofitable, posting a loss of \$75 million (€60.8 mil-

lion) on revenues of nearly \$2.6 billion (€2.1 billion) in 2017.

Chesky is responding by developing Airbnb into more of a traditional hospitality company instead of an industry renegade.

Changes include discounts and perks for frequent customers, and the addition of bed and breakfast inns and boutique hotels.

The Nordics are coming

INTEREST in Spanish real estate from Scandinavian nations is rising steadily as life in the sunny south draws buyers from colder climes.

Second-home buyers are driving the recovery in Spain's property market, and Swedish buyers now rank among the top five nationalities of foreign purchases in 2017.

According to government statistics, Swedish nationals accounted for 6.4 per cent of all foreign property transactions, last year.

They also represented 10 per cent of all purchases made with Spain's top builder, Taylor Wimpey España, with low cost flights contributing to the trend.

A recent report from Knight Frank states that Spain is forecast to trump the UK as a favoured investment location in 2018, with Scandinavian buyers accounting for 80 per cent of all the company's Marbella luxury developments in 2017.

Marc Pritchard, Sales and Marketing Director of Taylor Wimpey España, said:

"Spain's economy is the fastest growing in the Eurozone, bringing greater confidence back to the property market and thus attracting demand from North European countries.

"Many Swedish buyers are looking at other destinations other than their beloved Costa Blanca, with the new Bahia Sant Pere development in Mallorca, for example, in very high demand."

Norwegians and Danes are also increasing their Spanish property purchases, with Norwegians making up 2.2 per cent of foreign sales in 2017, while Danes accounted for 1 per cent.



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DICK HANDSCOMBE



THE home gardener has many advantages from the development of gardening techniques, tools and machines to help ease the work in the garden.

Modern technology has contributed greatly to increased production of food as demand for improved methods to increase quantity overshadows the need for quality. Many are now questioning what we can do to improve quality.

There is great demand from many people to have better quality food as can be seen by the flourishing of organic product stores and availability in supermarkets of ecological products.

Use an ancient gardening calendar for planting

Along the way to having increased production through streamlining and controlling the environment many traditional techniques have been lost due to not being economical or their influence is not relevant with the powerful effects that environmental controls from chemical treatments can provide.

A home gardener can take advantage of modern knowledge and the ancient gardening techniques that has sustained us for thousands of years.

In the Spanish countryside you can find many people that still follow traditional techniques to grow their gardens. Usually they have just been brought up gardening in this way and the

knowledge is passed from generation to generation.

A neighbour of mine had a flourishing garden based just on compost and had never learned about the use of chemicals in his garden as he had solutions for most problems in the way it had always been done. When he did look at chemical solutions he just thought it was too expensive to solve things he could resolve in natural ways.

Of course most natural solutions take time, patience and work that commercial growers could not do and retain a competitive position in today's world. If you have time to adopt more wholesome methods in your home garden you can be re-

warded with far more nutritious and health promoting results.

One technique that is followed by many traditional gardeners in Spain and around the world is the lunar calendar. It is used to determine the best timing to plant and harvest different types of plants and other activities in the garden.

Many traditional gardeners just know the times for the various activities, having done it all their life but there are calendars available that explain in detail the best timing for different jobs. Booklets on the information of traditional methods are often called farming or gardening almanacs.

Usually they need to be spe-

cific for your time zone to be accurate for the timing of the Moon phase but you can adjust the time from another zone. They are available in Spanish and you may find information on the internet.

From my experience the climatic and weather conditions

are of course a greater influence than the lunar influence but if you are able to really refine your gardening practices to align with moon phases as well, then it can be an additional influence to successfully create an even healthier garden without so much dependency on chemicals.



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A dog is not a human baby

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ANTHROPOMORPHISM (not for those that love their dog!) is the word that is used when we believe dogs have the same feelings and emotions as humans and they understand our language. A mistaken belief, of course.

Dogs are not small, fur-clad human beings. They are canines. True, they are man's best friend and companion because their natural instincts and hierarchical society blends into our own, and because they show loyalty and devotion to the hand that feeds them.

As we have seen in wolves, this bonding between man and dog happened thousands of years ago when both man and wolf lived similar nomadic lives as hunters, roaming the



MAN'S BEST FRIEND: Dogs do not operate in the same way as humans.

country to seek food.

The dog's adaptation to our way of life was assisted and accelerated by man using selective breeding to develop the most desirable features, first to work for us and then to turn them into

Even so, there remain of course fundamental differences between us and our dogs. To take just one example, dogs live totally in the present moment.

They do not worry about the past. They do not dream about the future.

They are not endowed with imagination or feel grief, hate, jealousy or greed or other emotions that bedevil our human society. They do have a high sensory ability which is often mistaken for a kind of sixth sense.

They will understand that certain words like 'Sit', 'Stay', 'Down' require the right reaction if they are to be rewarded with a tit-bit or praise. They will understand whether your tone of voice and your facial expressions are good or bad when you are talking to them, in whatever language, but they will not understand longer phrases.

We often attribute human emotions to dogs when, in fact, they are reacting instinctively. We assume our dog is happy to see us when we return home and it looks pleased and wags its tail. All it is doing is reacting in the same way a wolf puppy reacts when the pack returns with food from a hunt.

It behaved in the same way when it

was feeding from its mother along with the rest of the litter. It is true the dog is enjoying a pleasurable experience but it is not pleased in human terms.

Another example of anthropomorphism is when we believe our dog is 'sulking' when it returns home from a stay in kennels, or is grieving over the death of a member of the family.

In the latter case, what it will be feeling is the loss of a higher member of the 'pack' and the anxiety caused by no longer knowing its position in the family hierarchy.

It will also be confused by the vibrations of distress it picks up from the family. Once the 'pack' has settled down again, the dog will make a quick recovery, for it lives in the present and doesn't mourn the past.

So please do not attribute dogs with human emotions. Try, instead, to understand their simple canine minds, which are untroubled by so many of our emotions.

Designer puppies

LEGEND of stage and screen Barbra Streisand recently revealed she had cloned her late dog Samantha before she passed away last year.

Her two new dogs, Miss Violet and Miss Scarlett, were reportedly cloned from

cells taken from Samantha's mouth and stomach.

Ms Streisand told *Variety* magazine the two pups "have different personalities.

"I'm waiting for them to get older so I can see if they have her brown eyes and her

seriousness," she said.

Since the revelation, PETA has come out to criticise Ms Streisand's decision, with PETA's president Ingrid Newkirk stating "We all want our beloved dogs to live forever, but while it may sound like a good idea, cloning doesn't achieve that. Instead, it creates a new and different dog who has only the physical characteristics of the original.

"When you consider that millions of wonderful adoptable dogs are languishing in animal shelters every year or dying in terrifying ways when abandoned, you realise that cloning adds to the homeless animal population crisis" Newkirk went on to say, "And because cloning has a high failure rate, many dogs are caged and tormented for every birth that actually occurs."

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Jaguar reveal new electric I-PACE

JAGUAR has revealed its first battery operated vehicle, the I-PACE, reportedly as a direct competitor to the Tesla Model X.

First debuted as a concept in 2016, the I-PACE made its official public debut at the Geneva Motor Show on Tuesday.

The brand new I-PACE

from the British car giants can reportedly accelerate from 0-100 km/h in just 4.8 seconds while one full charge provides a range of 480 km (298 miles) which the company claim can be topped up from 0-80 per cent in just 45 minutes.

There are five full seats, innovative storage and a substantial rear loadspace, while

the I-PACE also delivers all-surface, all-weather drivability.

Its 90 kwh battery is made up of high energy density lithium-ion, which supports longevity as well as periods of sustained maximum power with the car's total output registering at 395 bhp and 696 Nm of torque.

The I PACE also features a 'Touch Pro Duo infotainment system' which makes it simple to control all the car's technologies. 4G Wi-Fi capability is standard and a host of connectivity additions mean it's easy to keep in touch with the digital world.

Jaguar's design director, Ian Callum, told Top Gear: "What I immediately saw as a designer was opportunity. We've done the long bonnet, big engine thing, quite a few times actually, and we've done all these sports cars. I've got that out my system now.

"The shape of this has been in my head for a long time. How could you do a mid-engined family car? Well you can't because you've got to put



I-PACE: JAGUAR'S first battery operated vehicle.

the children in the back, so this was my opportunity. It just unshackles you from so many things."

Prices reportedly begin at just over €66,000 (£58,995) with orders now being accepted.

Tanks for the memories!

A TANK said to have been used in the Gulf War during the early 1990's is going up for sale online.

The Sultan Armoured Command Tank, which has reportedly seen active military service in the last 30 years, will be put up for sale on eBay for just €19,000 (£17,000).

Built in 1979, the tank is fitted with a Jaguar XJ6 5.9-litre petrol engine and has a top speed of approximately 77 km/ph (48 mph).

Named the 'Ypres' after the famous Belgian town from the Second World War, the tank weighs more than 8,300 kilos but can be driven on the road; provided the driver completes a two-day H licence course for tracked vehicles.

Seller, Gavin Mayall, told British media: "As tanks go the Sultan family is considered to be very manoeuvrable and agile... and can be accurately driven by almost anyone, all that is required to drive on the road is a two-day course for an H licence.

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La Liga Preview

Barcelona look to continue title march in Malaga

BARCELONA travel to Malaga on Saturday as top meets bottom of the table with just 11 games of the La Liga season left to play.

The Catalan giants moved eight points clear after securing victory in their top of the table clash with Atletico on Sunday but will have one eye on Wednesday's Champions League tie against Chelsea as they head to La Rosaleda.

A stark contrast to Saturday's opponents, with Malaga currently finding themselves rooted to the bottom of the league, eight points adrift of safety and without a win since December 10.

The race for European football continues as fourth placed Valencia travel to fifth placed Sevilla.

Sevilla, who currently sit eight points behind Valencia, kept their faint hopes of a top-four finish alive with a 2-0 win over Athletic Bilbao on Saturday and will look to increase their hold on fifth with a win against their rivals in the race for the Champions League.

That is provided that Villarreal fail to



MAGIC: Messi scored his 600th career goal in the win over Atletico.

find a way past relegation threatened Las Palmas on Sunday.

Las Palmas held on for a memorable draw against Barcelona last week, but were beaten by a last gasp goal against Celta Vigo on Monday to remain in La Liga's bottom three just a point behind Levante.

The Gran Canarian side could drop to 19th place before they kick off if Clarence Seedorf's Deportivo La Coruña manage to pick up three points against Girona tomorrow (Friday).

Deportivo are yet to win under Seedorf but have managed two draws in their last three games, whereas Girona are looking for their third win in a row.

Weekend's fixtures in full

Tomorrow (Friday)

Girona vs Deportivo La Coruña

Saturday

Eibar vs Real Madrid

Sevilla vs Valencia

Getafe vs Levante

Malaga vs Barcelona

Sunday

Espanyol vs Real Sociedad

Atletico Madrid vs Celta Vigo

Las Palmas vs Villarreal

Athletic Bilbao vs Leganes

Monday

Alaves vs Real Betis

Premier League preview

Derby day could decide second place

by Ben Park

MANCHESTER UNITED will look to continue their good run of form as they host red-hot Liverpool on Saturday in a match that may determine second place in the Premier League.

Second placed United produced a stunning comeback on Monday as they came from 2-0 down to secure a last-gasp 3-2 victory thanks to Nemanja Matić's world class winner.

While Manchester City continue their march towards the Premier League title, the race for second is still very much in the balance with bitter rivals United and Liverpool both in the hunt, with Tottenham right on their tails.

After returning to second following their dramatic win over Crystal Palace, another win on Saturday for United would see them move five points clear with just eight games left to play, but they will undoubtedly have one eye on Tuesday's second leg Champions League fixture against Sevilla at Old Trafford, having drawn 0-0 in Andalucia two weeks ago.

Fourth placed will look to keep up the pressure on their North-West rivals as they head to Bournemouth.

Bournemouth have lost just one in their last six but have also only won one during that time, whereas Tottenham



RIVALRY: Jurgen Klopp faces off against Jose Mourinho.

have won four and drawn two in the same period.

Elsewhere, Arsenal will be desperate for three points as they host Watford at the Emirates on Sunday.

The Gunners play AC Milan later this evening (Thursday) in the Europa League Round of 16 after their fourth consecutive loss for the first time since 2002 as they went down 2-1 to Brighton on Saturday, leaving them 13 points outside the Champions League places.

At the other end of the table, Newcastle host Southampton with both teams sitting worryingly close to the relegation zone. Newcastle sit just two points above the relegation zone while Southampton remain just a point above after both sides won just one in their last six.

Crystal Palace will look to bounce

back from their second late defeat in a row to Manchester United as they head to Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Weekend fixtures in full

Saturday

Manchester United vs Liverpool

Everton vs Brighton and Hove Albion

Huddersfield Town vs Swansea City

Newcastle United vs Southampton

West Bromwich Albion vs Leicester City

West Ham United vs Burnley

Chelsea vs Crystal Palace

Sunday

Arsenal vs Watford

Bournemouth vs Tottenham Hotspur

Monday

Stoke City vs Manchester City

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	27	21	6	0	70	13	69
2 • Atlético	27	18	7	2	45	12	61
3 • Real Madrid	27	16	6	5	65	29	54
4 • Valencia	27	16	5	6	52	30	53
5 • Sevilla	27	14	3	10	36	40	45
6 • Villarreal	27	12	5	10	36	32	41
7 • Girona	27	11	7	9	38	36	40
8 • Eibar	27	11	6	10	34	39	39
9 • Celta	27	11	5	11	45	39	38
10 • Betis	27	11	4	12	43	52	37
11 • Getafe	27	9	9	9	33	25	36
12 • R. Sociedad	27	9	6	12	49	48	33
13 • Leganés	27	9	6	12	23	32	33
14 • Athletic	27	7	11	9	27	31	32
15 • Espanyol	27	7	11	9	24	33	32
16 • Alavés	27	10	1	16	24	39	31
17 • Levante	27	3	12	12	22	42	21
18 • Las Palmas	27	5	5	17	20	55	20
19 • Deportivo	27	4	7	16	25	57	19
20 • Málaga	27	3	4	20	16	43	13

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	29	25	3	1	83	20	78
2 • M. United	29	19	5	5	56	22	62
3 • Liverpool	29	17	9	3	67	32	60
4 • Tottenham H.	29	17	7	5	55	24	58
5 • Chelsea	29	16	5	8	50	26	53
6 • Arsenal	29	13	6	10	52	41	45
7 • Burnley	29	10	10	9	24	26	40
8 • Leicester City	29	9	10	10	41	42	37
9 • Watford	29	10	6	13	39	47	36
10 • Brighton	29	8	10	11	28	38	34
11 • Everton	29	9	7	13	33	49	34
12 • Bournemouth	29	8	9	12	34	44	33
13 • Swansea City	29	8	6	15	25	42	30
14 • West Ham Utd.	29	7	9	13	36	54	30
15 • Huddersfield Town	29	8	6	15	25	50	30
16 • Newcastle United	29	7	8	14	27	40	29
17 • Southampton	29	5	13	11	29	41	28
18 • Crystal Palace	29	6	9	14	27	46	27
19 • Stoke City	29	6	9	14	28	54	27
20 • West Bromwich	29	3	11	15	22	43	20

Game, Set, Match!

Bautista Agut wins first ATP crown

SPANIARD Roberto Bautista Agut claimed his first ATP 500 Series title after a 6-3, 6-4 win over Lucas Pouille in Dubai.

Bautista Agut, who came into the match having recently won New Zealand's ASB Classic, took the upper hand early on in the match as he converted his fourth break point in the third game of the first set.

The Spaniard had only dropped one set en route to the final and continued to control the match, fighting off a break point before securing the first set in just 34 minutes.

And despite dropping a break in the second set, Bautista Agut battled back immediately to secure a

break of his own and dominated his own serve from then on to end the match.

Speaking to British media, the World No 16 said: "I was a bit nervous to close out the match. I have been working a lot this month and I was prepared to manage all the emotions and I did very well in the last game," said Bautista Agut.

"This tournament is very special. It is for sure going to be (always) in my heart and I am so happy I have won a 500 event.

"Lucas is a really great player, he has a great future and is playing unbelievable tennis in the last month. I want to wish him good luck for the rest of the season."



MANCHESTER CITY recorded a Premier League record 902 passes in their 1-0 win over Chelsea at the weekend.

Costa Blanca's best guide to local sport

TO READ MORE

LA LIGA President Javier Tebas has said that he remains determined to play at least one La Liga game abroad a season.

Tebas reportedly believes that playing 'one or two at most' Spanish top flight games abroad every season will improve the league's global popularity.

The Premier League had a similar plan 10 years ago, but the idea of a '39th game' played outside England was met with fierce opposition from fans.

Despite this, Tebas remains enthusiastic about the idea of playing one or two games a year outside of Spain and remains determined to become the first country to do so.

Speaking at the Web Sport

Going from La Liga President plans to play games abroad

Congress, the 55-year-old said: "It's a difficult and complicated issue because there are many things that need to be ironed out.

"But we want to be the first league that plays an official game outside its usual territory.

"We're not talking about playing all 380 games per season abroad; it will be one per season or two at most. We are now trying to get clubs to agree to the decision."

La Liga's formidable top-two, Real Madrid and Barcelona, were involved in the first 'Clasico' played on foreign soil last year, as they played a friendly in front of a

full 65,000 seater Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida in July. May's El Clasico has now been scheduled for May 6 at 8.45pm to reportedly appeal to the American Market but La Liga's Head of Global Commu-



Credit: Twitter

PLANS: Tebas wants to play one game 'or two at most' abroad a season.

nities, Joris Evers, expects neither team to be involved in an official game outside of Spain in the future.

He told Reuters at the end of last year: "It is unlikely for it to be a 'Clasico,' as one of the key priorities is to expand awareness and present La Liga as much broader than Real Madrid and Barcelona.

"They are the biggest clubs and brands within La Liga and we want to take advantage of the 'Clasico' to present the broader league, to talk to people about more stories and more clubs. That's how we want to grow the story of our competition and the spectacle of entertainment we have each weekend."



ALL SMILES: A previous Playa Flamenca Walking Football competition.

Walking in a football Wanderland

PLAYA FLAMENCA WALKING WANDERERS are set to hold their annual Walking Football competition.

The Pride of Spain award winners will hold the Keith Wightman Memorial Trophy at the CDM Sports Centre in Playa Flamenca on March 23, beginning at 10.30am.

The competition will consist of 10 teams competing for the trophy, with two teams travelling over from Coventry and Hartshill, North Warwickshire in the UK.

The club is well sponsored by Ibox Insurance, Avalon Funeral Plans, Pablo's Bar and Bistro and Gogarty's Irish Pub La Zenia.

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