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## Expatriate 'rapist' held

SPANISH police have arrested a wanted British man in Alicante City, convicted of five rapes in the UK, who was found living in a van and using a fake identity.

The unnamed wanted man was convicted of five rape charges on two victims in the 1980's, including one on a 15-year-old girl and he faces a life sentence.

The British authorities issued a European Arrest Warrant in 2016 and last July officers in Spain were tipped off that he was living somewhere on the country's eastern coast.

Spanish police said the man was arrested in Alicante City on the Costa Blanca after he had used a fake identity to contact his relatives in the UK on social media.

They said, "That enabled investigators to follow his digital trail until they tracked down where he was hiding.

"Investigators found that he was a person who moved about in a van he lived in, which made finding him more difficult as he didn't leave any physical trace of

his movements.

"But, after nine months of investigations, the van he used as a home was tracked down and the rapist arrested after a watch was put on the vehicle."

The man will now appear before an extradition hearing in Madrid.



**HIDING OUT:** The man fled to Alicante.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Firefighting helicopter**

A FOREST fire in an inaccessible ravine in L'Alcudia de Cocentaina required a firefighting helicopter as well as four fire engines to extinguish the blaze.

**Tall order**

VILLAJYOYOSA Town Hall appealed against a Valencia Upper Court (TSJ) ruling that ordered the demolition of a section of the Atrium Hotel in La Cala and annulled 2006 and 2007 licences legalising the construction.

**That's rich**

THE three Valencians on this year's Forbes Rich List are Mercadona president Juan Roig (€3.91 billion), his wife Hortensia Herrero (€1.95 billion) and his brother Fernando Roig (€1.14 billion).

# Human traffic

## 155 held as migrant smugglers busted

MORE than 150 people have been held as police swooped on a Chinese human trafficking gang that smuggled people into the UK.

The gang reportedly charged a flat fee of €20,000 in exchange for fake passports plus transport from China via Spain.

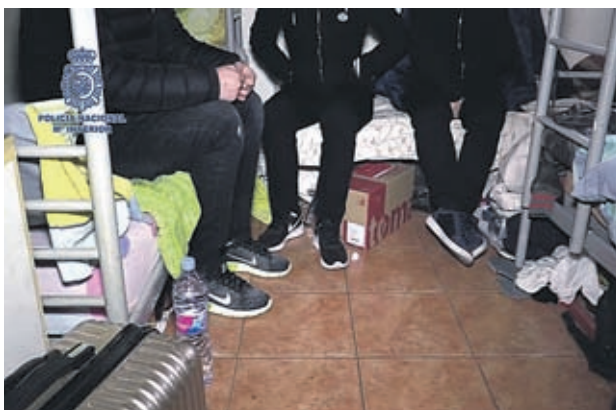
Most of the arrests took place in Barcelona, where migrants were hidden in rented flats before being flown to Britain and Ireland.

While in the Catalan capital their passports were confiscated and replaced with bogus documents printed in China.

They were also taught key English phrases used at border control to improve their chances of getting through.

Other suspects were held in Alicante, Malaga, La Linea de la Concepcion (Cadiz), Madrid, Ibiza, Aviles (Asturias), Bilbao and Castellon.

The majority are Chinese, among them four figureheads who have been charged with



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**FLAT RATE: Individuals were each charged €20,000 for travel to the UK using false passports handed to them in Spain.**

membership of a criminal gang, forgery and violation of human rights, plus 151 others connected to the racket.

Flight tickets to the UK were bought on the day of travel to avoid suspicion, and the migrants were accompanied by gang members as far as Barcelona's El Prat airport.



MUCHAVISIA: Alleged incident at TRAM stop did not happen.

**Kidnap attempt was false news**

by Linda Hall

A MAN of 33 was detained after his WhatsApp voice message describing an attempted kidnap in Campello went viral.

A boy of 13 whom he claimed was one of his pupils was accosted by an older man at the TRAM stop, he said.

The reality was noticeably different, a statement from the Guardia Civil in Campello announced soon afterwards.

A man in his 50's did approach a boy of 13, offering him a lift in his car. He did not touch the boy at any time and nor did he display any type of aggressiveness despite the WhatsApp's claims that he embraced the boy and grabbed him by the neck.

The boy, described as 'unperturbed,' refused the lift but witnesses reported the incident and a married couple accompanied him to the Guardia Civil to make a statement while officers contacted his mother.

Attempts to find the driver have been unsuccessful but investigators tracked down the person who sent the WhatsApp, who said that the message had been intended for his family only.

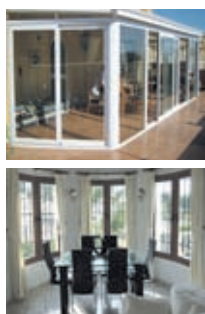
The Guardia Civil statement reminded the public that spurious reports prompting the mobilisation of the police or emergency services are a breach of public order under Spain's Penal Code.

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**Fantastic fox escape**

A PASSERBY in Aspe alerted the fire brigade after spotting a fox trapped at the bottom of an empty irrigation pond. Firemen attached a ladder to the steep sloping sides of the deposit which, after they retreated, the fox managed to scale at the second attempt.

**How lucky!**

A RIBARROJA (Valencia) resident won the weekly extra Million in the EuroMillions, the fourth time in two months the prize has remained in the region after going to the Valencia province towns of Alcasser and L'Olleria in January and to Alfaz in February.

**Fatal error**

A WOMAN of 52 was run down and killed by her car in Cheste (Valencia) after getting out to throw away rubbish without first putting on the handbrake. She tried unsuccessfully to stop it rolling downhill towards her but instead fell under the vehicle.

**Rubble trouble**

AS construction picks up and people are spending more money on renovations, San Juan Town Hall noticed an increase in fly tipping and unauthorised rubbish dumps with builders' rubble. This will be combated by increased vigilance from the new Urban Discipline brigade, coupled to hefty fines.

**Smoke signal**

THE Guardia Civil arrested a 27-year-old Ukrainian at Alicante Airport after receiving a tip-off that someone aboard a Warsaw flight was smuggling tobacco. Searching the luggage of a passenger whose profile matched that of known smugglers, they found and impounded 2,350 packs of cigarettes worth €11,000.

**Rallying call for equality**

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 5



**GIRL POWER:** More than 5 million women downed tools before joining peaceful protests across Spain.

WOMEN in Spain are looking to the future after millions took to the streets to mark International Women's Day.

Historic marches took place in more than 200 Spanish towns and cities in a united stand against a range of issues including domestic violence and the gender pay gap.

And estimates suggest that more than five million people took part in the two-hour 'feminist' strikes that preceded the rally, which was

backed by 10 unions and some of Spain's most important female politicians and cultural figures.

Public transport was ravaged and some of the marches brought traffic to a standstill as protesters congregated under the slogan 'If we stop, the world stops.'

The event places Spain at the cutting edge of feminist movements worldwide.

The mayor of Madrid, Manuela Carmena, tweeted "This isn't only

about calling for true equality, but also about facing the need to change how the world treats women," while her Barcelona counterpart Ada Colau said that she joined the strike "to show that without women the world really does stop."

But the Spanish government did not agree, after the ruling Popular Party said that the strike was "for feminist elites and not real women with everyday problems."

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# All fired up



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**SET ABLAZE: Valencia's famous Las Fallas statues.**

THIS weekend the city of Valencia welcomes spring in style during the annual Las Fallas festival - a loud, boisterous fiesta where the city is literally set alight.

The festival started as a celebration of St Joseph, the patron saint of carpenters, but has since evolved into a five-day fire extravaganza. The quiet city's population of around one million more than trebles in size during the celebrations as people flock from across the globe to witness the festivities.

The festival is all about the creation of 'ninots' - huge lifelike statues made from wood, cardboard, paper-machè and plaster which are paraded through the city streets, then destroyed in a giant firework display at midnight on the dot.

The ninots tend to depict lewd, satirical scenes relating to current events and will often make fun of Spanish politicians or Spanish celebrities.

These bawdy giants can cost up to €60,000 to create and are crafted by local neighbourhood or-

ganisations. The labour process is intensive and can take up to 12 months to complete so as soon as that year's festival is over, work already begins for the next event.

During the early evening on the final day of the festival, a group of people with axes chop carefully placed holes in the ninots and fill them with fireworks.

On the run up to midnight, the streetlights are all switched off, the crowds start to chant and the fireworks are lit as the clock strikes 12.

In recent years, the local firemen have come up with methods to protect the town's buildings from being accidentally set alight by the fireworks, including covering them with fireproof material.

Every year, one of the ninots is saved from obliteration by a popular vote. The pardoned statue - called the ninot indultat - is then displayed in the local Museum of the Ninots along with the other lucky escapees from previous years.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

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No **23%**

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Youth hit hard by flu**

ALTHOUGH the flu season peaked in mid-January with 300 cases per 100,000 inhabitants, there are still 80 cases per 100,000 in the Valencian community.

**Here again**

OTTERS are known to have returned to the River Serpis for the first time in 70 years after the regional government's Environment department confirmed that droppings have been found.

**GUN CRIME:** The incident occurred on the Montesol urbanisation.  
**Inset: SHOT DEAD:** The cat (file photo) was only 12 months old at the time.

# Cat shot dead with firearm

THE Guardia Civil in Aspe are investigating the death of a cat that was shot while inside fenced land.

The cat named Bella lived in a registered colony of 12 cats on the Montesol urbanisation. She was 12 months old and had been sterilised at the beginning of this year.

Once the Guardia Civil have identified and located the wrongdoer, animal protection associations, Bigote de Gato and Proyecto Ces Aspe intend to take legal action independently of any

official prosecution.

Bella was found badly wounded by the volunteers who feed and look after the ferals.

Originally suspecting that the cat had been run over, after taking her to an Alicante City vet, they learnt that she had been shot. The .22-calibre bullet had entered her spine and her injuries were so severe that eventually she had to be put to sleep.

"In order to obtain a firearms licence an applicant

has to be in full possession of their mental faculties," said Adriana Aznar, Proyecto Ces Aspe's president.

"But we feel it's very serious matter when a person kills an animal in a colony that is controlled by a town hall."

Montesol residents were also fearful for the safety of their children, knowing that the cat had been killed with a dangerous firearm on an urbanisation where children habitually played in the street.



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## TOWIE crew film in Spain

THE ONLY WAY IS ESSEX cast have been filming in Barcelona.

But seven regular cast members have been axed by ITVBe bosses over their 'boring storylines,' according to rumours.

Stalwarts Lauren Pope, Courtney Green, Chloe Meadows and Amber Turner are still on board, though, and the quartet certainly turned heads as they flashed the flesh after slipping into some revealing outfits.

Lauren, 35, rocked a skimpy white crop top and high-wasted jeans in the winter sun as she strolled alongside co-stars Bobby Norris, Chloe Lewis and Georgia Kousoulou.

Elsewhere in the city, Courtney, 22, was snapped in a lacy bodysuit and miniscule denim hotpants as she braved the chilly conditions.

Chloe, 25, opted for an all-green ensemble featuring a revealing green blouse with matching trousers as she flaunted her ample curves, while blonde beauty Amber, 24, kept her surgically-enhanced assets under wraps in a thigh-skimming minidress.

**TRENDING:**  
Sara Carbonero.

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**THE ONLY WAY IS BARCA:** Lauren Pope (second from right) and co-stars in Spain.



Photo credit Twitter

# She's a keeper

SHE'S the sports reporter who stole the heart of a world champion goalkeeper.

And Sara Carbonero, 34, has another reason to celebrate after an internet firm revealed that she was the most searched-for Spanish woman over the past year.

She married former Real Madrid star Iker Casillas in 2016, after the pair shared a famous kiss live on TV in the wake of Spain's 2010 World Cup win.



## Date night

THEY'RE the Spanish Oscar winners who have been in love for a decade.

And Penelope Cruz, 43, and husband Javier Bardem, 49, were all smiles as they attended the Spanish Actors and Actresses Union Awards Gala in Madrid.

The couple married in 2010 and recently starred together in the drama flick Loving Pablo, for which they were nominated for best actress and actor, respectively.



**WEDDED BLISS:** Penelope and Javier.

## Celebs set to seek divine inspiration



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**A PILGRIM'S TALE:** The group at the start of their mammoth trek.

IT'S the 790-kilometre trek across northern Spain that attracts hundreds of thousands of walkers each year.

And now seven British celebrities have spoken of their experiences on the Camino de Santiago religious pilgrimage after they traipsed from Jean-Pied-de-Port in the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela, Galicia.

The group included Gogglebox star

Kate Bottley, comedian Ed Byrne, Line of Duty actor Neil Morrissey, M People singer Heather Small, Strictly Come Dancing finalist Debbie McGee, journalist Raphael Rowe and TV presenter JJ Chalmers.

Also known as the Way of St James, the hikers' exploits will be screened in a new three-part BBC Two show entitled Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago.

## Royal welcome

QUEEN LETIZIA OF SPAIN completed a busy week of appointments with a charity appearance.

The stylish royal, 44, attend an event for Rare Diseases Day at the Goya Theatre in Madrid.

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**LIFE SIZE:** Registered population affects services.

# Padron push targets foreign residents

ALTEA Town Hall launched a campaign to persuade and remind residents to register on the Padron.

Although this also affects the Spanish population, it is especially aimed at the town's foreign-born residents, explained Mari Lavios, councillor responsible for Participation and Foreign Residents.

Those from countries within the European Union who have previously registered on the Padron nevertheless still need to confirm that they are still resident every five

years. Those from other countries should do so at two-yearly intervals, Lavios said.

"It is very important that the local population realises the importance of registering," the councillor stressed. "Our subsidies and allocations from the central government depend on the municipal Padron.

The number of registered residents directly affects street cleaning, citizens' services and social services amongst other things, all of which need to be proportionate to the real size of the town's population."

# Council on top of complaints

BENIDORM'S City Council registered a total of more than 3,380 incidents and complaints from residents last year and resolved more than 2,270, or 87 per cent.

The figures, which come from the ruling Partido Popular's urban spokesperson Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate, showed an increase of 22 per cent compared to the previous year.

Data also suggested people in Benidorm were making greater use of new technology such as social media to alert the council

to issues in the city.

Reports made by Facebook increased by 26 per cent on 2016 levels, those made through the Linea Verde application by 47 per cent and by email 39 per cent.

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**BLANCA BROCHURES:** The video and other material reflect the region's attractions.

# Wave of publicity for province

A NEW promotional video from the Costa Blanca Board of Trustees has been produced entitled 'authentically ours.'

It is designed to show the world that the province of Alicante is an exciting and unique destination, and will be screened at a variety of promotional events and fairs.

The iconic Cinema Aana of Alicante is the venue for the premiere of the video, which gathers the experiences of people from different nationalities who explain what the province means for them.

Cesar Sanchez, president of the provincial council of Alicante, said: "On the Costa

Blanca we do not have to invent anything, we just have to look around and enjoy everything we have, which is a lot and wonderful.

"The best way to project who we are is to do it from the heart, and that is how the video was made."

Screenwriter and Emmy nominated director Adan Aliaga who has created the film, said that he wanted to "give voice to the anonymous people who are emotionally linked to the Costa Blanca, with its light, its sea, its cuisine."

Versions of the video have been made in Spanish, Valencian, English, French, German, and Russian.

## OUR VIEW

### 'Let the kind acts be what remains'

OUR thoughts are with the family of Gabriel Cruz Ramirez. The tragic eight-year-old's body was found in the boot of his father's girlfriend's car 12 days after he went missing in Nijar, Almeria.

More than 3,000 people flocked to Almeria's Cathedral to pay their respects at his funeral on Tuesday, with several high ranking Spanish politicians in attendance.

And while much ire has been directed towards the prime suspect in the case, it is the words and advice of the child's mother, Patricia Ramirez, that should resonate the most.

Carrying herself with great dignity throughout the horrific ordeal, she appealed "for rage not to spread any further, for nobody to retweet rage-fuelled things, because that is not who my son was, and it is not who I am."

Her words came after a vengeful social media storm erupted in the wake of Gabriel's body being discovered, with the suspect even being physically attacked while surrounded by police.

And yet the woman who could have been forgiven for feeling the most hatred instead chose to vilify those who reacted with anger to the death of her son.

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## Hotel booms despite Brits



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**SINKING FEELING:** The number of British visitors dropped last month.

HOTEL stays in Benidorm increased by 4 per cent in February, according to the platform BigDataHosbec.

This comes despite the collapse of Monarch Airlines and BigDataHosbec President Tony Mayor highlighted the loyalty that people have for the destination.

Overnight stays of domestic tourists in February have exceeded 400,000 for the month of February, representing a growth of 15 per cent.

However, there was a slight decline in the British market last month, with the number of their hotel bookings dropping by 5 per cent.

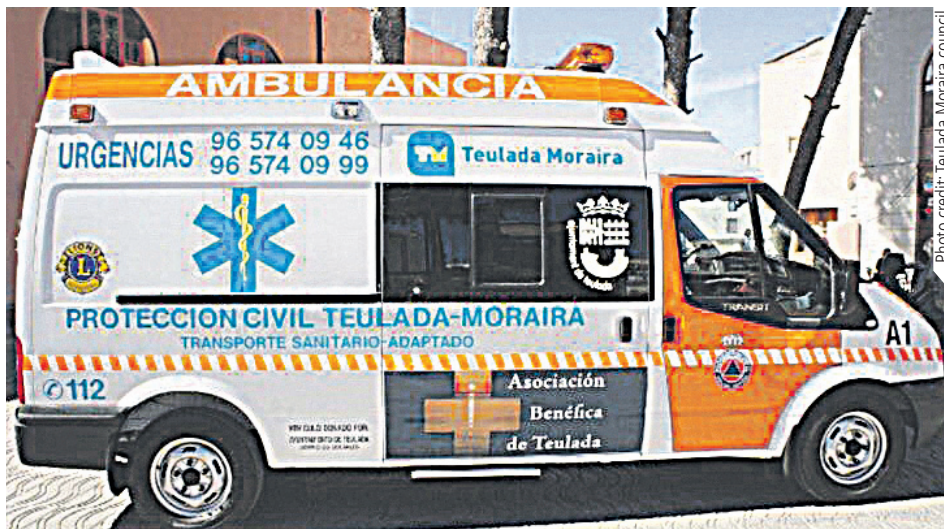


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**TO THE RESCUE:** The Teulada Moraira ambulance service.

## Coming to the rescue

THE Teulada Moraira ambulance service has revealed they attended more than 600 emergencies last year.

The service received two to three calls daily and had an average response time of 4.6 minutes.

A spokesman for the council said Teulada Moraira is the only town in the area offering this level of quality ambulance service, which is available free of charge to all citizens in the

event of an emergency.

This particular emergency services team mostly consists of volunteers, who revealed that most of the emergencies they attend are the result of traffic accidents.

August was reportedly the busiest month - with more than 60 incidents - while the month with the lowest number of incidents was November with just slightly over 20.

The mayor of Teulada

Moraira, Carlos Linares, and the councillor Nacim Benatsou mentioned how necessary the service is to the local community and how important the volunteers are.

There are currently 40 volunteers on the Teulada Moraira health care team and 10 on the security team. The councillors thanked the whole squad, remarking how much their work and the time they invest is valued.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Marriages on the rocks

THERE were 13,819 marriage break-ups in the Valencia community last year compared with 14,392 in 2016. Alicante Province accounted for 4,796 of the total, an average of 13 a day.

### Book deal

REHABILITATING Casa Rovira in Jijona will cost approximately €1.3m and take 12 months to complete. Once finished the 17th century building will house the municipal library that is currently located in El Cuarnero.

### Job seekers

UNEMPLOYMENT fell by 111 people to 11,388 last month in l'Alcoia, El Comtat and Foia de Castalla, although 63 per cent of the registered jobless in these areas are women.

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## Drug ring leader captured

A MAN has been captured in Alicante who allegedly led a gang dedicated to the sale and distribution of cocaine and speed in Alicante City.

He has also been report-

edly arrested on suspicion of beating and torturing another person for an issue related to drug trafficking; which the provincial court of Alicante has asked for

an 11-year sentence.

The alleged leader managed to evade being captured by police for several months by reportedly moving from place to place. He was even-

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Town coffers cough up**

BENISSA Town Hall finished 2017 with a surplus of €1.557 million during the first year in power of the present team, which hopes to invest the cash in the town and stimulate the local economy.

**No-brainer**

VILLENNA, which has banned spectacles involving animals, must choose whether to rent out the bullring to the Peña Cultural Taurina for bullfights in early September or animal protection association Ryta for an animal welfare event.

**Take heart**

CALLOSA Town Hall acquired two defibrillators costing €3,262, one of which will be assigned to a Local Police patrol car while the other will be kept at the Fonts d'Algar first aid post.

# €53m budget in the works

COUNCILLORS from Denia's authorities have presented plans for the town's 2018 budget, set to be debated at a meeting today (Thursday).

Paco Rosello, the Partido Socialista and Compromis run council's economy spokesperson and Deputy Mayor Rafa Carrio unveiled the €53 million budget last Monday.

Cllr Rosello said there was an extra €1 million in this year's budget due mainly to increased grants from the Generalitat Valenciana and the Diputacion de Alicante.

"This budget is the result of the economic policy that we started in 2015. It will allow us to get out of the economic adjustment plan," he said.

Cllr Rosello added the council had been able to get

out of the plan because rules on budgetary stability, spending and debt have been met. The plan was introduced in 2012 when the council took a €12 million loan to settle debts with suppliers.

This year's gross savings of €7.5 million has come from the council paying €3.9 million on its debts which has in turn made €3.8 million for investment. The council was around €15 million in debt as of last December, according to reports.

Deputy Mayor Carrio said the council would spend the money on cultural and historical heritage, as well as the refurbishment of public spaces.

Money would also be spent on projects put forward by residents in participatory budgets, which allow local people to make

suggestions about projects the council should undertake, Carrio added.

A connection between the Calle Pintor Llorens and Avenida Joan Fuster costing

€225,000 has been included in the budget.

Restoration work to the Verger Alt and Denia castle costing more than €316,460 will also be undertaken with

money set aside for 2018.

The council has also earmarked more than €1,438,500 of the investment budget for the payment of compensation.

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# Digital info

BENITACHELL'S communications and technology department has launched its first digital newsletter available in Spanish, Valencian and English.

The notice, which is set to be published every 15 days, can be viewed on the town's website ([www.elpobloudebenitatxell.com](http://www.elpobloudebenitatxell.com)) which features an option to subscribe to it. The newsletter comes as part of plans to ensure that authorities in the town cater for all residents.

Myra van 't Hoff, the council's communication spokesperson, said citizens should sub-

scribe to the newsletter which will complement the town's free magazine *Al Corrent* and notices on social media.

"Let's not forget that communication is also integration. I think that if the neighbours are informed they will be much more participatory and will play a much more active role in the community," she said.

The council said in a statement that all its communication channels were tailored to the different groups in the town so that no one felt isolated.



Credit: Benitachell council

**NEWSLETTER:** Myra van 't Hoff's (centre, right) communication department has introduced the multilingual notice so no resident feels isolated.



Photo credit: MARQ

**TERRACOTTA ARMY:** Warriors could visit Alicante.

## Preparing to welcome Chinese warriors

ALICANTE'S archaeological museum, MARQ, is progressing with arrangements to bring Xi'an Warriors from the Terracotta Army to the city.

A cultural delegation from the museum has visited China where they met representatives from the Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Centre and the Shaanxi National History Museum.

Both bodies were enthusiastic about the prospect of an exchange programme with MARQ.

"This is the first cultural interchange between Chinese institution and a Spanish museum," said Cesar Augusto Asencio who heads the provincial council's Culture department.

"This is a significant reward for the Diputacion's efforts," he continued. "We have taken an important step but much remains still to be done. We are ready to carry on and realise our dream of bringing Warriors to MARQ."

The delegation headed by

Asencio included MARQ'S technical director Manuel Olcina, its managing director Jose Alberto Cortes and Jorge Soler, Exhibitions director.

They visited the mausoleum of Qin Shihuaang, China's first emperor, to see the 8,000 terracotta warriors which were created between 246 and 210 BC and discovered in 1974. Slightly larger than life-size, all have different faces and were intended to protect the emperor in the afterlife.

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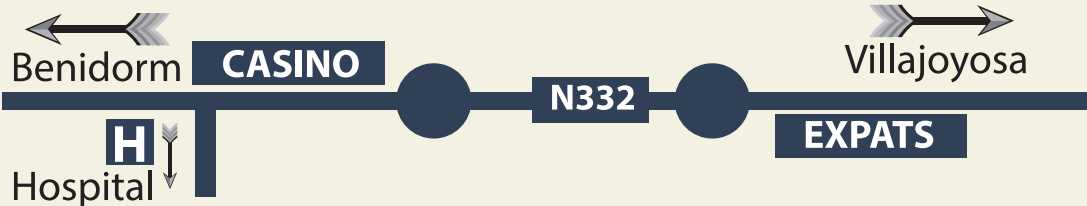
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FONTS D'ALGAR: Bridge suffered storm damage.

# Bridge over Algar waters

THE deteriorated bridge at the Fonts d' Algar waterfall is being replaced in time for the start of the high season.

The wooden structure was badly affected during the storms and torrential rains of November and December 2016, explained the town hall's Technical Services department. Other infrastructure

was also damaged then and again the following month and repairs are being financed by the Generalitat Valenciana, which has provided a total grant of €33,517.

Of this, €10,800 is going towards replacing the bridge and railings along the Font d' Algar's natural pools and springs.

The pools saw even more tourists last year announced

Tourism councillor Alfonso Puigcerver recently, as 344,862 people visited the pools in 2017, an increase of 29,355 and 9.3 per cent more than in 2016.

Owing to the growing number of visitors, the town hall has acquired a 9,000-square metre plot of land adjoining the Fonts. This will be used as an alternative emergency exit as well as a picnic



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## You're paying how much for your investment??

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



Many of you will have read my article last week regarding financial advisors in Spain charging substantially more than the equivalent service in the UK. In just the last few days I have had several people come to my office to see if I can help them reduce the fees they're paying on their QROPS and Spanish Compliant Investment Bonds.

I saw a lady on Tuesday, we'll call her Sandra (as before, I've changed her name to protect her privacy). The first thing Sandra explained was that every few months her advisor would hand her another wad of pages covered in numbers, charts etc., bamboozle her with complex terminology, and she'd leave the appointment none the wiser as to why her QROPS hadn't grown over the last 4 years.

Well, finally she was sat in front of someone who would break it all down for her. One of my major concerns was that her advisor

was changing her funds on a regular basis, and it was often costing the client between 3-5% to buy a new fund. I also questioned the fees on the funds she had been moved into, which were between 1.5%-3.5% per year – this is 3 to 4 times more than I'd expect a client to pay for a top performing UK fund, yet she was paying this for pretty average performing funds, which makes me question why they were chosen.

In addition, she was paying another 2% per year in combined fees to her advisor and bond provider. When we broke it all down, her annual fees were over 5% of the total amount she had invested, and I calculated that around 4% of this was going to her financial

advisor, most of which was in hidden fees which would be illegal in the UK. I was astounded by the combined level of fees here, and it's safe to say, so was Sandra! The investment returns were barely covering her fees, which is why Sandra had seen no growth after 4 years.

Even worse, was that the entry costs of 3-5% each time she switched funds wasn't actually a genuine fund charge, rather a commission being paid each time to her advisor. This practice is illegal in the UK and referred to as 'churning'.

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# Promoting religious tourism

TEULADA MORAIRA Council has announced they will open a San Vicente Ferrer study centre to attract friars, investigators and pilgrims.

The bishop of Vannes, Raymond Céntene, visited the village while following the San Vicente Ferrer trail during his pilgrimage which started on March 3. Together

with 44 pilgrims, he visited the home of the Valencia Saint to honour the 600th anniversary of his death in Vannes.

The bishop said he was impressed and moved by the warm welcome he received in Teulada Moraira, and together with local councillors he visited the 'Centre d'estudis Vicentins' (San Vicente Ferrer study centre) which will be inaugurated on April 5.

The centre will include a library which will have the Saint's bibliography and an exhibition hall with a collection of approximately 300 sculptures of Sant Vicent Ferrer. The sculptures were donated by the president of the association commemorating the 600th anniversary of his death, Vicente Ramón Vallés Oller.



Photo credit: Teulada Moraira council

**MAKING A PILGRIMAGE:** The bishop of Vannes, Raymond Céntene with Teulada Moraira councillors.

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The centre is located at the house where Constança Ferrer, the Saint's sister, lived. The council owns the property, which has been declared a cultural heritage site, and hope the centre will attract

visitors not only to the property but also to the village centre. April 5 is also the day on which the anniversary celebrations start and the town will celebrate the 225th anniversary of the construction of the Ermita in honour of the Saint on the same day.

## NEWS EXTRA

### Lending a helping hand

THE Juan Peran-Pikolinos charitable foundation, which recently renewed its agreement with the drug addiction support group APRALAD, assisted 813 people last year and is one of the association's largest private donors.

### Step aside

ALCOY mayor Antonio Frances announced that he will not seek re-election as the local PSOE secretary general and revealed that he has not yet decided whether to run in next year's municipal elections.

### Transpontine

FOLLOWING complaints from residents in central Gandia there will only be one late-night music event during the Fallas fiestas to be held on Saturday on the far side of the River Serpis.

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# Expats warn of dog poisonings

HORRIFIED expatriates have warned of a dog poisoning threat on the Costa Blanca.

It comes after a *Euro Weekly News* reader, who does not wish to be named, said that her two dogs became ill overnight and that one is now in a critical condition.

"The vet said it looks like rat poison was used," she said. "My neighbour's dog is ill as well."

"We know it's a toxin but we are waiting to confirm if it was deliberate."

The shocking episode follows a recent spate of poisoning incidents in Benissa, with at least 22 dogs falling ill since mid-February.

Dog owners are urged to exercise caution when walking their pets, and to prevent them from eating food items found on the street.



Credit: Twitter/EduardoDolan

BLANCA BROCHURES: The video and other material reflect the region's attractions.

## Wave of publicity

A NEW promotional video from the Costa Blanca Board of Trustees has been produced entitled 'authentically ours.'

It is designed to show the world that the province of Alicante is an exciting and unique destination, and will be screened at a variety of promotional events and fairs.

The iconic Cinema Aana of Alicante is the venue for the premiere of the video, which gathers the experiences of

people from different nationalities who explain what the province means for them.

Cesar Sanchez, president of the provincial council of Alicante, said: "On the Costa Blanca we do not have to invent anything, we just have to look around and enjoy everything we have, which is a lot and wonderful."

"The best way to project who we are is to do it from the heart, and that is how the

video was made."

Screenwriter and Emmy nominated director Adan Aliaga who has created the film, said that he wanted to "give voice to the anonymous people who are emotionally linked to the Costa Blanca, with its light, its sea, its cuisine."

Versions of the video have been made in Spanish, Valencian, English, French, German, and Russian.

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## Sports ground starts a turf war

A SAN VICENTE resident threatened to take the town hall to court over a new sports ground in Villamontes.

In response to residents' requests for a sports area, €45,800 was spent on clearing land and installing artificial turf removed from elsewhere in the town although a dissenting resident now argues that the land was classed for educational use.

Meanwhile the Villamontes residents themselves are unhappy with the result.

This was not what they wanted, and the recycled artificial turf was not in good

condition, they said. Pachi Pascual, an Opposition councillor, maintained that residents' opinions had not been taken into account and wanted to know what action would be taken over the threatened legal proceedings.

Town Planning councillor Marilo Jorda denied that residents were excluded from the project and said they had been shown the plans at the town hall. She also stated that the present installation was provisional, as the land was earmarked for educational use but the sports area did not infringe planning regulations.

## Bridging the gaps

ANOTHER of the bridges on Alicante Province's FGV railway network is undergoing renovation, this time on Line 9.

Dismantling the bridge over the N-332 in Gata took two days, and although all work was carried out at night, traffic was obliged to make a detour via the AP-7 motorway.

The bridge's old deck was removed and another put into place using a heavy-duty crane that had to be located on the N-332 owing to lack of sufficient space adjoining the bridge.

The old deck, which was built in 1914, is 16 metres long and FGV has agreed to cede this to Gata Town Hall, which will decide its future location.

The work in Gata is part of FGV's nearly €1.8 million programme of inspecting and repairing Line 1 and Line 9 bridges, which include the bridge that crosses the CV-759 in Villajoyosa and another in Teulada over the N-332.

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# Paradise deal for town hall



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**PARADIS BEACH: Seafront plot finally sold.**

VILLAJOSYA Town Hall finally divested itself of land it unsuccessfully tried to sell in October 2016.

The 7,922-square metre seafront plot on Paradis beach went to the Team 7 Real Estate Management Group for €2.8 million, plus €588,000 IVA.

This was 6.4 per cent more than the €2.632 million plus €552,904 IVA starting price, although 15 per cent lower than the 2016 price.

The town hall received three proposals, finally accepting the Team 7 Real Estate's offer. All that remains is for the firm to provide the necessary paperwork to clinch the deal.

The municipality acquired the Paradis land in

2013 during Jaime Lloret's time as mayor, following an agreement with the Taylor Wimpey construction company.

The municipality received €1.85 million in cash and a promenade for the Paradis beach. In exchange, the town hall authorised Taylor Wimpey to exceed the construction limit when building apartments on the site of the former BBVA bank residence.

He was very satisfied, said Villajoyosa's current mayor Andreu Verdu, as the land had fetched €200,000 more than expected and that money could be used to benefit residents. "Besides, when they build a hotel on the land, that will create jobs and improve our tourist offer," Verdu added.

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## Deputy mayor set to take over

EVA MONTESINOS, the deputy mayor of Alicante, has received the backing of current mayor Gabriel Echavarri after he announced he is preparing to leave office.

Montesinos has yet to respond to the comments made by Echavarri, who said he would resign as mayor if the former secures the 15 votes necessary.

The deputy mayor told a press conference that their Partido Socialista (PSOE) colleagues on the

council fully agreed with the mayor's decision.

"We remain united and have a lot of work to do," she said.

The announcement follows ongoing investigations into the PSOE mayor's involvement in what has become known as the Commerce case.

Echavarri has been under investigation for alleged irregular contracts worth €190,000 since October last year.

## Prominent politician dies

MIGUEL BARCELO, a prominent Partido Popular (PP) figure and a former councillor for Alicante Province, has died at the age of 94, according to the PP.

Barcelo reportedly passed away at his home in Benidorm. His remains have been transferred to undertakers in the Marina Baixa and his funeral took place on Tuesday.

Benidorm's council have sent their condolences to

Barcelo's family. The city's mayor, Toni Perez, said the death was an 'irreparable loss.'

"Miguel Barcelo had a history of dedication to public service that speaks for itself. He was especially dedicated to Benidorm, where he served as a councillor, and also to Spain," the mayor said.

Barcelo was born in Benidorm and spent some of his childhood in Barcelona before he and his family left the city during the Spanish Civil War.

He studied in Madrid after the conflict and returned to Benidorm to work in the farming and tourism business. His brother Jaime served as the city's mayor from 1969 to 1971.

Barcelo served as a senator for Alicante Province from 1986 to 2008. He previously stood in Spain's first democratic elections since the death of Dictator Francisco Franco but failed to win a seat.

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# Much ado about a uniform

AN official communique has spelt out why Benissa mayor Abel Cardona is currently under investigation by the courts.

He is accused of perverting the course of justice by failing to take disciplinary measures against a municipal employee who lent a disused Local Police uniform to someone who wanted to dress up as a policeman during Benissa's Moors and Christians.

The CSIF civil servants' union lodged a formal complaint of continued prevarication arising from this episode, the town hall explained. Instead Cardona verbally reprimanded the municipal employee involved.

"Such is the magnitude of the case," the communique said.

Until the communique was issued it was only known that Abel Cardona had failed to penalise a police inspector, with no other details. Since then

other unions representing municipal employees have been quick to defend the mayor.

The town hall document also lamented the use of litigation in local politics, which it attributed to 'necessary changes' introduced to improve the efficacy of some town hall departments.

'This is a toxic use of politics favouring interests that do not benefit the local population,' the communique stated.

**ABEL CARDONA: Under investigation for failing to take disciplinary measures against an employee.**



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# Valenciano law goes to Spain's highest court



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**JUSTICE SERVED:** The Valencia Upper Court of Justice is bringing plurilingual teaching to the Constitutional Tribunal.

PRESIDENT of the Alicante Provincial Council, Cesar Sanchez, pledged to continue defending the language rights of parents, children and teachers.

He was 'very satisfied' that the Valencia Community's Upper Court of Justice (TSJ) was referring regional legislation on plurilingual teaching in state schools to the Constitutional Tribunal, he said.

A decree that clearly favoured Valenciano was suspended last year as a precautionary measure following an appeal by the Diputacion, which claimed it discriminated against Spanish speakers.

The region's Education chief Vicent Marza later announced that he was scrapping the pro-

gramme that planned to teach all classes in Valenciano, Spanish or English.

A watered-down version was nonetheless introduced for first-year infants last September and a new plurilingual law has now been passed by the regional parliament.

This was due to be introduced next September although the TSJ considered that the new norms 'merely maintained' Marza's suspended plurilingual programme.

Not only does the TSJ believe this is anti-constitutional but it also understands that the Education department failed to comply with the suspension order by passing another decree.



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## Different venue for fair

THE Eucalyptus park in Albir hosts the next edition of the Fira L'Alfas fair at Easter.

This is the 11th edition of the leisure and trade fair, organised by Maria Jose Tent and backed by the Coempa,

Memba and Jovempa Marina Baixa business associations.

Formerly the fair has occupied the Casa de Cultura esplanade and its date has been brought forward to March 30 to coincide with Easter.

As well as the fair itself, the many parallel activities will create an attractive showcase for local companies, said Alfaz's Commerce councillor Dolores Albero who recently visited the park with Coempa president Silvio Monroy, Maria Jose Tent and several business owners.

Attractions for children include fun workshops plus an Easter Egg. There will also be a talent contest, Canta-T, with the semi-final gala at 6pm on March 30 and the final at 5pm on April 1. Hopefuls have until March 19 to register.

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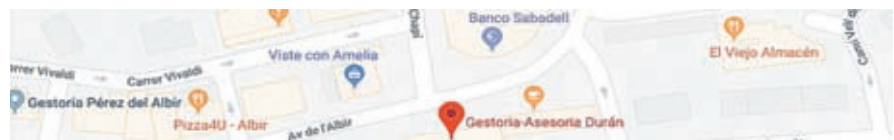
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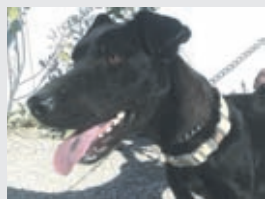


# Teulada Moraira

**NEWS**

## Helping out

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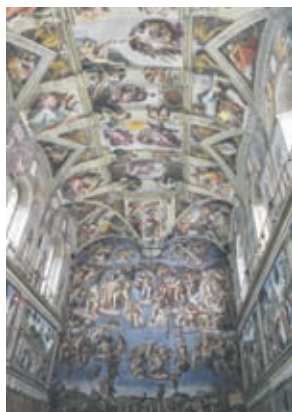
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# The Sistine Chapel

FOLLOWING on from their trip through the art, power and passion of Islamic art and architecture of Andalucia with Anne Haworth, the Arts Society Marina Alta are pleased to announce the details of the next presentation.

Daniel Evans will present 'The Sistine Chapel Cracked!' on April 5 at Salones Canor Teulada. Doors open 10am for registration. You must be seated by 10.55am for an 11am start.

Daniel Evans is an educationalist with a passion for all things Italian. Formerly Head of History of Art at Wycombe Abbey School, Dan is now Deputy Head of sixth form at



**STUNNING: The Sistine Chapel ceiling.**

Cheltenham College.

He has been lecturing since 2001, spent nine years working as a senior lecturer and tour

guide for Art History Abroad and was voted the British winner of the World Guide of the Year Awards in 2008.

An announcement will be made at the end of the presentation with regards to the forthcoming Society Arts Fair to be held at Salones Canor at the end of September.

Coffee is available prior to the presentation and a glass of wine or soft drink afterwards for a socialising period.

Entry is €12 per presentation.

For more details and how to join visit the website: [www.marinaaltaarts.com](http://www.marinaaltaarts.com) or email: [membership@marinaaltaarts.com](mailto:membership@marinaaltaarts.com).

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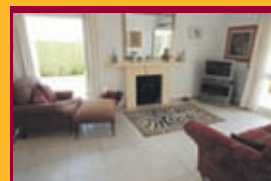
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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Drugs raid

POLICE in Javea held a 60-year-old man on suspicion of drug trafficking after raiding a flat on Juan Ramon Jimenez Street. After busting down the door, officers reportedly searched the entire premises, located opposite the Reina Sofia playground, which led them to arrest the man and also confiscate several electronic devices.

XABIA'S Nautical Fair is set to begin at the town's Canal de la Fontana from Saturday March 24, with several public events planned.

The fair, which opens at 10am in the new Rampa building, will feature excursions, fly board, talks and childrens' workshops among other events.

There will also be a conference on maritime jobs in the Valencia area at the event organised by the Nautical Academy Pailabot.

The opening of the fair is set to take place at the oceanographic stand where there will be an exhibition called 'Knowing how to preserve our environment.'

The Marina Nou Fontana group will present the first Marina Mou Fontata-Club Nautical Crossing at 12pm, for the event set for May 1.

There will then be activities on the beach from 1pm as well as half-hour

# Xabia Nautical Fair



**FAIR:** The weekend-long programme is based around Xabia's port and maritime industry.

trips to the Cabo la Nao caves organised by Mardays.

This will be followed later by a Segway exhibition and test circuit at 5.00pm, followed by a debate on threats to maritime tourism at 5.30pm.

There is then set to be an exhibition of salsa and bachata Latin dance at the Marina Nou Fontana stand at 6pm.

Three talks are scheduled for Sunday. One at the nautical market at 11am, a book presentation for Life in the Mediterranean at 11.30am and another discussion on Valencian tourism at 12.15pm.

More trips to the Cabo la Nao are planned for Sunday from 1pm. This will be followed by a live presentation of table sup-foil at 1.30pm.

Prizes for a Facebook draw will be made at 5.30pm before the fair closes with a party at the Kandhala leisure centre.

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## What a dump

THE Javea branch of the Podemos Political Party has criticised the illegal dumping of organic waste in local fields. Faced with this dilemma, the political party urged the council to contact the owners of the fields where the illegal waste is being deposited and request they put an end to it.

## Getting ready for Easter

JAVEA will mark this year's Easter celebrations with its 35th annual craft market.

The market will open on Good Friday with dozens of stands and a fully booked entertainment programme.

Dozens of stalls will fill the Plaza de Baix, Calle Mayor and Placeta del Convent from Good Friday onwards.

This year the council have received more than 130 applications from people who want to put up a stand in the market, which are still under review.

All kinds of products are

guaranteed to be on sale: clothes, jewellery, ceramics, leather or food, among others, and all this is livened up with a range of entertainment.

The participants will be able to enjoy music performances from groups such as Xirimitabs, the Romantica del Saladar, Rascanya or the Danses Portitxol dance group.

There will also be puppet shows for children, free workshops and, on the last afternoon, a chance to dance the lindy hop.

On the morning of Easter



### KEEPING TRADITION: Passover will arrive in the historic centre in the form of a craft market.

Sunday, the local clubs and associations will set up their stands packed with typical produce and snacks in the Plaza de la Iglesia.

To add to the event, the Soler Blasco Museum will be open on Friday, Saturday and

Sunday from 10am to 1pm and from 6pm to 9pm during this time. The indoor market will also have a special schedule and will open throughout Easter.

The fair will be open until Monday April 2.

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# JAVEA - XABIA NEWS

## Local Police vacancy

TESTS are set to begin to select a new officer for Xàbia's Local Police on March 27. Seventy-five candidates will take their first tests for the vacancy at the Public Adult Training Centre (EPA), including a psycho-technical recognition exam. Successful candidates will take further physical and theory tests if they pass.

## New market vacancies

XABIA's council has tendered free spaces at the town's Municipal Market.

The bidding for the four vacant spots, which includes three spaces together in one lot, will be available for private and public use for 10 years.

The vacant spots advertised are numbers four, 12 and 14, as well as 30, 31 and 34 together in one lot.

The market currently has 15 active stalls which offer a range of food and drink products, as well as a bakery and bar service, amongst others.

The bidding fee for stall numbers four, 12 and 14 is set to start at €1,855.96. The fee for stalls 30, 31 and 34 is €5,567.88.

The economic development department has been taking business proposals from those interested since last Friday.

Authorities will judge the proposals on a points-based system. This includes the economic offer, at 45 points, unemployment factors at 15, diversification, 25, investment exceeding €3,000, five, other improvements, 10.

## Jazz, theatre and stories in Xàbia

XABIA Council's culture department has organised a series of music and drama shows for this weekend.

The programme is set to begin tomorrow (Friday), with a children's story planned for the Duanes Library. Y yo, ¿Que sere? (And I, What I will be?) is set to start in the library at 5.30pm.

The town's Casa de la Cultura will host a jazz night featuring the Spanish dulzaina instrument. The show is to be put on by the Dolc Tab Jazz group, led by Josep Alemany, who will be presenting their new revisited project.



Photo credit: Tina Gorina/Facebook

**TINA GORINA: Will star in Vittoria at the Casa de la Cultura.**

The entrance fee for the concert is €5, with tickets available from the centre's

box office from 6pm.

The Casa de la Cultura will then host a theatrical

performance on the Saturday. The Spanish play Vittoria has been scheduled for the night and features the Shakespearean characters Ophelia and Lady Macbeth in a musical show directed by Rafa Cruz.

The play, written by Marc Rosich, has already gained positive reviews and stars Stanislav Angelov (piano), Tina Gorina (soprano) and Gretel Stuyck (actor).

The play will be followed by a debate in the spectator's workshop in the centre. Tickets for the show are priced at €5 and are available at the box office from 6pm.

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## What a waste!

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The plant, which was built in 2000, has the capacity to treat around 8.4 million litres of water a day.

Its performance rate stands at between 77 and 96 per cent, putting that figure closer to almost six million litres.

That amount then ends up in the sea, according to official data from the local Sanitation and Water body reported in Spanish media.

The plant is currently being run by the companies Sociedad Agricultores de la Vega and Purification of Mediterranean Waters, who charge authorities more than €865,000 for their services.



# Laid to rest

## Thousands attend funeral of Gabriel



**FINAL JOURNEY:** Gabriel Cruz's funeral was held this Tuesday with leading Spanish politicians in attendance.

by Joe Gerrard

THOUSANDS of people are estimated to have turned out for the funeral of Gabriel Cruz, the eight-year-old boy whose body was found after a 12-day search.

Angel Cruz and Patricia Ramirez, Gabriel's father and mother, were joined by mourners including Spain's Interior Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Almeria's Cathedral de la Encarnation and was led by the Bishop of Almeria Monsignor Adolfo Gonzalaz Montes.

Police have arrested Ana Julia Quezada, the girlfriend of Angel Cruz, after officers reportedly found the body of the eight-year-old in the boot of her car. Spanish media have reported that she has since confessed to killing Gabriel.

Mourners gathered outside the cathedral shouted "You are not alone" and "We are all Gabriel."

Patricia Ramirez thanked everyone for their support and messages of affection when speaking to the media at the service.

"I have no words of thanks for all the good deeds from people involved, although this has not had a happy ending," she said.

She added she did not wish for people to talk about Quezada.

"This woman does not deserve to be covered, let us not talk about her," she said.

"The little fish is swimming to heaven and I would like all the people to send a fish with a nice word wherever they want," she added.

Fishes were the eight-year-old's favourite animal and became a symbol of the search efforts while they were ongoing.

Hundreds of people paid their respects to Gabriel when his coffin arrived at a chapel dedicated to his memory on Monday.

Around 12,000 people in Almeria City held a five-minute's silence for the eight-year-old following the discovery of his body on Sunday.

King Felipe, the Junta de Andalucia President Susana Diaz, Sevilla mayor Juan Espadas and Malaga mayor Francisco de la Torre observed a minute's silence at a

Sevilla conference on Monday.

Towns across Almeria also held minute's silences and authorities in Nijar declared three days of mourning following the news that Gabriel's body had been found.

Quezada was placed under surveillance shortly after she allegedly found a t shirt at the bottom of the Las Aguilas ravine. It was said to belong to Gabriel and confirmation came later that it had traces of his DNA on it.

She was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning after officers saw her remove something from a well on the Cañada de la Soledad farm, in Rodalquilar.

Guardia Civil officers who watched her do this then asked to search her car and found Gabriel's body in the boot, according to police.

It has since been reported that Quezada confessed to killing the eight-year-old. She allegedly told police she acted in self defence after he attempted to assault her.

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In the late 70's, gastronomy in Denia suffered as a consequence of massive tourism and lack of innovation in the catering industry. Most of the restaurants in the city had abandoned the traditional dishes and opted for menus combined far from the culinary identity of the area.

The family Cervera decided to turn their family home, located at the start of Las Marinas in Denia - into a traditional family restaurant. It was 1980 and Casa Federico was the chosen name. With the irreplaceable company of the mother Rosa in the kitchen, the four brothers (Pepa, Federico, Jaume and Conxa) all got involved in the project. Passion, sensitivity, good local product and a respect for gastronomic tradition were the keys to the restaurant.

Casa Federico was an innovative restaurant from its first day. The philosophy and principles have continued to be present in all their restaurants:

- **Cuisine based on local tradition**  
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- **Fresh food prepared daily and at the time of order**
- **Fresh and local products**  
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### - Bet on training, a stable staff all year

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### - Sustainability and ecology

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through to the choice of buildings for new openings.

For 10 years the Cervera family dedicated itself exclusively to their first restaurant, Casa Federico. During this decade a concept of gastronomy of La Marina was consolidated and the subsequent openings pivoted on it.

The restaurants had the same identity in the kitchen but with a different personalisation and character in the dishes of each of the new establishments:

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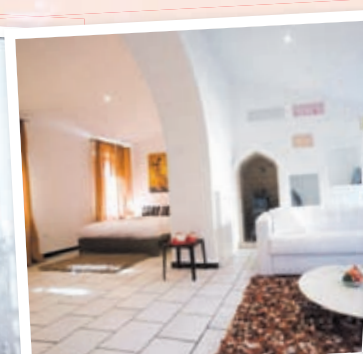
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POLICE are quizzing 17 people in Spain after wild reptiles worth more than €150,000 were seized in the Netherlands.

Three Spanish men were held at Amsterdam's Schipol Airport as they waited to board a flight to Madrid with 200 Mexican snakes, lizards, and turtles, including many protected species, in their luggage.

A probe revealed the trio to be members of a dedicated wildlife trafficking ring, leading police to swoop on homes and warehouses in Madrid and Castellon, unearthing a further 600 animals.

Many of them were legal species that had been frozen alive, with licences issued to keep them used to sell on.

Nine suspects have been remanded in custody and eight others questioned in connection with the plot, which reportedly saw wildlife from America, Asia, Africa and Oceania illegally smuggled to Spain for the black market pet trade.

Most of the species involved were endangered in the wild and highly desired by private collectors, with some fetching as much as €50,000 for a single individual.

The gang had a network of contacts around the world and used drug-trafficking-style mules to bring the animals to Europe, although some were traded 'legally' using forged documentation.



**DEBATE:** Bad-mouthing the Spanish royal family is currently illegal.

# Battle royal

Spain to debate monarchy insult laws

THE Congress of Deputies in Madrid is set to consider a proposal to decriminalise insulting the crown at a meeting tomorrow.

The proposal has been tabled by the Catalan leftist Partido Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC) on the grounds that the laws violate the right to free speech.

The ERC said democracies such as Spain had to ensure that citizens had full rights to freedom of expression.

"In recent years there have been several examples in which people, artists or satirical magazines have been persecuted for making use of their freedom of expression in respect to the royal family," the party said. The news comes after Mallorca

rapper Valtonyc recently lost an appeal against a three year jail sentence handed to him over song lyrics that authorities said insulted the royal family. The ERC said this was one such example of free expression being violated by the laws.

"These actions, beyond the ethical, moral or political considerations that each on has, should not appear in the Spanish Penal Code.

"Speech like this should be considered as free expression which is a fundamental right in the Spanish Constitution," the party said.

Laws covering insults made to the country's monarch come under Section Three of Article 490, as well as in Articles 491 and 543 of the Criminal Code.



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# Mortgage loans expenses. Is it worthwhile to claim these following a new ruling by the Spanish Supreme Court?

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tary in Spain. We have since learned that the Spanish Supreme Court has issued a ruling saying that the costs have to be paid by the client and not the bank, therefore is it worth claiming?

writing (March 5, 2018) it has not actually been published.

There is only a press release from the General Council of the Courts, saying that the Supreme court has decided that the AJD tax on mortgage should be paid by the client and not by the bank; and the part of the tax (which is minimal) relating to notary expenses by half but these two new decisions have not yet been published.

Secondly, as I pointed out at the beginning, the truth is that the judges of first instance (\*ie the local ones), at least the ones of the courts of Denia and those who know the province of Alicante, have agreed the negation of the clause by which the bank imposed the payment of all expenses to the client.

They agreed that the bank should return the costs of notary, registration and management and registration of the deed, but not the tax AJD, therefore, in the ruling of the

Supreme Court, is it sensible or worth claiming?

In accordance with our professional experience, it is still appropriate to claim, because even though it is true that the AJD tax was a big part of the claim, the balance can still involve a significant amount, which on an average loan can exceed €1,500.

In addition, our experience tells us that in the case where you are a consumer and you have not negotiated this clause, your chances of success are extremely high.

Finally, please note that there is, in my view, an obvious intention to discourage consumers affected by this clause, because this ruling has been announced by the media as signifying the end of the claims from consumers, which is not true.

In addition, it has been decided that only one court for each province will deal with all these claims, with the delay that this

implies.

The truth is that you can claim for your rights and we encourage you to do so, without risk, and that it is possible that this ruling by the Supreme Court may be reviewed by the Court of Justice of the European Union.

This is because according to the dissuasive principle of consumers and users rules, it would be appropriate, from our point of view, to ask the banks to repay all of the mortgage expenses. This could dissuade them from including these abusive clauses, because if they do not do so, and the Courts only make them pay back part of it, they will continue to include them in their contracts.

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**Thank you for your inquiry.**

Our office has actually helped many consumers to recover a significant proportion of the money they paid for these expenses.

Despite all of the publicity, the fact is that this new ruling by the Supreme Court has not changed to any great extent what the local courts had ruled on, since many of them were not ruling in line with the Supreme Court decision of 12/23/2015, where it was indicated that the taxes should be paid by the bank.

First of all we must state, that we cannot comment formally on the new decision, because up to the time of

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# Get moving

LOCAL teachers, Tessa Harrington-Smith (ReallyFly Yoga Experiences), and Lorraine Young (UK Pilates Academy Spain) are raising awareness of Parkinson's disease organising a 'Get Moving Initiative' in Costa Blanca.

The 'Get Moving Initiative' is collaborating with 'HELP - The Parkinson's Support Group' to provide healthy activities for Parkinson's disease. All activities offered by the 'Get Moving Initiative' are free for people living with PD, their care partners and families.

A small event fee will apply to other guests, with all funds going to Denia Parkinson's support group.

The first 'Get Moving Day' event will start at 11am on Wednesday March 28. This coastal guided Yoga Walk from Cala Blanca, will have three grades, Easy-Moderate-Challenging. They will regroup to finish



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**AMAZING ACOUSTICS:** Last year's Concert at the Cave in Benidoleig.

# Concert at the Cave

FOLLOWING last year's very popular Concert at the Cave in Benidoleig, which sold out three weeks in advance, the Costa Blanca Male Voice Choir has booked two successive evenings at the Cueva de las Calaveras this year on June 15 and 16. The two concerts will be held in the acoustic entrance to the cave, starting at 8:30pm.

The choir's Marketing and Publicity Officer, Vernon Pearce, who lives in nearby Orba said, "We are responding to the huge demand for tickets last year and hope that this time we will be able to accommodate everyone who was dis-

appointed. We are very excited about experiencing the acoustics of the cave again and looking forward to bringing a programme of songs, old and new, to an equally appreciative audience from the Orba valley and surrounding area."

Tickets for the concert, which starts at 8:30pm, are €10 and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Proteccion Civil Benidoleig.

For reservations, please call 965 744 577 or email [cbmalevoicechoir@gmail.com](mailto:cbmalevoicechoir@gmail.com). Early booking is recommended (in fact bookings are already being received) as seating space, which will be in the open air, is limited.



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## SWEDEN



### New princess

SWEDEN'S Princess Madeleine gave birth to her third child with husband Chris O'Neill and the baby's grandfather, King Carl XVI Gustaf, announced she will be called Adrienne Josephine Alice during a meeting at the Royal Palace in Stockholm.



Credit: Princess Victoria of Sweden/Facebook

**BABY JOY:** Sweden's new princess, Adrienne Josephine Alice.

### Making history

SWEDISH Prime Minister Stefan Löfven revealed that Sweden is willing to host a meeting between North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un and US President Donald Trump after the country was named as a possible venue by US media sources.

### Crazy chase

A MAN in Sweden reportedly threw a chainsaw and fire extinguisher at a police car during a high speed chase which started after he stole a patrol car from a local police station.

### Sticky fingers

TWO men in Alingsås, Sweden were sentenced to two months in prison for stealing nearly €1,200 worth of chocolate, chewing gum and disposable razors.

## GERMANY



### Drugged up

RESIDENTS in German cities such as Mainz, Chemnitz and Berlin have some of the hardest drug habits in Europe according to a new EU drugs agency study which tested the wastewater of people for drugs.

positions in the new coalition government as Olaf Scholz became the new finance minister and Heiko Maas the new foreign minister.

released from prison, prompting anger from survivors.

### On the rise

TWO politicians from Germany's Social Democrats have been given key

### Making drama

A NEW TV drama depicting the Gladbeck bank raid and hostage-grab that happened 30 years ago has been released as the ringleader, Degowski was

### Trading time

GERMAN trade unions representing metal workers have pushed for a 28-hour week for a total of two years with a limited loss of salary, allowing employees to take some time out to look after their children.

## FRANCE



### Men pay more

THE French daily newspaper *Liberation* asked men to pay 50 cents more on International Women's Day to highlight the 25 per cent gender pay gap that still exists.

### Water works

A FRENCH family who was forced to live for 12 years without water after they failed to pay a €300 bill, and the water company cut their supply, have won the court case to get their water restored.

### Wage shame

FRENCH businesses that pay their female employees less than men for the same work will have to cough up, said French President Emmanuel Macron, or will face being named and shamed on a public list.

### Twinkle tower

THE Eiffel Tower is reportedly about to undergo a three-year makeover starting from October 2018 that will include being given a brighter coat of paint.

## BELGIUM



### Taken to court

MALE lawyers in Belgium earn twice as much on average as their female peers according to a study by the Perelman Centre of the Faculty of Law and Criminology at ULB.

### School danger

MORE than 20 per cent of Flemish schools have an urgent asbestos problem according to Flemish environment minister Joke Schauvliege after an asbestos inventory was carried out in 300 schools last year.

### Wolf strikes

IT is believed two ewes which were found dead in Limburg were killed by a wolf, which was later found dead on the side of the road in the same area.

### Peeping Tom

POLICE in Ghent received several complaints after images of women which were secretly filmed in the dressing room at the HoGent sports centre appeared on a Dutch internet forum.

## NETHERLANDS



### Cross-continent

AMSTERDAM will have a new freight train connection linking the country to China, which will travel 11,000km in 16 days and carry clothing, car parts, alcoholic drinks and luxury textiles.

### Pay plot

THE Netherland's Green Left party leader Jesse Klaver called on MPs to back a proposal that will stop ING Bank increasing its chief executive's salary by more than 50 per cent.

### Youth banking

A THIRD of Dutch children now get their pocket money paid directly into their bank account, according to research by Wijzer in Geldzaken, a government-backed organisation which helps people organise their finances.

### Metro delays

THE opening of a new metro line in Amsterdam could be further delayed after a report revealed there was not enough time to train new staff and it had suffered glitches during the test runs.

## NORWAY



### Price not right

OLEMIC THOMMESSEN, the President of the Norwegian parliament, has resigned over controversy relating to building work at the assembly, after the costs increased from an estimated €110 million to €230 million due to mismanagement.

### Revenge halted

THE Norwegian Parliament has voted against an anti-revenge porn proposal, claiming they need to hear more suggestions about whether the current punishments are good enough as the decision has received criticism for being 'passive and disappointing.'

### Killing whales

NORWAY has announced it will increase its annual whaling quota by 28 per cent, amounting to more than 1,200 whales a year, in an effort to revive the hunt which has been declining in recent years.

### Bus bother

A NORWEGIAN politician compared a public transport project in the Nord-Jæren area to an online 'Nigerian scam' after its costs increased by a whopping €510 million within the space of three months.

## DENMARK



### Outbreak scare

AT least four new-born babies have reportedly contracted MRSA at Aalborg University Hospital, and the hospital is now testing other patients to try to track down the source of the disease.

### Priest punished

A COURT has sentenced a former priest to three and a half years in prison for sexual assault and harassment against several people, some of whom were under the age of 18.

### Tighten up

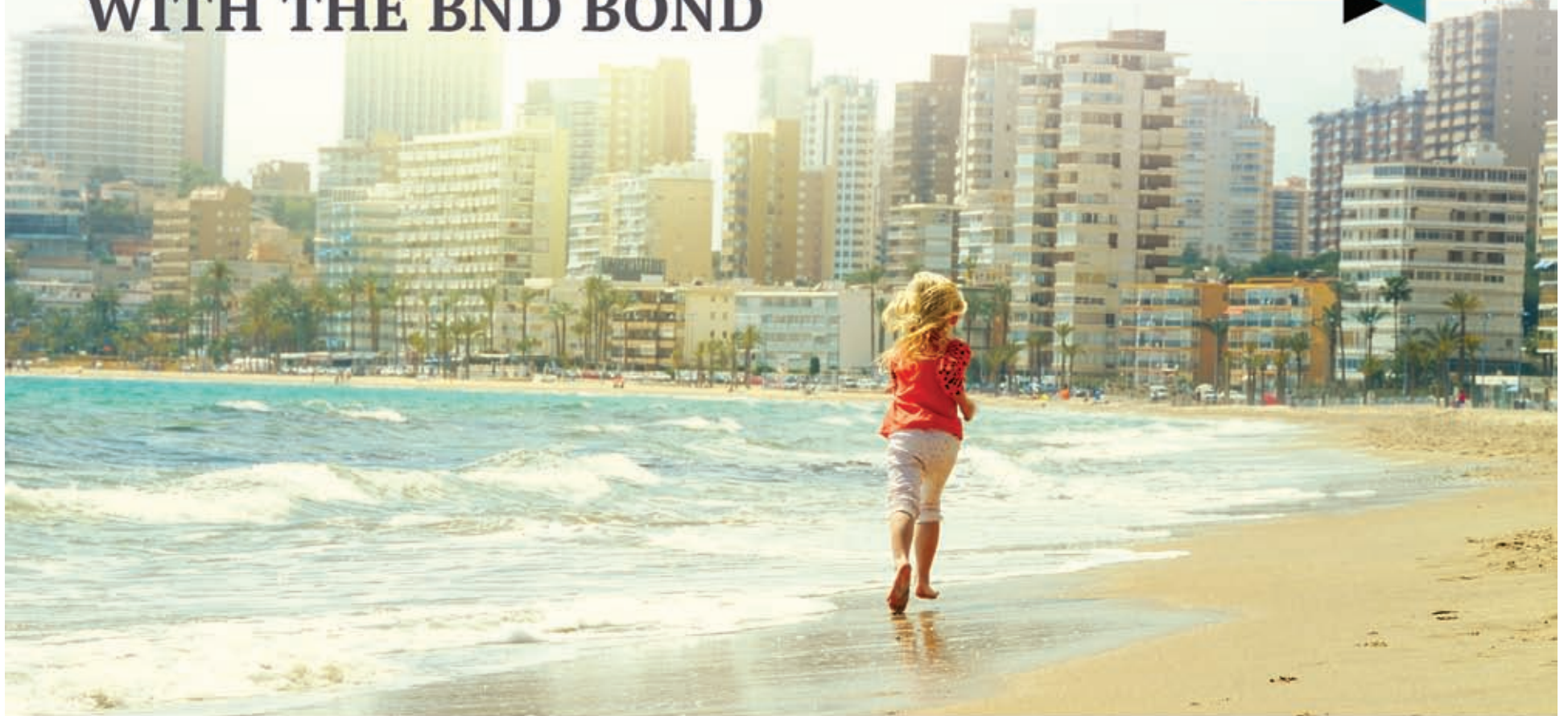
DENMARK has revealed it wants to continue the tightened border control arrangements currently in place by at least six months, after Immigration Minister Inger Støjberg said there was no justification to make the restrictions more lax.

### Sea tragedy




A FIRE on board a ship - belonging to Danish shipping giant Maersk - while en route from Singapore to Suez has left several members of the crew unaccounted for, confirmed the company in a press statement.



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**BLOCKED:** Alexei Navalny has been active in organising anti-corruption demonstrations in Moscow in the past.

# Election day rally blocked

■ A REQUEST to hold a rally in Moscow on the day of Russia's presidential election has been turned down by the capital's officials. Alexei Navalny, the recently-arrested opposition figure, submitted the request for Voter's Strike protests which authorities in the city said would be illegal.

## 'Excessive' proposals

■ THE head of the Russian legislature's committee on family, women and children has said legislation against sexual harassment would be "absolutely excessive." Tamara Pletneva's comments come as at least five female journalists have accused the committee chair's fellow Duma member Leonid Slutsky of such harassment.

## Helicopter down

■ STRONG winds were responsible for a fatal helicopter crash in the North Caucasus region of Chechnya, the head of the republic has said. Ramzan Kadyrov added nine border patrol officers were on board and

that two of the passengers managed to jump out before the helicopter was blown off a cliff.

## Twitter diplomacy

■ RUSSIAN diplomats in the United States have discussed using the social media platform Twitter as a means of communication between the two countries following a breakdown in dialogue. The remarks come after efforts to set up a meeting between Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and the US's Secretary of State Rex Tillerson proved unsuccessful.

## 'Psychic' held

■ A WANTED man who is also reportedly a psychic has been arrested after allegedly going on the run from police, according to local media reports. Arseniy Karazhdeav, who has claimed to have superpowers, was detained for skipping bail after being arrested on drugs and theft charges in St Petersburg last year.

## Blossoming sales

■ AROUND 50 million flowers were delivered to Moscow to be bought on International Women's Day, the city's mayor has said. Flowers are traditionally given by men to the women in their lives on the day in Russia, which became a public holiday in 1965.

**IN BLOOM:** Flower sales were forecast to grow by 40 to 50 per cent ahead of the day.





## Ticket to ride for train line

WORK on a €530 million international rail freight corridor connecting Spain and Portugal is underway.

The project will link Caia, near the Spanish border town of Badajoz, to Portuguese ports at Lisbon, Sines and Setubal.

Combining new and existing rail lines, the corridor will be capable of running 51 trains per day once complete, with an 11 kilometre section already in the process of an upgrade.

Bids for the remaining four contracts are currently being invited.

# Rocking good time to talk

A THINK TANK funded by Spain claims that Brexit offers the ideal opportunity to negotiate a 'new status' for Gibraltar.

Published by the Elcano Royal Institute, of which the largest donor is the Spanish government, the policy paper says that it is the first time that Gibraltar has been pressurised to urgently resolve doubts over its status in relation to the European Union (EU).

The report added that while the rock may not be one of Spain's top priorities, the country is keen to

By Matt Ford

maintain its strong economic ties with the UK.

"Brexit opens the possibility of renegotiating the actual situation of Gibraltar," the researchers said, adding that the current situation "opens the door to a new status for Gibraltar that is favourable to all involved parties and acceptable to the legitimate interests and aspirations of Spain."

Gibraltar has been a British Overseas Territory since 1713 despite Spain's repeated claims to sovereign-

ty, and its 33,000 inhabitants voted overwhelmingly in favour of remaining in the EU in the 2016 Brexit referendum.

Around 8,000 Spaniards also commute to the peninsula each day for work.

The Elcano report goes on to say that it is in the mutual interest of both countries to examine how Gibraltar might retain links with the EU after the UK formally cuts ties in 2019, although the authors point out that their view does not necessarily reflect that of the Spanish government.

## Car firm sets sales record

SEAT is aiming to set a new record in the wake of record returns.

The Spanish carmaker generated operating profits of €191 million last year, an increase of 24.8 per cent on 2016.

Parent group Volkswagen said that spiralling costs were offset by a leap in sales, after the company turned over almost €9.9 billion in 2017.

The company sold 468,400 vehicles worldwide, and this year offloaded 78,800 in January and February for a year-on-year increase of 23.1 per cent.

### Quote of the Week

"I want to put Spain and the UK on the spot... both sides knew there was no evidence." Moroccan citizen Farid Hilali, 49, who was in 2004 wrongfully jailed over 9/11 reveals that he is seeking €1.8m in compensation.



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**PRIDE OF CATALUÑA:** But Barcelona has fallen down the pecking order.

## Catalan firms opt for LGBTQ+ focus

BUSINESS owners in Barcelona are aiming to transform the Catalan city into a top destination for LGBTQ+ holidaymakers.

A number of entrepreneurs have joined forces to create 'gay-friendly companies,' with the goal of hosting the Europride festival in 2022.

The move comes amid fears that cities including London, Amsterdam and Tel Aviv have moved ahead of Barcelona, traditionally a popular destination in the sector.

And they will present their initial proposals at the Barcelona Global Summit later this month.

Juan Julia, president of the Catalan Association of Gay and Lesbian Companies and Axel Hotels chain, said change is needed.

"We need to alter our model," he told Spanish media. "Based on case studies from other cities, we should focus on ways to raise the profile of tourists and promote new products to attract gay and lesbian people all year round."

### » BUSINESS EXTRA

## Overdue overtime

ALMOST 60 per cent of employees in Spain receive no overtime pay, a new study by recruitment agency Adecco has shown, with 46.4 per cent receiving no form of compensation whatsoever and 13 per cent getting only 'extra breaks.'

## On track

THE Spanish government is to pump €660 million into doubling the capacity of capital Madrid's Atocha railway station, which will be able to handle 40 million passengers per year once the revamp is complete, according to development minister Iñigo de la Serna.

## Lidl bit less

GERMAN discount supermarket chain Lidl has revealed that it reduced prices in Spain by 0.06 per cent last year, while the remaining brands in the sector raised them by an average of 2.1 per cent.

## Bogus cash con scotched

THREE people have been held in a fake money-printing sting.

Investigators from Spain's National Police swooped on five properties in Portugal, seizing €70,000-worth of bogus €20, €50 and €500 bank notes.

Most of the forged cash was sent to Spain, but some was recovered as far afield as Austria,

Italy and Estonia.

Detectives also seized a heat-stamping machine, coloured dyes, a guillotine, four inkjet printers, a scanner, a computer, rolls of metal tape used to make holograms and several ink cartridges during the raids.

It comes in the wake of an 18-month probe after a spike in counterfeit notes was reported in Badajoz, Extremadura during summer 2016.

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GKN	446.30	11.20	2.57	7,238.00
Glencore	369.80	-2.27	-0.61	52,405.08
GlaxoSmithKline	1,336.00	0.00	0.00	66,776.97
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,773.75	53.25	3.10	8,127.45
Halma	1,231.50	19.50	1.61	4,559.49
Hammerson	458.75	3.35	0.74	3,628.03
HSBC Holdings	712.45	6.65	0.94	140,637.95
International Consoltdtd Airs Grp	634.50	10.50	1.68	12,944.75
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,674.50	84.50	1.84	8,688.25
3i Group	922.90	0.50	0.05	9,045.95
Imperial Brands	2,773.25	181.25	6.99	24,754.24
Informa	707.80	0.48	0.07	5,861.97
Intertek Group	5,112.00	60.00	1.19	8,150.22
ITV	154.58	1.38	0.90	6,193.09
Just Eat	754.80	-33.60	-4.26	5,232.26
Johnson Matthey	3,201.50	-48.50	-1.49	6,193.07
Kingfisher	377.05	26.35	7.51	7,612.35

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Land Securities Group	981.25	64.15	6.99	6,868.12
Legal & General Group	271.60	9.10	3.47	15,742.54
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.03	-0.26	-0.39	48,658.34
London Stock Exchange Grp	3,995.00	59.00	1.50	13,595.55
Micro Focus International	2,094.50	71.50	3.53	8,728.50
Mediclinic International	608.20	-9.20	-1.49	4,475.07
Marks & Spencer Group	272.15	-5.55	-2.00	4,526.54
Mondi	1,991.00	6.50	0.33	7,297.08
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	223.20	-4.70	-2.06	5,305.30
National Grid	790.90	7.20	0.92	26,669.41
NMC Health	3,682.00	168.00	4.78	6,991.54
Next	4,556.00	-216.00	-4.53	6,773.64
Old Mutual Group	253.80	-2.70	-1.05	12,529.25
Paddy Power Betfair	7,925.00	40.00	0.51	6,767.52
Prudential	1,837.25	-9.25	-0.50	47,540.60
Persimmon	2,737.50	140.50	5.41	7,870.71
Pearson	758.50	7.10	0.94	5,882.99
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,004.00	194.00	3.34	40,483.00
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	266.30	4.50	1.72	31,470.19
Royal Dutch Shell	2,318.00	56.50	2.50	104,125.13
Royal Dutch Shell	2,350.00	62.50	2.73	85,790.37
RELX	1,681.75	169.25	11.19	15,946.73
Rio Tinto	3,652.00	-74.50	-2.00	49,669.15
Rolls-Royce Group	939.70	13.90	1.50	17,055.27
Randgold Resources	5,933.00	-101.00	-1.67	5,623.90
RSA Insurance Group	567.00	-68.20	-10.74	6,486.99
Rentokil Initial	283.90	11.50	4.22	4,856.07
Sainsbury (J)	245.25	2.25	0.93	5,296.11
Schroders	3,476.00	72.00	2.12	7,628.26
Sage Group (The)	708.30	12.50	1.80	7,542.57
Segro	661.90	62.90	10.50	6,055.67
Shire	3,106.75	-85.75	-2.69	29,380.64
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,179.00	-41.00	-1.27	7,560.50
Sky	1,341.25	3.25	0.24	23,034.83
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.50	4.10	1.11	11,064.25
Smith (DS)	514.40	4.20	0.82	5,471.96
Smiths Group	1,620.75	10.75	0.67	6,278.56
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	484.10	10.50	2.22	6,608.67
Smith & Nephew	1,339.00	8.00	0.60	11,593.25
SSE	1,234.75	-22.25	-1.77	12,655.82
Standard Chartered	799.85	20.95	2.69	25,655.56
St James's Place	1,177.25	24.25	2.10	6,110.88
Severn Trent	1,772.75	-53.25	-2.92	4,232.78
Tesco	215.90	3.20	1.50	17,194.38
TUI AG	1,524.50	-7.50	-0.49	9,060.44
Taylor Wimpey	188.58	0.48	0.26	6,146.05
Unilever	3,758.25	-136.25	-3.50	47,792.56
United Utilities Group	702.60	0.00	0.00	4,766.40
Vodafone Group	221.49	14.49	7.00	55,376.71
WPP Group	1,228.50	24.00	1.99	15,621.60
Whitbread	3,803.50	-128.50	-3.27	7,207.73

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	241,350	+2,12%	5,010	143.116,52
AMERICAN EXPRESS	99,0500	+2,55%	2,4600	84.978,34
APPLE	179,980	+1,72%	3,040	911.495,70
BOEING CO	354,520	+1,66%	5,790	207.448,72
CATERPILLAR	158,250	+3,03%	4,660	94.107,83
CHEVRON	117,22	+3,41%	3,87	223.977,19
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,370	+2,32%	1,030	224.836,42
COCA-COLA	44,82	+0,83%	0,37	190.753,42
DOWDUPONT	72,23	+2,34%	1,65	167.433,50
EXXON MOBIL	74,56	+0,59%	0,44	315.012,94
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,9400	+2,89%	0,4200	128.936,25
GOLDMAN SACHS	270,77	+1,66%	4,43	102.672,07
HOME DEPOT	182,1600	+2,37%	4,2200	211.502,63
IBM	159,31	+1,98%	3,10	146.815,74
INTEL CORP	52,1900	+2,86%	1,4500	243.172,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	118,0400	+2,88%	3,3000	404.044,47
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	133,8000	+1,32%	1,7400	357.738,09
MC DONALD'S CORP	157,2400	+1,81%	2,8000	124.799,73
MERCK AND CO. NEW	55,14	+0,69%	0,38	148.519,65
MICROSOFT	96,540	+2,23%	2,110	741.873,55
NIKE	66,30	+1,83%	1,19	86.114,00
PFIZER	36,7700	+0,74%	0,2700	218.976,13
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	80,290	+0,40%	0,320	201.856,77
TRAVELERS CIES	142,30	+1,88%	2,63	38.583,38
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	134,07	+2,14%	2,81	106.754,41
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	225,43	+0,31%	0,70	218.769,23
VERIZON COMMS	49,01	+0,00%	0,00	199.201,31
VISA	124,51	+1,87%	2,29	224.444,79
WAL-MART STORES	88,7200	+0,91%	0,8000	261.607,91
WALT DISNEY CO	104,7300	+0,67%	0,7000	156.953,65

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# NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES MARCH 12

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Spark Energy, Inc.	\$ 11.20	2.60 ▲ 30.23%
Coherus BioSciences, Inc.	\$ 11.85	2.75 ▲ 30.22%
Tintri, Inc.	\$ 6.55	1.40 ▲ 27.18%
LexinFintech Holdings Ltd.	\$ 19.09	3.09 ▲ 19.31%
Yangtze River Port and Logistics Limited	\$ 4.65	0.71 ▲ 18.02%
Willdan Group, Inc.	\$ 26.54	3.85 ▲ 16.97%
Hurco Companies, Inc.	\$ 47.90	6.15 ▲ 14.73%
PDL BioPharma, Inc.	\$ 3.04	0.39 ▲ 14.72%
Proteostasis Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 4.12	0.51 ▲ 14.13%
Protagonist Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.08	2.85 ▲ 14.09%
NCS Multistage Holdings, Inc.	\$ 17.69	2.10 ▲ 13.47%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 6.60	1.06 ▼ 13.84%
Pernix Therapeutics Holdings, Inc.	\$ 2.58	0.32 ▼ 11.03%
UTStarcom Holdings Corp	\$ 5.25	0.64 ▼ 10.87%
Calithera Biosciences, Inc.	\$ 8.10	0.85 ▼ 9.50%
Approach Resources Inc.	\$ 2.55	0.26 ▼ 9.25%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 10.76	1.09 ▼ 9.20%
Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	\$ 26.80	2.41 ▼ 8.25%
National Beverage Corp.	\$ 90.60	8.13 ▼ 8.23%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 16.16	1.42 ▼ 8.08%
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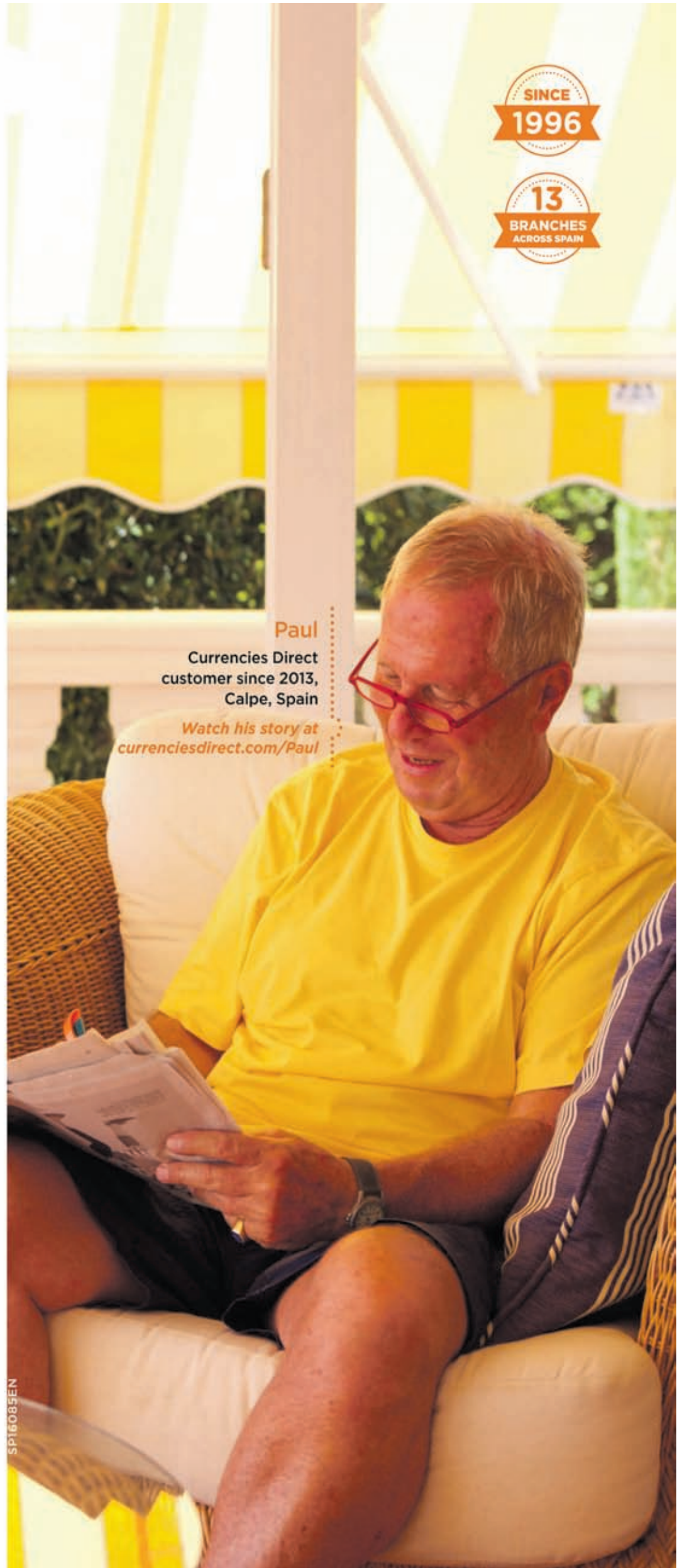
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# €6m solar storm erupts

## 'LIKE GOING TO WAR WITHOUT WEAPONS'

SPAIN'S biggest research and development centre for renewable energy is unable to spend money.

The Solar Platform in Almeria (PSA) has reportedly been handed millions of Euros in European Union grants, but restrictions imposed by the Spanish government have left bosses unable to splash out.

Set up in the Tabernas Desert during the 1970's, the centre is the most important for solar thermal energy in Europe.

Ex-PSA director Sixto Malato said: "Spain has installed the equivalent of two nuclear power stations in solar thermal energy plants... if it occupied 1.5 per cent of the world's deserts, we could generate enough electricity for the entire planet."

The PSA has designed technology used by major power plants in the United States, China and North Africa, and is a popular proving ground for new solar energy systems.

Around €6 million-worth of funding cannot be spent after the Spanish Treasury, in 2016, began to roll out measures designed to limit outlay.

The latest ruling was approved in January.

It blocks public research agencies from spending more than half of their funds until the 2018 National Budget is approved, with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's embattled Popular Party thus far unable to get its plans approved by Spanish Congress.

The standoff has seen 14 researchers - 35 per cent of the team - laid off from the PSA, leading to Malato handing in his notice.

One of them, a woman who has several children and had worked there for 15 years told Spanish media: "Our problem is due to the state of science in Spain and the scarcity of work opportunities for highly trained people, I used to get the best grades in my class, and now my employ-



Photo credit Change.org

### OFF GRID: Almeria's Solar Platform.

ment prospects are the most unstable."

The constraints have also impacted on research, with several projects months behind schedule. Waterspout has a €3.5 million budget to develop water purification technology for Uganda in southern Africa, but there is no-one in charge of it after the lead researcher was, in February, made redundant.

Researcher Eduardo Zarza said how an experimental steam generation system, which is among the platform's 'most emblematic' has been out of action for four months as he is unable to buy spare parts.

Malato confirmed that a number of requests for the Treasury to exempt 15 EU science contracts from the spending restrictions have not been answered to date.

## NOT GRAPE NEWS AFTER HARVEST SLUMP

# Wine prices to increase

WINE lovers are facing a price hike in the wake of last year's catastrophic grape harvest.

Global wine production last year fell to its lowest level in half a century after vineyards in Spain, as well as the world's two other top producers France and Italy, with the weather to blame.

Extreme and unseasonal hot and cold temperatures ravaged all three countries, with the areas producing Spanish Rioja and Italian Prosecco coming off worst.

Dan Jago, chief executive of posh wine merchant Berry Bros and Rudd, told UK media: "We'll start to see those [2017] wines coming to the market now and I think for higher volume, lower price wine you will see cost increases.

"Prices for things like Pinot Grigio or generic Spanish reds will rise by between 10 per cent and 30 per cent and it's how much of that retailers will pass on," said the former Tesco wine business chief. "Prosecco was very hard hit by frost, so there will be less



### PRICEY PLONK: The price of Spanish wine could rise by 30 per cent.

of it and the price will go up."

According to The International Organisation of Vine and Wine, global wine production plummeted by 8 per cent in 2017 after the worst grape harvest since 1961.

The fall is set to see 2.9 billion fewer bottles hit the market this year.

A senior figure in the wine industry said that the sector had endured a 'perfect storm' in 2017, with issues affecting wine-growing regions across the planet.

"There is price pressure in two places, right at the top end, in premium claret, and in entry level wine," he

explained. "In a £5 bottle only 50p is for the wine so you are looking at a small increase of say 12.5p... on a £100 bottle of wine you've got a material price change.

"In a good year producers will try and profit and in a bad year they will try and eat some of the losses, it's in their interests to do so. At some point prices will have to reflect the cost of production but supermarkets will work hard to keep wine affordable because like eggs, milk and a loaf of white bread, people know the price of a bottle of Pinot Gigio."

## Planemaker to axe 3,700 jobs as jet projects fail to take off

AIRBUS has warned that up to 3,700 jobs - including 800 in Spain - could be lost as it downscales assembly of its A380 and A400M planes.

The European manufacturer said that the cuts would also affect the UK, France and Germany as issues continue to plague Europe's priciest civil and military aerospace projects.

Production of the A380 superjumbo, the world's biggest passenger jet, will be slashed from six to eight per year from 2020.

The underperforming project was almost axed until Dubai's Emirates airline ordered 16 of the planes for €12.85 billion.

And just eight A400M troop transporters will be built, down from a forecast 15 this year and 11 in 2019, after losses soared beyond €8 billion.

## Shot in the arm for civil service

SPANISH civil servants are to receive their first pay rise since 2009.

It comes after unions thrashed out a deal with the government which will see employees receive between 6.1-8.8 per cent boost in wages over the next three years.

Civil servants lost 11-23 per cent of their buying power in the wake of the economic crisis.

Tens of thousands of jobs axed as Spain imposed austerity measures on the central administration, army, justice and public health sectors.

The CC OO union confirmed the agreement in a statement after it earlier rejected the government's proposed 1 per cent pay hike.

"We're moving towards an increase that will recover their lost purchasing power," said CC OO official Antonio Cabrera.



# SPAIN SLAMMED IN SMOG SMACKDOWN

## Green tax reforms looming

THE Spanish government is aiming to increase taxes on diesel fuel.

A raft of other environmental levies will also be reformed as Finance Minister Cristobal Montoro, revealed that the bulk of such taxation will be managed by the country's 17 regional governments.

And chief among the proposed changes is a move to scrap current tax breaks for drivers of diesel and other highly polluting vehicles.

The announcement comes after European Commission (EC) lawmakers in Belgian capital Brussels again slammed Spain over its low income from environmental taxes.

In a report on the Spanish economy, the EC officials pointed out that green taxes in Spain last year generated incoming funds equivalent to 1.9 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), compared to



**DIRTY DIESEL:** A digital sign warns of dangerous air pollution and (inset) summer smog clouds the air in Madrid.

the European Union (EU) average of 2.4 per cent.

The document points out "the low level of taxes on unleaded gasoline and diesel," in particular "the case of diesel, on which Spain applies the minimum excise duty, despite the fact that diesel has a higher carbon and energy content

than unleaded petrol."

It continues: "Taxes on transport only generate half the income in Spain than in the rest of the EU (0.2 per cent compared to 0.5 per cent of GDP)."

The EC has issued a number of scathing reports on the situation in Spain since 2012, with

the International Monetary Fund and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development following suit.

But while most developed countries have raised tax or applied restrictions on diesel, Spain has done nothing notable to date, according to the report.

The Spanish government is in danger of being hauled before the EU Court of Justice for consistently breaching recommended limits of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) in Madrid and Barcelona since 2010.

NO<sub>2</sub> is a by-product emitted by both petrol and diesel motor engines that can trigger breathing and other respiratory problems in otherwise healthy people.

In December 2016 Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy pledged to raise an additional €500 million annually through green taxes, but the scheme was shelved shortly afterwards.

The government's latest batch of proposed reforms aims to transfer responsibility to the regional governments, while suggesting that road taxes on the most polluting vehicles could also be raised if local councils become involved.

## New minister choice sparks fear and fury

ROMAN ESCOLANO is Spain's new Economy Minister.

The 53-year-old from Zaragoza replaces Luis de Guindos, 58, who recently left to become Vice-President of the European Central Bank.

Escolano has resigned from his position as Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (EIB), to accept the role.

The first major appointment of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's second term in office, the move was condemned by opposition parties and unions.

Albert Rivera, leader of the Ciudadanos party said: "The balance is not positive for Spain, because in the end what we gain with de Guindos leaving we lose with Escolano's march back to Spain."

Secretary General of the CC OO union, Unai Sordo, added that he believes Escolano will continue de Guindos' approach, "increasing social inequality."

# Losing mental capacity whilst living abroad

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

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

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



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

**What is an LPA?**

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

**Why should you get an LPA?**

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

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

**Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?**

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

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IRRESPECTIVE of those who would label me a racist.

Or the luvvy ostrich brigade, who seem to be in permanent denial, after my recent trips to the UK I can, without fear of contradiction, assure you that the country, particularly the large cities, are positively awash with immigrants. London in particular has an enormous immigrant population.

The majority work in the thousands of retail outlets, including shops, petrol stations, restaurants and most taxi companies. They are also firmly entrenched in many infrastructure operations, from councils to postmen, and even gas meter readers. It's somewhat strange to see my prophecies of some 30-odd years ago, actually come to fruition. To be quite honest I don't even really care any more. I no longer live there, never will again, and am quite happy now residing in a country that seems to have escaped (so far) the overwhelming influx of these cultures from other lands. Well good luck I say.

Perhaps these new 21st century UK residents will make a better job of it. Shouldn't be too difficult. What did strike me however was the age of



Photo credit Saudi Embassy UK

**MEET AND GREET: Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia with Theresa May last week.**

the new populace. The majority of immigrants are young Asian men. Consequently a large number of those who now reside in the UK fall into the 30 to 45 age groups. Which means they will all become old around the same time! Wow that'll be fun! And what happens when the untold millions

of illegals reach their three score and 10? Who on earth will look after them all? Ah well, good luck. One thing is for sure, it won't be bothering me.

It's not love. It's not sex and it's certainly not charity that makes the world go around. The thing that keeps this old planet spinning happily

through the universe is money, pure and simple. Always has been, always will be.

That's why ultimately, apart from a few diplomatic noises, the usual 'ongoing investigation' and a bit of political window dressing, even this latest poisoning atrocity will be kicked around 'til it finally disappears up its own proverbial.

Russia has billions invested in the UK. Imports and exports amount to billions more. You don't think that in the long run any government is going to risk all that going up the Swanee do you?

For the same reason Saudi Arabian hierarchy will always be wined, dined and fawned over by British royalty and politicians. If the Saudis withdrew all their money and dropped out of present and future trade deals, the UK economy would probably collapse altogether. A few thousand deaths and atrocities committed in some far off (extremely poor!) Arab country, will definitely not be allowed to interfere with any of that. And you can happily take that to any bank you like.

Many congrats to the EWN for picking up yet another prestigious (AEEPP) award in Madrid last week. Congrats all. Proud to be a part of it. Onward and upward.

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# Semana Santa is coming to town

*With Easter almost upon us for another year, David Noon recounts the weird, wacky and wonderful traditions that make the Semana Santa period so spectacular in Spain*

**S**TOOD with the Catedral de Santa María de la Sede to my left and the entrance to the Alcázar of Sevilla on my right, my first taste of Semana Santa is one I will never forget.

I watched on in awe as spectators lined the streets three or four people deep, scrambling in order to see the cofradías (brotherhoods) clad in all manner of coloured, hooded gowns.

Some were carrying candles, others silver staffs, while many more were tucked away, huddled bare-footed beneath the floats that carry religious effigies on board.

It was at the sight of the costaleros making their way with the image of the Virgin Mary atop that sent the crowds into raptures.

Coupled with the bright colours of the brotherhoods as well as the long, loud blasts on the horns, the beating of the drums and the smell of incense, it is fair to say that my first experience of Spain's Easter holiday was a sensory awakening like no other.

If truth be told, it was one of the more surreal moments of my life and I wasn't entirely ready for it.

And I wasn't the only one to be overwhelmed by the situation. Next to me, a group of older ladies dressed head-to-toe in black lace wailed in the streets as tears streamed down their faces.

It was a kind of emotion that I had never seen before.

As Daniel Gil, a

**5 tonnes,  
the average  
weight of the  
Pasos (floats)**

25-year-old teacher English teacher from Sevilla, tells me 'Semana Santa in Sevilla is like nowhere on earth.'

"In Sevilla, the emotion during Semana Santa is like nowhere else," he says. "My father used to carry the floats and now I take my turn. It is a duty and an honour to be a part of the celebrations.



**58  
religious  
brotherhoods  
in Sevilla**

day until late at night to be together and to take part."

He adds: "If you are a kid growing up in Sevilla, you always want to be a part of the Semana Santa processions when you are older."

While Semana Santa is celebrated in

"In all of Spain, Semana Santa is an important week, but in Sevilla hundreds if not thousands of people come out on-

to the street every

day until late at night to be together and to take part."

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South America and Easter is a staple of most Western calendars, nowhere on earth quite marks the resurrection of Christ with as much vigour and enthusiasm as Spain.

A week of celebrations, traditions and most importantly processions is enjoyed by all as traffic grinds to a halt to allow the ceremonies to take place.

In Sevilla, 50,000 robe-wearers take part in the most iconic procession on the planet which sees thousands descend on the country from across the globe every year.



In total 58 different brotherhoods all take their turn to parade through the street, with some cofradías containing as



**THE National Sculpture Museum donates over 100 images for use during the processions in Valladolid, making it one of Spain's most artistic parades.**

• One of Spain's most unusual (and most politically incorrect) Easter celebrations is held in the town of El Bierzo in León. While knocking back glasses of special wine-lemonade, the locals replace the usual 'saludos' with 'salir a matar Judíos' (let's go kill the Jews). The tradition stems from a 14th century dispute between a nobleman named Suero de Quiñones and a Jewish lender, which resulted in a grizzly end for the Jewish lender after he mocked the death of Jesus.

• If the sight of hundreds of hooded men wasn't frightening enough, the Catalan town of Verges in Girona has stepped up the fear-factor a notch. On Maundy Thursday five of its residents, including three children, dress up in skeleton costumes, carry Death's sickle and dance around the streets to the sound of drums.

• If you thought get out of jail free cards were reserved for Monopoly, then think again. Each year, the government chooses a handful of Catholic inmates to be freed from their prison term. The tradition was brought in by

## Skeletons, pub crawls and other (lesser-known) traditions



**STRANGE TRADITIONS: Skeletons in Girona.**

King Charles III in 1759, after a riot broke out in a Malaga prison when inmates found out Easter proces-

sions would be cancelled due to a plague outbreak. They forced their way out, carried Jesus's image through the streets and then returned to their cells.

• In León thousands of thirsty Easter revellers recreate the pub crawl that led to one of the city's well-known character's death. In 1929, Genaro Blanco was relieving his bowls against a wall after a day on the cervezas when he was struck by a rub-

bish truck. Year after year, more followers have joined the bar-hopping procession, the record being 15,000 in 2005.

• Much of Semana Santa's traditions relate to the idea of Christian penance. That is no more prevalent than in the town of Cuenca where participants in the 'Road to Calvary' procession mock Jesus on his way to the cross. For 12 hours, members of the public jostle the nazarenos, or penitents, and prevent them from carrying Jesus's image through the streets.

• Although not as gruesome as the ones seen in parts of South America, the Via Crucis in Valverde de las Veras is not for the faint hearted. Participants, known as empalaos, have their bodies strapped to a wooden cross and then walk barefoot through the streets.





# g Holy Week



**COFRADIOS:** Nazarenos parade through the street.



## 50,000 people take part in Sevilla's processions

many as 3,000 nazarenos (the hooded figures). The hooded nazarenos, are dressed in colour-coded medieval robes to match their cofradia. And their faces are covered to repent en masse and in anonymity.

Yet spare a thought for the men crammed beneath the pasos (floats). Weighing up to five tonnes, the pasos can require up to 100 men to carry.

As the procession moves forward, there is few more moving sights than the shuffling of bare feet beneath the floats as each man grips the shoulder of the next man in front of him.

In the breaks in the procession, you can see the sweat pouring off those carrying the floats, especially during the heat of the day time celebrations.

This year, things get underway on March 25 and run through until March 31.

While I have never quite experi-

**40-50 men are usually needed to carry each float, however the number can be as many as 100**



**SPECTACLE:** Thousands of people flock to streets in Malaga.

## What's behind the hoods?

IT must have been said a thousand times, but the nazarenos worn by the brotherhoods strike an uncanny similarity to the outfits donned by white supremacist group the Ku Klux Klan.

Of course, there is no political similarity but from a purely visual perspective the site of nazarenos does take some getting used to.

While some brotherhoods do don white hoods, they come in all sorts of colours - with purple seemingly the most favoured.

But where does the outfit come from?

Well, the use of this hat goes back to the time of the Spanish Inquisition.

In enacting punishments the members of the Inquisition placed a cap on the head of the condemned.



## 1179 AD is the oldest recorded Semana Santa procession

rhythm which echoes around the capital.

This represents the earth tremors that were supposed to have occurred when Christ died on the cross.

Arguably the most authentic - and sombre - celebrations take place in the region of Castilla La Mancha.

While Zamora, close to the Portuguese border lays claim to the oldest Semana Santa celebrations in Spain, dating back to 1179.

The city's population increasing five times during Holy Week, as up to 300,000 people flock to watch the ancient traditions.

Salamanca is also steeped in a rich Easter history, with festivities recorded as far back as 1240.

Meanwhile, Valladolid's processions see some of the oldest pasos carried through the streets, with some religious statues dating back to the 16th century.

No matter where you are in Spain this Easter, and regardless of your religious inclination, do not complain about the horns blaring throughout the night, or the drums banging during your weekend lie-in.

Instead embrace Spain's take on the Holy Week and let your senses be overcome with the spectacle that is Semana Santa.

### FAMOUS FACES: Antonio Banderas in Malaga.

enced anything like my maiden (and only) Semana Santa in Sevilla, each procession I have witnessed in the years, cities and towns since has in one way or another been special.

For while the rituals can all be traced back to the 16th century and each celebration includes hooded-figures, processions, horns (sometimes at ungodly hours) and effigies of religious figures, every town or city has its own unique take on the Holy Week.

Andalucia is largely considered to play host to some of the most emblematic (and somber) celebrations.

Along with Sevilla, Malaga and Granada are also famous for their Easter celebrations.

Malagueno-cum-Hollywood-megastar Antonio Banderas usually makes an appearance at his hometown's processions and has even joined the ranks in carrying floats in the past.

Even in the smaller Costa del Sol town of Estepona, the procession takes an emotional twist as it stops on Calle

Terraza to allow for (a rather uncomfortable) five minutes of gypsy singing which takes place from a balcony overlooking the effigy of the Virgin Mary.

Meanwhile in Madrid around 20 processions take place, in the build up to Easter Sunday.

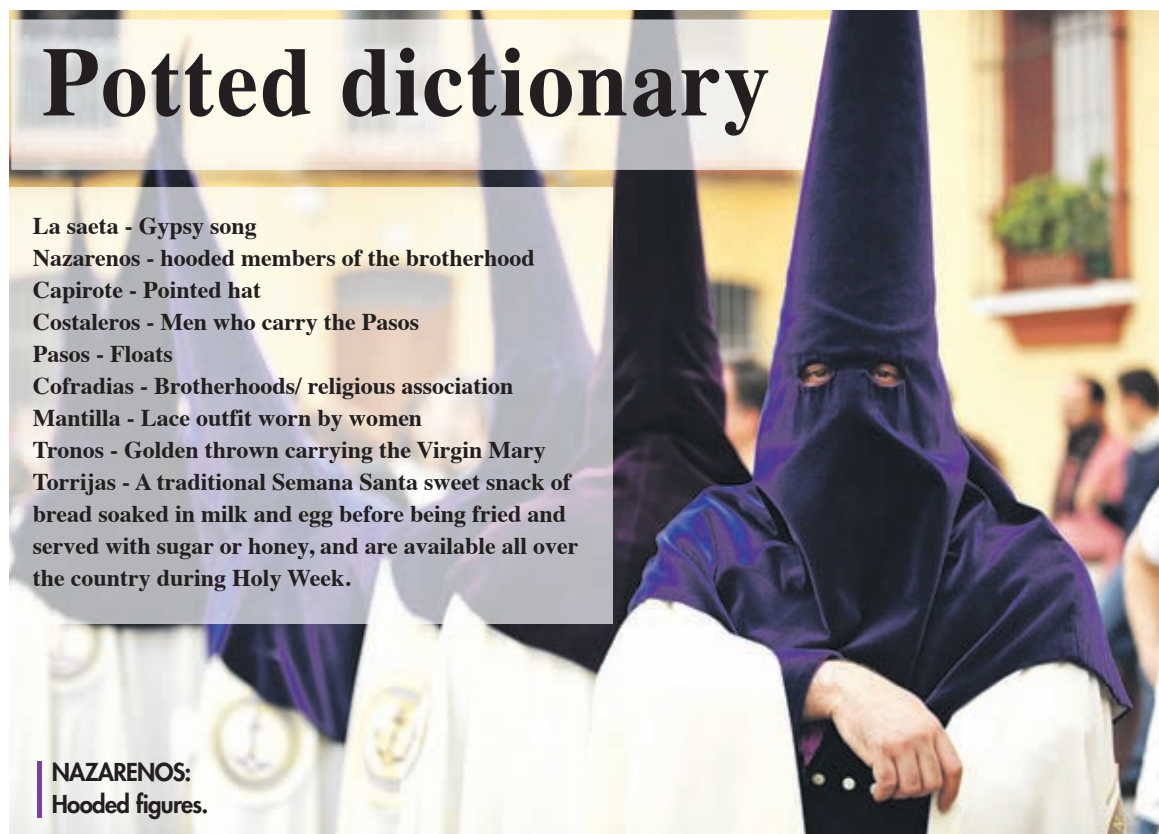
The main event, the Tamborada del Domingo de Resurrección, takes place on Easter Sunday at mid-day in the Plaza Mayor.

Whichever Brotherhood has been chosen for the year assembles dozens of drummers who beat out a constant

## Potted dictionary

- La saeta** - Gypsy song
- Nazarenos** - hooded members of the brotherhood
- Capirote** - Pointed hat
- Costaleros** - Men who carry the Pasos
- Pasos** - Floats
- Cofradias** - Brotherhoods/ religious association
- Mantilla** - Lace outfit worn by women
- Tronos** - Golden throne carrying the Virgin Mary
- Torrijas** - A traditional Semana Santa sweet snack of bread soaked in milk and egg before being fried and served with sugar or honey, and are available all over the country during Holy Week.

**NAZARENOS:** Hooded figures.







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8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Not Going Out
10:30pm	Still Game
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week

**BBC TWO**

8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Brain: A Secret History
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**CHANNEL 4**

8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
10:00am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
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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	Hunted and Confronted: Cowboys, Crooks and Chancers
12:05am	Terror in the Air: Flights Out of Control

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1:00am	First Dates

**sky sports main event**

6:30am	My Icon
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
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8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live ICC Wc Qualifier
	<i>A match from the 2018 Cricket World Cup Qualifier tournament in Zimbabwe.</i>
4:30pm	Live Arnold Palmer Featured Grps
7:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
8:00pm	Live Premier League Darts
	<i>The 2018 Unibet Premier League Darts season heads to the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.</i>
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:55pm	ITV News London
2:00pm	Cheltenham Festival
5:30pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Undercover: Rough Sleeper - Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
10:00pm	Four Days That Shook Britain
11:30pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	The Late Debate
12:45am	UEFA Europa League Highlights
1:45am	Lethal Weapon
2:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Undercover: Rough Sleeper - Tonight

**itv2**

7:00am	The 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
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	The Bachelor
1:05pm	Emmerdale
1:35pm	Coronation Street
2:35pm	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	The Hangover
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Hangover
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy

**itv3**

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
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	Vera
11:00pm	Unforgotten
12:00am	Unforgotten
1:05am	DCI Banks
2:05am	DCI Banks
	<i>Conclusion of a two-part story. Banks has many suspects and many unanswered questions.</i>
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	The Chase
8:35am	Pawn Stars
9:00am	Pawn Stars
9:25am	Ironsides
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	The Protectors
12:00pm	The Saint
1:05pm	The Avengers
2:10pm	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
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9:00pm	On Her Majesty's Secret Service
10:15pm	FYI Daily
10:20pm	On Her Majesty's Secret Service
11:55pm	Born to Raise Hell
12:55am	FYI Daily
1:00am	Born to Raise Hell
2:00am	Minder
3:00am	Bond Girls are Forever
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	Rocky
9:15am	Rocky Balboa
11:15am	Rocky
1:20pm	Rocky II
3:30pm	Rocky III
5:15pm	Rocky IV
7:00pm	Rocky V
9:00pm	Rocky Balboa
11:00pm	Rambo
12:35am	Bloodsport
2:15am	Death Warrant
3:50am	Cyborg 009

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

7:05am	Killing Hasselhoff
8:30am	Love of My Life
10:20am	Any Which Way You Can
12:20pm	Airplane II: The Sequel
1:50pm	Table 19
3:25pm	Meet the Parents
5:20pm	That Thing You Do!
7:15pm	Turner and Hooch
9:00pm	Table 19
10:30pm	Meet the Parents
12:30am	Road Trip: Beer Pong
2:10am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Black Panther: Special
7:30am	City of Tiny Lights
9:30am	Custody
11:25am	Snatched
1:10pm	Wonder Woman
3:35pm	Numb
	<i>A cash-strapped couple team up with a pair of mysterious hitchhikers and venture into the icy Canadian wilderness in search of a fortune in stolen gold</i>
5:20pm	Wheeler
7:15pm	Snatched
9:00pm	Wonder Woman
11:25pm	Numb
1:00am	City of Tiny Lights
2:55am	Cult of Chuck
	<i>The iconic demon doll returns to terrorise the wheelchair-bound Nica, now confined to an asylum for the criminally insane.</i>
4:45am	Scribe

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2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
3:45pm	La Liga Icons
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
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6:30pm	Football Countdowns
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8:00pm	EFL Matters
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9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Requiem
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11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Young Offenders
12:05am	Shanghai Knights

## BBC TWO

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9:00am	Back in Time for Tea
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Two Tribes
2:30pm	Yes Chef
3:15pm	Your Home in Their Hands
4:15pm	Planet Earth
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	Saving Lives at Sea
9:00pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
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
9:00pm	Songs of Ireland
10:00pm	The Irish Rock Story: A Tale of Two Cities <i>Film telling the story of how rock music helped to change Ireland.</i>
11:00pm	Here Comes the Summer: The Undertones Story
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10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
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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	Lip Sync Battle UK
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9:00pm	I, Robot
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Rugby League
9:45am	Rugby League <i>Brisbane Broncos meet North Queensland Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium in the second week of the NRL.</i>
11:45am	Live ICC Wc Qualifier
4:30pm	Football Centre
5:00pm	Football Centre
6:00pm	Rugby Union
8:45pm	Football <i>Tottenham Hotspur meet Newcastle United at Wembley Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:55pm	ITV News London
2:00pm	Cheltenham Festival
5:30pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift
1:45am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Take on the Twisters
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>

## itv2

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Totally Bonkers
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:15am	The Bachelor
1:05pm	Emmerdale
2:05pm	You've Been Framed!
2:35pm	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	Paul
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Paul
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

## itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:15pm	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	The Good Karma Hospital
12:00am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:00am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	Million Dollar Princesses
3:50am	On the Buses
4:20am	On the Buses
4:45am	Rising Damp

## itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	The Chase
8:35am	Pawn Stars
9:00am	Pawn Stars
9:25am	Ironsides
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	The Protectors
12:00pm	The Saint
1:05pm	The Avengers
2:10pm	Ironsides
3:15pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:20pm	Minder
5:25pm	The Saint
6:30pm	The Avengers
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Hornblower
11:05pm	Firefox
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	Firefox
1:50am	Minder
2:50am	The Saint
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping
5:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

7:30am	True Lies
10:00am	Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines
12:00pm	Collateral Damage
2:00pm	The Terminator
4:00pm	True Lies
6:30pm	Last Action Hero
8:45pm	Conan the Barbarian
11:00pm	The Terminator
1:00am	Collateral Damage
3:00am	Last Action Hero
5:15am	Batman and Robin

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Who's Harry Crumb?
9:50am	Brewster's Millions
11:40am	Couples Retreat
1:40pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
3:20pm	Fist Fight
5:00pm	Miss Congeniality
7:00pm	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
9:00pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
10:40pm	Fist Fight
12:20am	Superbad
2:20am	Knocked Up

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Wheeler
9:00am	Monster Family: Special
9:30am	Wonder Woman
12:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
12:15pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
3:00pm	Snatched <i>Fish-out-of-water comedy about a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
4:35pm	City of Tiny Lights
6:30pm	Wonder Woman
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
11:40pm	Blockbuster sci-fi action about an inventor tasked with saving humanity from impending doom.
11:40pm	Snatched
1:15am	Cult of Chucky
3:00am	Numb
4:45am	Scribe

## sky sports football

12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Matters
8:00pm	Magical Messi
8:55pm	Football
11:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
11:45pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao



# LEGALLY SPEAKING

## Mobile phones may improve road safety

**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.**

A TEAM of researchers at the Universidad Politecnica de Madrid have been working on a project suggesting that rather than leading to potentially deadly distractions, a mobile phone can help road safety by advising drivers of safer speeds.

The technology behind intelligent speed adaptation systems (ISA) has been around since the 90's, mostly aimed at warning drivers who exceed the speed limit.

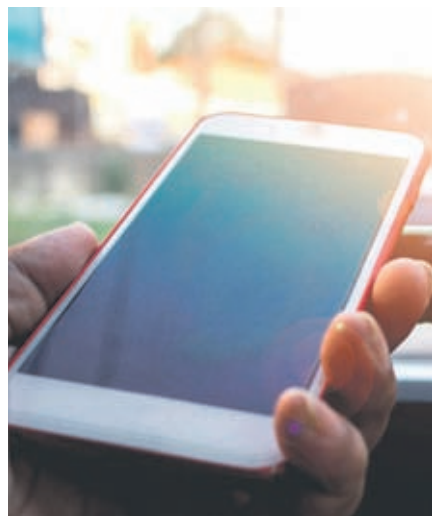
In theory, the technology can also be used to block the functions of the mobile and even prevent use when driving, although this part of the system has seemingly not been welcomed by many, despite the obvious safety benefits.

Through this latest development of the system, the researchers in Madrid have been developing ways that the technology can identify other hazards which may need speed adjustment such as bends, the camber of the road, the elevation etc.

It can even take into account the meteorological conditions, which may affect the adhesion to the road or visibility, for example, and the amount of traffic in each section.

The technology can also identify the type of vehicle in which it is travelling, adjusting its reports accordingly.

The system obtains the information in real time and establishes the safest speed for the next section of the road contemplating and calculating the conditions re-



**MOBILE PHONES:** Could be used to advise drivers how fast to drive.

ported, the stopping distance and the lateral acceleration of the vehicle as objective criteria. To the user, the mobile indicates the level of deceleration necessary.

For the definition of the interface, the analysis of the impact on the level of attention required to receive the information of the system is carried out.

Although there are no plans to release the system any time soon, the prototype has been tested in a vehicle, with different drivers, analysing their response to warnings and their degree of satisfaction and compliance with the limits set.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

## Can they force him to sell?

**Q.** Can you advise on our situation? We have a holiday home in Spain, owned by three brothers, with shares of A 50 per cent, B 25 per cent and C 25 per cent. Brothers A and

B are resident in Spain. Brother C is resident in the UK. A and B want to sell, C does not. Can A and B, with their 75 per cent ownership, override C?

**A.** In principle, no, you cannot. The only legal way to force a sale of a shared property is to go to court. Even a minority owner can bring this action.

The judge will usually try to mediate among the parties but if they cannot

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You and the Law in Spain



agree, the judge can order the property sold at public auction and the proceeds divided among

the owners according to their shares. This auction generally ends badly for all parties.

One way to handle this might be to offer the holdout brother a larger share of the sale price than he is legally entitled to.

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

## May's road to Brexit: a road to nowhere

**BREMAIN IN SPAIN** - a group campaigning for the rights of British citizens in Spain and the EU - points out that public reactions to Theresa May's recent speech have been as mixed as the PM's own messages.

While some have praised May for adding clarity and detail to her Brexit 'plan,' others criticised her obvious continuation of delusional thinking and unrealistic expectations.

Sue Wilson, Chair of Bremain in Spain, says: "While May publicly acknowledged that the UK cannot obtain everything it wants from any deal, she's still under the delusion that the EU needs us as much as we need it. May stated that we need to face hard facts and that 'life is going to be different.' It was noticeable that she chose the word 'different' rather than 'better,' so she is no longer pretending that leaving the EU will be beneficial to the UK."

May listed five tests for Brexit: that it respects the referendum result; is a lasting solution; protect jobs; maintains an outward-looking, tolerant democracy and protects the unity of the UK.

Wilson continued "Brexit itself, or at least May's hard version of it, would damage every one of her own tests. May's insistence in respecting the 'will of the people' as of June 23, 2016 is no respecter of democracy or the people if she only considers how they felt at that particular

snapshot in time. So many voters have reconsidered their feelings about leaving the EU, now that the true facts and ramifications are known. The 'will of the people' today is demonstrably different to how it was on referendum day and should not be ignored."

The most scathing attack came from Guy Verhofstadt, who said: "Theresa May needed to move beyond vague aspirations. We can only hope that serious proposals have been put in the post. While I welcome the call for a deep and special partnership, this cannot be achieved by putting a few extra cherries on the Brexit cake."

Wilson commented that "May's red lines are turning pinker by the minute - she needs to wake up and to accept that the EU has rules in place to protect the integrity of the single market and its members, and that the UK is not a special case."

"May's latest catchphrase, 'ambitious but practical,' is just another meaningless sound bite. I have written to Number 10 with my own suggestion on a replacement, when they have run out of ideas. I think in relation to Brexit, 'pointless and cancelled' just about covers it," she concluded.

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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	MasterChef
4:45pm	Wanted Down Under Revisited
5:30pm	Six Nations Rugby Union
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
12:20am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
12:50am	Gambit
2:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15am	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
12:35pm	Cats v Dogs: Which is Best?
1:35pm	Orson Welles Talking Pictures
2:20pm	Waterloo
4:30pm	Me and My Dog
5:30pm	Final Score
6:30pm	The Repair Shop
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	Suite Francaise
11:40pm	Performance Live: Winged Bull in the Elephant Case
12:10am	Defiance
2:15am	Civilisations

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
9:00pm	The Silk Road
10:00pm	Below the Surface
10:45pm	Below the Surface
11:30pm	TOTP2 St Patrick's Day Special
12:15am	Irish Rock at the BBC
1:15am	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.</i>
1:45am	Top of the Pops
2:15am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
3:15am	The Silk Road
4:15am	TOTP2 St Patrick's Day Special

## 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
11:55am	The Big Bang Theory
12:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Casper
4:20pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:25pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
6:30pm	Winter Paralympics Today
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Penelope Keith's Coastal Villages
9:00pm	Britain at Low Tide
10:00pm	Fantastic Four
11:55pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:55am	The Inbetweeners
1:30am	Winter Paralympics Live

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	The Gadget Show
12:35pm	Police Interceptors
1:35pm	Police Interceptors
2:30pm	Police Interceptors
3:30pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:30pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:30pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:25pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:25pm	5 News
7:30pm	FIA Formula E Live Uruguay.
9:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
10:00pm	Football on 5 The Championship.
11:00pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
11:30pm	Haymaker Fight Night: Joe Joyce v Donnie Palmer
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders

## 4

9:20am	Made in Chelsea Does Come Dine with Me
10:25am	Made in Chelsea
11:30am	Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World
1:15pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:00pm	Young Sheldon
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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
6:45pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The World's End
12:10am	Gogglebox
1:15am	Five Star Hotel

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Barclays Premier League Preview
7:30am	Rugby Union <i>Highlanders take on Crusaders at Forsyth Barr Stadium in Super Rugby.</i>
9:35am	Rugby Archive
9:40am	Rugby Union
11:30am	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:00pm	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Rugby Shorts
4:10pm	Rugby Union
6:00pm	My Icon
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00pm	Live LPGA : Founders Cup
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Britain's Brightest Family
12:50pm	ITV News and Weather
1:00pm	Six Nations Live Italy v Scotland.
3:25pm	Six Nations Live England v Ireland.
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
11:30pm	ITV News and Weather
11:45pm	Fast and Furious
1:45am	Play to the Whistle
2:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

## itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:45pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
2:20pm	License to Wed
3:25pm	FYI Daily
3:30pm	License to Wed
4:05pm	Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights
5:10pm	FYI Daily
5:15pm	Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights
5:55pm	Evan Almighty
6:55pm	FYI Daily
7:00pm	Evan Almighty
7:50pm	Gravity
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	Gravity
9:30pm	Pacific Rim
10:30pm	FYI Daily
10:35pm	Pacific Rim
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:10am	American Dad!
1:35am	American Dad!
2:05am	Action Team
2:35am	Ibiza Weekender

## itv3

6:00am	Judge Judy
6:20am	Judge Judy
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:10am	Murder, She Wrote
9:10am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Jessica gets emmeshed in feuds, infidelity, and murder in Nashville.</i>
10:10am	A Touch of Frost
12:10pm	A Touch of Frost
2:10pm	Inspector Morse <i>Another investigation for Collin Dexter's laconic detective.</i>
4:25pm	Columbo
6:00pm	Vera
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Inspector Morse
2:10am	The Good Karma Hospital
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:20am	The Avengers
8:20am	The Avengers
9:25am	The Avengers
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Snooker v Darts
11:40am	Pawn Stars
12:05pm	Pawn Stars
12:30pm	Pawn Stars
1:00pm	Pawn Stars
1:30pm	Pawn Stars
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing : Live From Uttoxeter
5:00pm	How the West Was Won
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	How the West Was Won
8:10pm	Storage Wars
8:35pm	Storage Wars
9:00pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge
10:05pm	FYI Daily
10:10pm	Jaws 4: The Revenge
10:50pm	Wanted
11:55pm	FYI Daily
12:00am	Wanted
1:00am	The Dictator
2:00am	FYI Daily

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:30am	The Italian Job
9:15am	Captain America: Civil War
11:45am	The A-Team
1:45pm	Fast and Furious 8
4:15pm	Kong: Skull Island
6:30pm	The A-Team
8:30pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
1:05am	Universal Soldier
2:55am	Captain America: Civil War

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:05am	The Apartment
8:15am	50 First Dates
10:05am	Dragnet
12:00pm	Norbit
1:50pm	The Nutty Professor
3:35pm	30 Minutes or Less
5:05pm	Nine to Five
7:05pm	Calendar Girls
9:00pm	The Nutty Professor
10:45pm	30 Minutes or Less
12:15am	Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo
1:50am	Airheads
3:30am	Ali G Indahouse

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	Custody
8:50am	Snatched
10:25am	Wonder Woman
12:50pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
3:25pm	It Comes at Night
5:00pm	Snatched
6:35pm	Wonder Woman
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
11:40pm	It Comes at Night
1:20am	Numb
2:55am	Cult of Chucky
4:30am	City of Tiny Lights

## sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football
10:35am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	Ronaldo: A Sensational Season
11:45pm	20 Years of El Clasico
12:30am	MLS Greatest Games
12:35am	Football
2:45am	EFL Greatest Games
3:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
3:30am	Ronaldo: A Sensational Season
4:00am	Football Years



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7:00am	Breakfast
8:25am	Match of the Day
9:30am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Lifeline
1:25pm	Songs of Praise
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Match of the Day Live
4:35pm	A Question of Sport
5:05pm	Match of the Day Live
7:35pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Hold the Sunset
9:30pm	Brooklyn
11:10pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:35pm	Weather
11:40pm	Paddy McGuinness' Sport Relief Warm Up
12:40am	The Sentinel

## BBC TWO

7:05am	Coast
8:05am	The Instant Gardener
8:50am	Gardeners' World
9:20am	Countryfile
10:15am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
11:45am	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
12:30pm	Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook
1:00pm	Escape to the Country
1:45pm	The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives
2:45pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
3:45pm	Money for Nothing
4:45pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
5:45pm	Back in Time for Tea
6:45pm	Catch Me If You Can
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Famously Unfit for Sports Relief
11:00pm	The Mash Report
11:30pm	Top Gear Extra Gear
11:55pm	Women's Six Nations Highlights
12:25am	Being Blacker
1:55am	Question Time

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth
10:00pm	Andrew Marr on Churchill
11:00pm	13 Minutes: The Plot to Assassinate Adolf Hitler
12:45am	The Riviera: A History in Pictures
1:45am	The Riviera: A History in Pictures
2:45am	Ancient Greece: The Greatest Show on Earth <i>Classicist Dr Michael Scott journeys to Athens to explore how drama first began.</i>
3:45am	Andrew Marr on Churchill
4:45am	Sounds of the Seventies

## CHANNEL 4

7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:25am	Mobil 1
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Winter Paralympics Today
3:00pm	Winter Paralympics Closing Ceremony
4:15pm	Epic
6:15pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Britain's Polar Bear Cub
9:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	13 Commandments
12:00am	Solace
1:55am	The Last Leg
2:50am	The Job Interview
3:45am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
4:25am	Gillette World Sport
4:55am	Dispatches
5:25am	Location, Location, Location

## CHANNEL 5

8:25am	Fireman Sam
8:40am	Oly the Little White Van
8:50am	Blaze and the Monster Machines: Wild Wheels
9:10am	Paw Patrol
9:30am	Nella the Princess Knight
9:45am	Noddy: Toyland Detective
10:00am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:15am	Shimmer and Shine
10:30am	Digby Dragon
10:45am	Peppa Pig
10:50am	Peppa Pig
11:00am	Football on 5
11:55am	Football on 5
12:25pm	Getting Even with Dad
2:30pm	Richie Rich
4:15pm	My Girl
5:15pm	5 News
5:20pm	My Girl
6:20pm	Junior
8:20pm	Jumper
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	The Equalizer
11:00pm	5 News
11:05pm	The Equalizer
12:35am	The Expendables 2
2:35am	Super Casino

## 4

5:45am	Rude(Ish) Tube
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:15am	Made in Chelsea
10:20am	Don't Tell the Bride
11:20am	Dragonball Evolution
1:00pm	Rude(Ish) Tube Shorts
1:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:20pm	The Goldbergs
5:50pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:20pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:50pm	Young Sheldon
7:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:50pm	School of Rock
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	2 Guns
1:10am	The Big Bang Theory
1:40am	The Big Bang Theory
2:05am	Five Star Hotel
3:10am	Five Star Hotel
4:00am	First Dates Abroad
4:25am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
8:30am	Live ICC Wc Qualifier
12:30pm	Football <i>Derby County take on Cardiff City at Pride Park in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
3:15pm	Football
5:45pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
9:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells Final
11:00pm	Boxing
11:30pm	Live LPGA : Founders Cup <i>Day four of the Founders Cup on the LPGA Tour from the Wildfire Golf Club in Phoenix, Arizona.</i>
2:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	CITV
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
11:55am	The Voice UK
1:55pm	ITV News and Weather
2:00pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway
3:30pm	What Would Your Kid Do?
4:30pm	The Harbour
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	ITV News and Weather
7:45pm	Local News and Weather
8:00pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
11:05pm	ITV News and Weather
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Six Nations Highlights

## itv2

7:00am	Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:25am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:25pm	You've Been Framed!
1:55pm	The Voice UK
3:55pm	Happy Feet
4:55pm	FYI Daily
5:00pm	Happy Feet
6:05pm	Hotel Transylvania Preview
7:05pm	FYI Daily
7:10pm	Hotel Transylvania Preview
8:00pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
9:00pm	FYI Daily
9:05pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
10:00pm	Ibiza Weekender
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	Keith Lemon: The Film

## itv3

7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	Heartbeat
10:00am	Columbo
11:40am	A Touch of Frost
1:55pm	A Touch of Frost <i>Feature-length drama with Detective Inspector Jack Frost.</i>
4:00pm	Vera
6:00pm	The Durrells
7:00pm	The Durrells
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
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	The Theory of Everything
1:30am	Inspector Morse <i>Feature-length drama series featuring Colin Dexter's laconic detective.</i>
3:25am	Blue Murder
4:40am	Rising Damp

## itv4

7:00am	Quincy, M.E.
7:50am	Storage Wars
8:10am	Storage Wars
8:40am	Storage Wars
9:10am	Storage Wars
9:35am	Storage Wars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Pawn Stars
10:55am	Pawn Stars
11:25am	Pawn Stars
11:50am	How the West Was Won
12:50pm	FYI Daily
12:55pm	How the West Was Won
3:00pm	Goodwood Members Meeting Live
5:00pm	Hornblower
7:10pm	On Her Majesty's Secret Service
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	On Her Majesty's Secret Service
10:00pm	Windtalkers
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Windtalkers
12:50am	Above the Law
1:50am	FYI Daily
1:55am	Above the Law
2:55am	River Monsters

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:40am	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
11:40am	Top Gun
1:40pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
4:00pm	300
6:00pm	G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra
8:00pm	Top Gun
10:00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
12:30am	300

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:30am	Fun with Dick and Jane
10:10am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
12:00pm	Liar Liar
1:40pm	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
3:35pm	Bad Neighbours 2
5:15pm	Splash
7:15pm	Mean Girls
9:00pm	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
11:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
12:40am	This is Spinal Tap

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	City of Tiny Lights
6:30am	Monster Family: Special
7:00am	Wheeler
8:50am	Custody
10:40am	Snatched <i>Fish-out-of-water comedy about a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
12:15pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
2:55pm	Inconceivable
4:45pm	It Comes at Night
6:25pm	Snatched
8:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight <i>Blockbuster sci-fi action about an inventor tasked with saving humanity from impending doom.</i>
10:40pm	Inconceivable
12:30am	It Comes at Night
2:15am	Numb
4:00am	Custody

## sky sports football

8:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
8:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	Football
5:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Icons: Falcao
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	Football
12:05am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
12:20am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
12:35am	Football's Greatest
1:00am	EFL Goals: Championship



# Catalan secondary effects

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

SPAIN has 17 autonomous regions but Cataluña, Cataluña, Cataluña fills the horizon and the media.

Even matters not directly related to Cataluña are influenced by it, for example the attraction of Ciudadanos (Cs)

for the voting public.

Young, pretty and articulate Ines Arrimadas managed to make Cs the most voted party in the Catalan elections, but instead was outnumbered by the two pro-independence parties in the regional parliament.

Had the PSOE and above all the Partido Popular not nosedived, Cataluña would have a Ciudadanos-led parliament by now, but while the two main parties emerged badly, Cs soars above them outside Cataluña.

The PSOE is still sorting itself out following the October 2016 debacle but the PP are now running scared and planning strategies and tactics to win back the public. It could all be in vain.

**POPULAR CANDIDATE: Ines Arrimadas is boosting support for Ciudadanos in Cataluña.**

The politically uncommitted, whose votes decide elections, resemble people who don't understand art 'but I know what I like.'

They don't understand politics, but also know what they like and that, at present, appears to be Ciudadanos, Albert Rivera and Ines Arrimadas.

## Accompaniment to a siren song

THE theory has been around for some time that the independence Proces was a smokescreen erected by CiU politicians to conceal corruption.

In a country where pots and kettles are equally black regarding corruption, this was a normal accusation. It was also a convenient theory for the PSOE with its ERE redundancy scandal in An-

dalucia and the Partido Popular with a list as long as your arm.

Of course there was corruption in Cataluña: think the Pujol family, think Artur Mas, think the juicy 3 per cent commission picked up on government contracts.

Of course the Proces towards independence deflected attention from corruption as endemic as Valencia's or Madrid's.

But it is wishful thinking to hope that the independence cause is only a magician's sleight of hand, prompting the public to look in one direction while deceiving them with the other.

Separatism grew wings in 2012 during Mariano Rajoy's first term in office when Madrid's immobility, coupled with inflexibility and total lack of empathy, provided a perfect accompaniment to the siren song of independence.

## Still on the sidelines

IÑIGO ERREJON is one of the Podemos founders but the party supreme Pablo Iglesias sidelined him a year ago. Errejon, too much of a challenge and toeing the party line with insufficient humility, was replaced as party spokesman by Irene Montero.

He is now visible again as he begins his campaign to dislodge the PP's Cristina Cifuentes.

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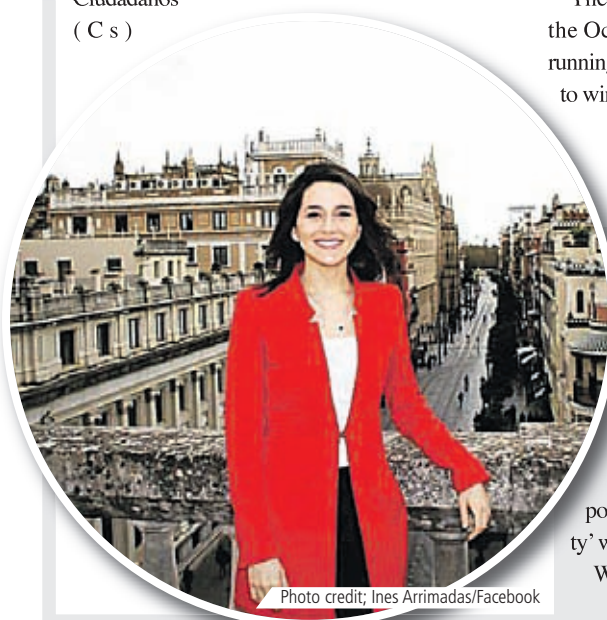


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## With me or against me

EURO MP Elena Valenciano would have been elected president of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats inside the European Parliament.

Instead Pedro Sanchez vetoed the proposal with weasel words about 'we want unity' without specifying the identity of the 'we.'

What he did not say, but everyone knew,

was that Valenciano backed Sanchez's arch-rival Susana Diaz in last year's primaries.

In his bid to make himself invulnerable Sanchez considers that anyone not with him is against him. This policy is reinforcing his position inside the party but doing very little for the PSOE's standing in the opinion polls and even less for his standing with women voters.

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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	A Place to Call Home
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Panorama
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
10:00pm	MasterChef
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Imagine...

## BBC TWO

7:00am	The Repair Shop
7:30am	Holding Back the Years
8:15am	The Sheriffs are Coming
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	Spy in the Wild
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	The Funeral Murders
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Treasures of the Indus
10:00pm	The Art of Spain
11:00pm	Mary Magdalene <i>Waldemar Januszczak explores the impact of Mary Magdalene's myth on art and artists.</i>
12:00am	Mothers, Murderers and Mistresses: Empresses of Ancient Rome
1:00am	Treasures of Ancient Greece
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Simon Bates presents the weekly pop chart show, first broadcast on 6th May 1982.</i>
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	A History of Art in Three Colours
4:00am	The Art of Spain

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:05am	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	Star Boot Sale
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Electric Dreams
12:05am	One Killer Punch
1:05am	Seven Year Switch
2:00am	One Born Every Minute

## CHANNEL 5

6:10am	HouseBusters
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
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	A Deadly Affair
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	Armed and Deadly: Police UK
12:00am	The X Files
1:00am	Traffic Cops
1:55am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
2:15am	Super Casino

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks
7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
8:30am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	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
2:05am	Five Star Hotel

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live ICC Wc Qualifier
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	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
4:15am	WWE From the Vault
4:30am	WWE From the Vault
4:45am	WWE From the Vault
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Kyle Files
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Marcella
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:50pm	100 Years Younger in 21 Days
12:45am	The Kyle Files
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:55am	ITV Nightscreen

## itv2

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

## itv3

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 <i>Stan and Jack are told to cover for a sick colleague on Christmas Eve.</i>
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	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:00am	Scott and Bailey
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	Goals of the 80's <i>Some of the greatest goals scored in the 1980s.</i>
7:10am	Pawn Stars
7:35am	Pawn Stars
8:00am	The Protectors <i>Series about a crime-fighting team.</i>
8:35am	Ironside
9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:50am	The Saint
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	Ironside
3:00pm	Quincy, M.E.
4:00pm	Minder
5:05pm	The Saint
6:10pm	The Avengers
7:15pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:00am	Born to Raise Hell
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Born to Raise Hell
2:05am	Fifth Gear
2:55am	Minder
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:00am	The Adjustment Bureau
1:00pm	The Great Wall
3:00pm	Green Zone
5:00pm	The Bourne Identity
7:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy
9:00pm	The Great Wall
11:00pm	Green Zone
1:00am	The Bourne Identity
3:15am	The Adjustment Bureau
5:15am	Titan A.E.

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:45am	27 Dresses
11:45am	Any Which Way You Can
1:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
2:05pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:55pm	Sausage Party
5:35pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
7:10pm	Drillbit Taylor
9:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
11:00pm	Sausage Party

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Monster Family: Special
6:30am	Black Panther: Special
7:00am	Wheeler
8:45am	Numb
10:30am	Transformers: The Last Knight <i>Blockbuster sci-fi action about an inventor tasked with saving humanity from impending doom.</i>
1:10pm	Jasper Jones
3:10pm	It Comes at Night
5:00pm	Inconceivable
7:00pm	Jasper Jones
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight <i>Blockbuster sci-fi action about an inventor tasked with saving humanity from impending doom.</i>
11:40pm	It Comes at Night
1:15am	Inconceivable
3:05am	Numb
4:40am	Custody

## sky sports football

9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
3:10pm	Football
5:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
6:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga Files
7:45pm	La Liga Icons
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	MLS Round Up Show





**TV COUCH  
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

LET'S start this week with a nod to the tribute to Sir Bruce Forsyth on BBC 1, last Sunday. An artist pal who knows a thing about 'the business' ('hola' from España, Ian) would have been thrilled that Sir Bruce was remembered at the London Palladium. Ian has given many performances at the Palladium and like Sir Bruce, loves this special venue.

It was a lovely touch to have Tess Daly host the tribute, with just the right amount of respect and celebration. Stage and screen stars came out to pay homage and quite right too, but for me Lady Forsyth stole the evening. Bruce's wife is grace personified, you did him proud Wilnelia.

Thursday nights on BBC 1 look to be more interesting with the next instalments of two comedy shows which prove good writing can keep tried and tested formats fresh and current.

Firstly, Lee Mack and Sally Bretton are back for series nine of *Not Going Out*.

Episode one saw Lee mowing his parents-in-law's artificial lawn. When he asks Lucy (Sally Bretton) how it would look if they just said foxes did it, her reply 'like a John Lewis Christmas advert' was a true gem. The supporting cast are on point too, so this is one to watch.

# 'He really did do well, didn't he'



Photo credits BBC

**HOMAGE TO A LEGEND: Bruce Forsyth and (inset) wife Wilnelia speaks during his tribute show.**

Immediately following *Not Going Out*, *Still Game* returns to lighten the Thursday night mood even further. Regular readers might remember that I know a thing or two about all things Scottish and yes, I might even have enjoyed a dram in *The Clansman*, but this is lovely TV in the best comedy traditions. There are some less than politically correct references and some of the humour is too honest for some viewers, but you've guessed, I love it.

Ford Kiernan (Jack) and Greg Hemphill (Victor) are wonderful and supported by a great cast, including Jane Drennan as Isa. If you don't know the show (you should get to know it,

quickly) think 'Only Fools and Horses,' but in Glasgow and you are some of the way there.

Two shows to look back on are the 'Winter Paralympic' opening ceremony and the 'Crufts Final.' Channel 4 served up both and did a much better job than the 'didn't that used to be us' BBC. I continue to be blown away by the Winter Olympians and although I was surprised by how small the Paralympic teams are, I thought the opening ceremony was wonderful.

Now to the 'Crufts Final.' Channel 4 did a good job with their coverage. They mixed the usual search for doggie perfection with exceptional stories of how our canine friends act as



**'LOVELY TV': Still Game.**

support dogs and demonstrate agility and intellect some human-kind folk would be proud of.

The final was, very briefly, interrupted by demonstrators who take issue with the Kennel Club's search for perfection in each Breed, Group and ultimately in the Champion. I'm not going over the arguments here, but I will say that I get a warm glow thinking of the difference some of the dogs made to their human friend's lives and I thank them for it.

Looking forward, Toby Anstis is searching for an Ibiza bolthole via *A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun*, Channel 4, Saturday. He has a healthy budget and Laura Hamilton to help him.

Sunday sees Leicester City take on Chelsea in the last of the FA Cup games this weekend. Gary Lineker is hosting the BBC 1 coverage. I'm not saying where my vote goes on this one... Happy viewing.

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11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	This Country
12:10am	Rehab: Addicted Lives
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:00am	Flog It!
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	Coast
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11:25pm	The Archeologists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Gareth Thomas' Silver Skydivers for Sport Relief
1:15am	MasterChef

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Secret Knowledge
9:00pm	Immortal Egypt with Joann Fletcher <i>explains how Ancient Egypt's extraordinary story fits together.</i>
10:00pm	Madame Tussaud: A Legend in Wax
11:00pm	The Prosecutors: Real Crime and Punishment
12:00am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
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**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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12:20am	Before We Die
1:30am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:20am	The Supervet
3:20am	Scruffts: Britain's Favourite Dog

**CHANNEL 5**

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	HouseBusters
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
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4:20pm	Dead Over Heels: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery
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7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Elizabeth: Our Queen
9:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
10:00pm	Wild Britain
11:00pm	The Expendables 3
1:20am	Weather Terror: Lightning Strike
2:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Cowboy Builders
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble

**4**

7:00am	Hollyoaks
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7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Live ICC Wc Qualifier
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	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight <i>Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.</i>
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	100 Year Old Driving School
9:00pm	The World's Ugliest Pets
10:00pm	100 Years Younger in 21 Days
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	The Cruise: Voyage to Alaska
12:10am	Four Days That Shook Britain
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women

**itv2**

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
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
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1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Paul
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Paul
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

**itv3**

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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
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4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
8:00am	The Chase
9:00am	Ironsides <i>Detective drama series featuring wheelchair-using cop Robert Ironside</i>
10:00am	Quincy, M.E.
11:05am	Minder <i>Comedy drama series. Arthur attempts to do a deal with Tony Benson and his new nightclub.</i>
12:10pm	The Saint
1:15pm	Storage Wars
1:45pm	Snooker
6:00pm	Goals of the 90's <i>Some of the greatest goals scored in the 1990s.</i>
6:15pm	The Avengers
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12:00am	Jaws 4: The Revenge
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4:50pm	Love Actually
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9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	Date Night
12:20am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:00am	The Blues Brothers
4:20am	Almost Christmas

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

6:30am	Monster Family: Special
7:00am	Inconceivable
9:00am	Jasper Jones
10:50am	It Comes at Night <i>In the aftermath of a deadly plague one desperate family agrees to shelter another, but can they be trusted?</i>
12:30pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
3:10pm	Eat Locals
5:00pm	Jasper Jones <i>Australian coming-of-age tale starring Levi Miller (Pan) as a bookish teen who finds himself investigating the death of a local girl.</i>
7:00pm	Inconceivable
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
11:40pm	Eat Locals
1:20am	It Comes at Night
3:00am	Custody
4:50am	Numb

**sky sports football**

3:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
3:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:30pm	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
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8:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:30pm	Football Countdowns
9:00pm	Eredivisie Playoff Final Highlights
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	MLS Round Up Show
12:30am	La Liga Icons



# If help is just a tantrum away

When a call centre tells you how important your call is but acts as though it isn't, there are other options, suggests Terence Kennedy

## TECH FOR THE TIMID



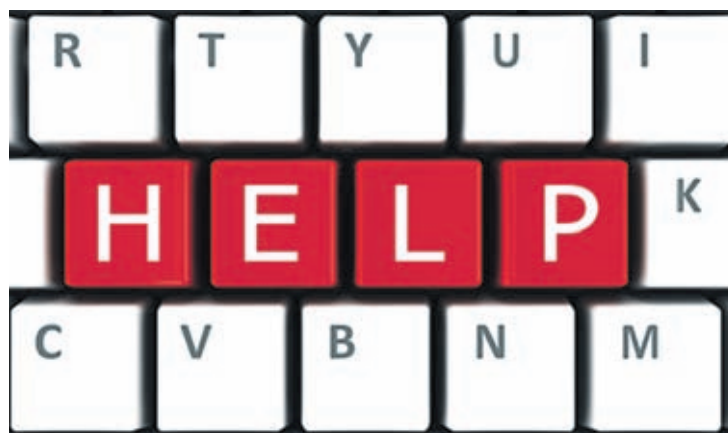
SUCH a nice man phoned from 'Windows' in India the other day, offering to fix a problem my computer didn't have.

Like growing numbers of scam-resisters with a nasty streak, I strung him along happily for nearly half an hour before he finally slammed down the receiver with, I presume, a cheery wave of the fist.

There are of course real support people out there doing sterling work for those who need help when tech goes wrong or ain't quite right.

Not that the firms that have taken our money for a product with the offer of support always make it easy to get it. An hour on hold while being Vivaldi'd into a coma by customer service is enough to unhinge the sanest of us.

So what to do when your shiny new toy refuses to cooperate, your



**SUPPORT:** Press one if you're rational.

software turns hard or the gadget supposed to change your life won't even let you change its batteries?

Yes you could phone a friend, as the quiz show has it, or even an (expensive) independent technician. Or indeed customer support.

But there's another way. These days there's pretty much an online forum for everything, peopled by kindred souls ready to give their

time and expertise freely to those using your very same products or services.

Buy technology and if it goes wrong (or even if it doesn't), why not sign up for the user forum that's sure to exist for it? Simply Google the name of your product and add the word 'forum' after it, and you'll be gob-stoppered at what pops up.

The other day I struggled to

mount a memory chip in my computer. Within minutes YouTube had served me up a dozen useful videos, job done.

Trust me, whatever has happened to you with your product has happened to dozens, even hundreds of others, so why would you tear your hair out trying to reinvent that wheel?

And at least you will never suffer the indignity inflicted so famously on one hapless customer, unable to get her new computer up and running despite nearly an hour online with the call centre assistant.

Finally he asked her if she still had the box the computer came in. She did.

"Here's what you do," he instructed. "You pack it all back in the box, take it back to the store and tell them they should refund your money, because you are simply too stupid to own a computer."

He was of course fired.

## Forum fitting

TYPE 'Windows 10 forum' into a search box and good luck with the 22 million results.

Forums linked to product manufacturers are often a safe start. IBM, Dell, Firefox, Adobe and thousands of others all endorse forums linked to their products. Their own support staff may even visit these sites and sometimes help out.

Their help is always free. As with my friend from 'Windows India', if money is mentioned a rodent should be smelled.

Once you get a taste for being part of a dedicated online community, who knows what other heights you may reach?

There are forums for geeks, forums for fans, forums for feminists, even forums for those who like joining forums.

I did however draw the line at signing up for one I stumbled across last week: [www.icechewing.com](http://www.icechewing.com).

# Clipping the wings, thrills and spills of no frills airlines

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*Breaking Views*

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THE announcement that British Airways seats are to shrink in order to squeeze more passengers into economy rows on some aircraft is just the latest in a series of changes at the beleaguered airline, struggling to compete with budget rivals.

In January 2017, BA stopped free food on short haul flights. The following March it announced it was reducing legroom from 30 inches to 29 inches on some aircraft.

However, it was forced to reintroduce a second hot meal and free snacks on long haul flights after customer uproar when they were removed. Alex

Cruz, brought in from budget airline Vueling to cut costs, admitted 'mistakes had been made'.

In 2015, BA was voted number 20 on the Skytrax customer survey. By 2016, it had fallen to 25 and in 2017 fell to 40, worse than Garuda and Aeroflot. I mean, how much further does the former 'world's favourite airline' have to fall?

Three years ago easyJet celebrated 20 years as arguably everyone's favourite no frills airline, with Norwegian hot on its heels.

But it's Ryanair - without CEO Michael O'Leary fronting it - that's the more surprising.

In the past I've avoided it,

**RYANAIR:** On the up?

only using it if no alternative in terms of timing or destination. However, having recently returned to Spain courtesy of Ryanair (again, no alternative), I was amazed at the change.

Those of you familiar with Ryanair will recall the bad old days: the no frills flights but with all the usual trimmings.

The non-stop hard sell from the moment

you boarded to the moment you disembarked: scratch cards, duty-free goods, snacks, rail tickets, babies from east European orphanages. I made the last bit up but you get the message.

Finally, at this time of year with Easter just ahead, air travel's doubtless in many people's minds. But have you also given a thought to Easter trees? Apparently, retailers

don't want the seasonal decorating craze to end at Christmas. One major retailer's already reported a 22 per cent rise in sales of Easter baubles this year, featuring chicks, rabbits, sheep, butterflies... Whatever next? 'Summer' trees?

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11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55am	First Dates

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Netball
9:55am	My Icon
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
2:00pm	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
3:00pm	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
4:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Miami
7:00pm	Info not available
1:00am	Cricket
1:15am	Cricket <i>A look at some of the best moments from the world of cricket.</i>

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:45pm	Easyjet: Inside the Cockpit
12:45am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
1:35am	Stuck on You
2:25am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

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	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	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	Hell's Kitchen.
11:55pm	Family Guy.
1:25am	American Dad!
1:50am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat <i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>
12:00am	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
9:00am	Ironsides
10:00am	Quincy, M.E.
11:05am	Minder
12:10pm	The Saint
1:15pm	Storage Wars
1:45pm	Snooker <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>
6:00pm	Barcleona's European Glory
6:15pm	The Avengers
7:15pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker <i>Coverage and reaction from the latest Snooker event taking place.</i>
12:00am	Lethal Weapon <i>US drama series based on the film franchise.</i>
12:55am	Hornblower
3:00am	Quincy, M.E.
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	Superman 2
9:15am	Superman III
11:25am	Iron Man 3
1:40pm	Logan
4:00pm	Superman Returns
6:45pm	Iron Man 3
9:00pm	Logan
11:30pm	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
1:30am	Superman 2
3:45am	Superman III
8:05am	Splash
10:00am	Miss Congeniality
12:00pm	Non-Transferable
1:30pm	Get Him to the Greek
3:30pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:25pm	Calendar Girls
7:20pm	Big Daddy
9:00pm	Get Him to the Greek
11:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
12:50am	Coming to America
2:50am	Eddie Murphy: Raw
4:35am	Tyler Perry's Boo! a Madea Halloween

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Jasper Jones
8:55am	Monster Family: Special
9:25am	Eat Locals
11:15am	My Feral Heart
12:45pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
3:25pm	Jasper Jones
5:25pm	Inconceivable
7:25pm	My Feral Heart
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
11:40pm	Eat Locals
1:20am	It Comes at Night <i>In the aftermath of a deadly plague one desperate family agrees to shelter another, but can they be trusted?</i>
3:00am	Numb
4:40am	Inconceivable <i>A married couple hire a young mother to work as their live-in nanny, but is she who she claims to be?</i>

**sky sports football**

10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
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 Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Football Years Countdowns
8:30pm	Football Countdowns
9:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	La Liga World
10:00pm	Eredivisie
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga Icons: Zidane
12:15am	La Liga Icons



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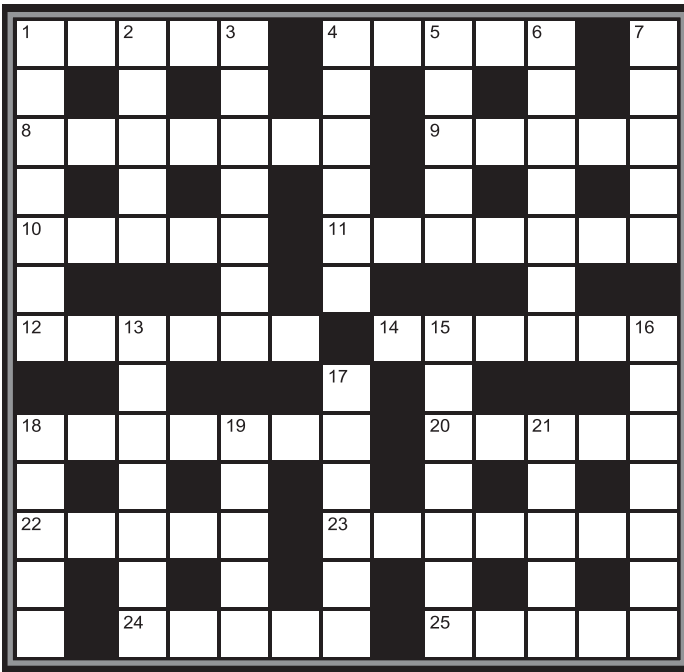


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**Cryptic**

**Across**

- 1 Girl in difficulties, asks us and agrees (5)
- 4 Insensitive fool after credit (5)
- 8 Custodian's organised car tour (7)
- 9 Inexperienced bowler's environment (5)
- 10 Burning coal in Nuremberg (5)
- 11 Reds ran about, running these? (7)
- 12 Leisurely walk with small Scandinavian goblin (6)
- 14 Sea creature from urban renewal rush hour (6)
- 18 Stew made from pet goat (7)
- 20 Black is black in retail event (5)
- 22 Money from writer before church (5)
- 23 Smoothing things out at the end of the day (7)
- 24 Good man gets beer, but it's flat (5)
- 25 Old Testament character, New Testament incident (5)

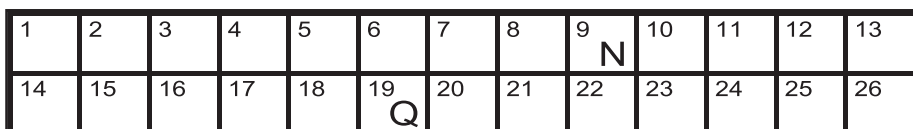
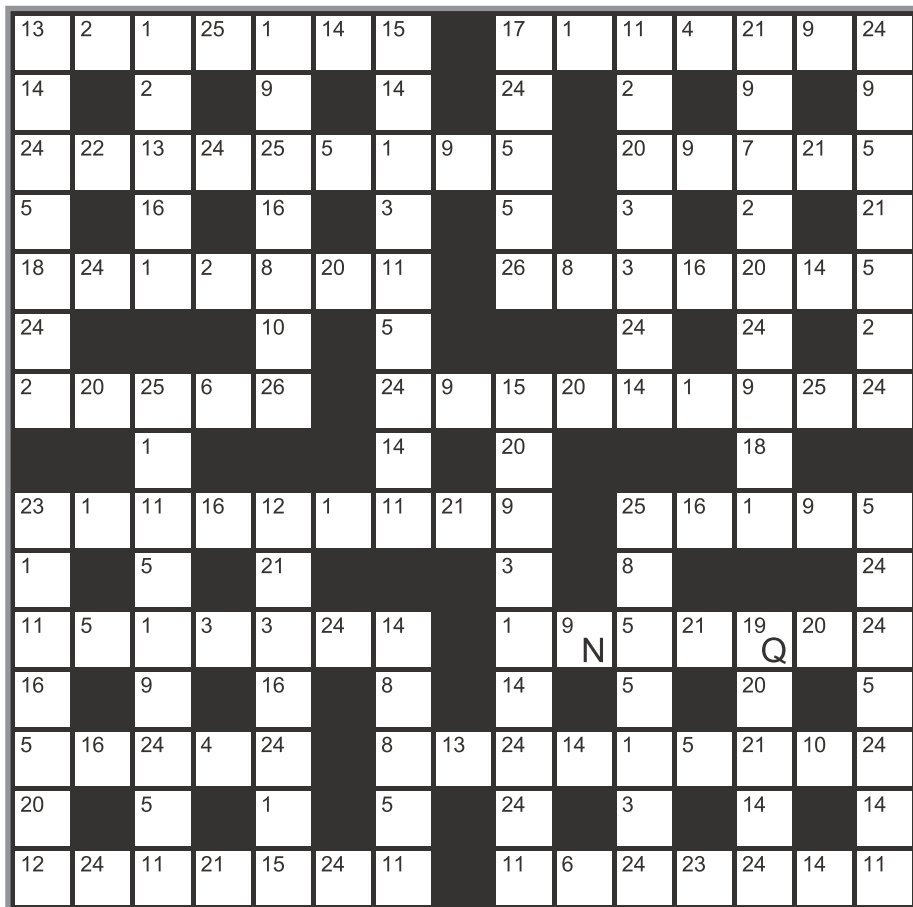


**Down**

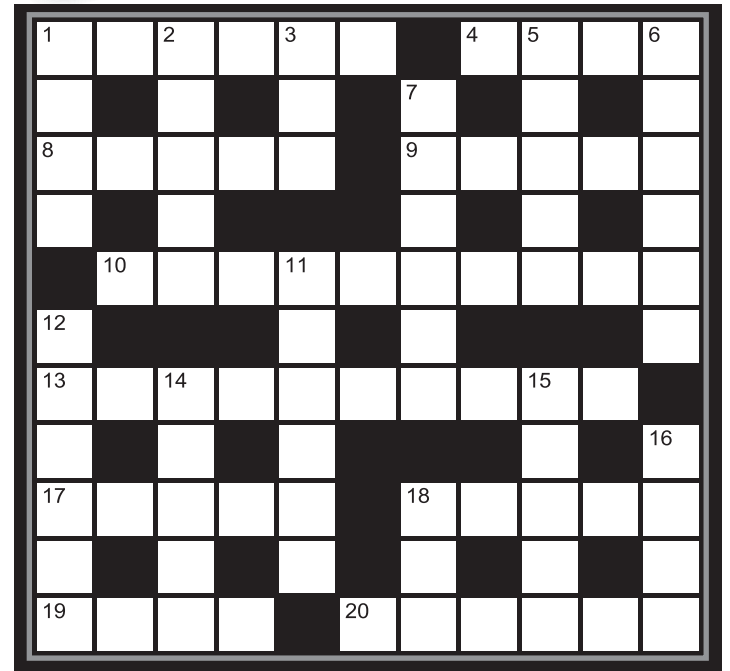
- 1 Bags naughty cheat on board (7)
- 2 Scour the bush country (5)
- 3 Unspoilt old city in South African region (7)
- 4 No care damaged part of eye (6)
- 5 Free range is a deadly sin (5)
- 6 Characters in sinister nerve agent plot are more relentless (7)
- 7 Britain finishes diver's problem (5)
- 13 Grades given to sailors (7)
- 15 Simple saint before getting crown of gold (7)
- 16 Dexterity is an insult, so we hear (7)
- 17 Creed moved east in retreat (6)
- 18 Student one may see through (5)
- 19 Some mistake lawyer for pack leader (5)
- 21 Cheese containing initially banned sweetener (5)

**Code Breaker**

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 9 represents N and 19 represents Q, so fill in N every time the figure 9 appears and Q 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**

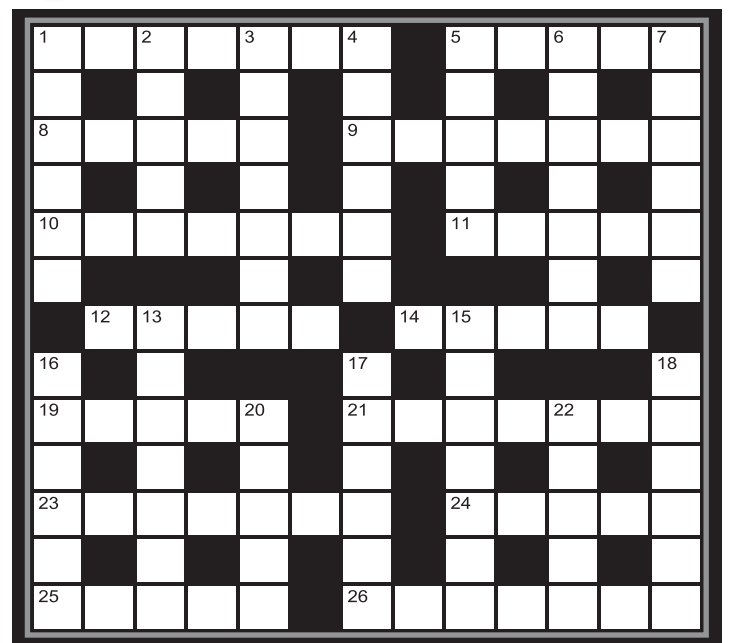
- 1 Safe (6)
- 4 Counterfeit (4)
- 8 Make fit or suitable (5)
- 9 Red, green or yellow fruit (5)
- 10 Lawful (10)
- 13 Help (10)
- 17 State of extreme confusion and disorder (5)
- 18 Body excluding the head and neck and limbs (5)
- 19 Falsehoods (4)
- 20 Make up one's mind (6)

**Down**

- 1 Adult male deer (4)
- 2 Desist from (5)
- 3 Long tailed rodent (3)
- 5 First letter of Greek alphabet (5)
- 6 Number of players in a cricket team (6)
- 7 Mexican foodstuff (6)
- 11 Beg persistently and urgently (6)
- 12 Annul or suppress (6)
- 14 Animal trap (5)
- 15 Welsh breed of dog (5)
- 16 Centre of 9 Across (4)
- 18 Bind (3)

**English - Spanish**

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



**Across**

- 1 Back (of person) (7)
- 5 Cangrejos (de mar) (5)
- 8 Able (capable) (5)
- 9 Terrace (patio, verandah) (7)
- 10 To show (7)
- 11 Saint (5)
- 12 Margarita (flor) (5)
- 14 Décimo (5)
- 19 Nickname (5)
- 21 Clothes shop (7)
- 23 By plane (2,5)
- 24 To taste (5)
- 25 De nuevo (5)
- 26 Respuestas (a preguntas, en examen, test) (7)

**Down**

- 1 Above (6)
- 2 Tuberías (5)
- 3 Lagartos (7)
- 4 Height (6)
- 5 Faces (body parts) (5)
- 6 En contra de (7)
- 7 Estación (parte del año) (6)
- 13 Lawyer (f) (7)
- 15 Handcuffs (7)
- 16 Flowerpot (6)
- 17 Press (newspapers) (6)
- 18 Goats (6)
- 20 Cebolla (5)
- 22 Oak (tree) (5)

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## LOTTERY

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**  
Saturday March 10

3 7 36 **BONUS BALL**  
42 53 59 50

**IRISH LOTTO**  
Saturday March 10

12 27 30 **BONUS BALL**  
33 38 40 34

**EURO MILLIONS**  
Tuesday March 06

15 20 26 **BONUS BALL**  
31 44 9 2

Friday March 09

9 14 21 **BONUS BALL**  
32 44 12 1

EL MILLON: ZKK25877

**LA PRIMITIVA**  
Thursday March 08

2 9 12 **BONUS BALL**  
15 26 31 0 16

JOKER: 5 986 378

Saturday March 10

4 18 20 **BONUS BALL**  
25 30 49 0 16

JOKER: 6 041 319

**EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA**  
Sunday March 11

4 9 31 **BONUS BALL**  
37 48 6

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

More than one possibility presents itself in connection with a problem. A foreign visit or visitor figures highly in plans and solutions. A change in someone close is brought to your attention. Get people talking to make real progress. Some may be inclined to put their head in the sand but not you.

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

May we consider for a moment what you thought that you would be doing, right now, five years ago? Yes, do you see what I mean? Breaking away from an old habit could be the best thing that you have done for a long time.

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

A date on your calendar draws near. It seems less important than it did and you may be tempted to cancel. Think twice. The question of who to go on holiday with comes up and someone is keen to tie you down. Keep options open because things this week are changeable, indeed. An unexpected phone call brings surprise news.

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

Taking a step back from the activity appeals right now. After an active time, energy needs building up. Basking in someone's glory shows you just how things could be. Give a new relationship more of a chance to grow. The avenues this person can open up to you will put a twinkle in your eye and a blush on your cheek.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

An opportunity to do something socially arises. It is not earth shattering, but could have a great long-term impact. Others seem to have confidence in you and enjoy your company this week. Having been given the chance to show what you are really capable of, allow your talents to show through.

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

The strong urge to make physical contact with someone leads to a bit of bother. Not that there is anything wrong with a few hugs and kisses. It is the person or the timing that could be wrong. Love of something beautiful may lead to overspending.

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

A new start with someone, socially, shows great promise. Consider what you want to get rid of in your life and plan how to approach the task. A bit of military precision goes down well. Cast your net wide. It may be necessary to invest in a few theatre tickets or a weekend away.

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

The past has been kind to you but also unkind. It is the same for most of us, so don't think that you have been singled out for a bumpy ride. Be aware that basing a decision made this week on what happened a long time ago could be a mistake. Take things one step at a time and ask lots of questions.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

Should things go absolutely perfectly for you this week, then I would eat my hat. I don't usually wear one but would go to a charity shop immediately. Rolling round in your mind is the thought that, just as things start to go well, another problem crops up.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

At some time in the future you may look back on this week and ask yourself, 'Why didn't I do that?' Let me help you to see the possibilities. The emphasis is firmly on your social life and someone special is about to step into it. Is the answer in online dating?

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

Social life is squeezed because of business commitments. As you are a people person, there will be fun and times out aplenty this week. Burning the candle at both ends works for a while and there is the chance to meet someone that you admire.

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

Feeling really balanced and calm? Being aware that you have full knowledge of a situation is good, isn't it? Absolutely anyone could snap at you this week and have no success at all in upsetting you. To say that the period is tranquil is an understatement.

### Kakuro

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



### Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case N) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



**TARGET:**

- Average: 9
- Very good: 17
- Good: 12
- Excellent: 22

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

herd hero hoed hoer hone hong horn hour hued huge hung  
dough henry heron honed honey horde horny hound hunger  
hydro rough dehorn doughy enough horned hoyden hunger  
hungry rehung roughed hydrogen GREYHOUND

### 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

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

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

#### ENGLISH-SPANISH

##### Across:

- Cesped, 4 Llorar, 9 Lilac,
- Lentils, 11 Entonces, 12 Obey,
- Ticket, 16 Earwig, 19 Bite,
- 20 Regresar, 23 Cartero, 24 Lucha,
- 25 Eneldo, 26 Nobody.

##### Down:

- Coldest, 2 Split, 3 Encender,
- Leña, 6 Rainbow, 7 Rusty, 8 Flies,
- Ladrillo, 15 Catorce, 17 Germany,
- 18 Veloz, 19 Bache, 21 Sacro,
- 22 Bend.

#### CRYPTIC

##### Across:

- Sack, 3 Las vegas, 8 Teacher,
- 9 Spoor, 10 Pilot, 11 Praised,
- 12 Poncho, 13 Plates, 16 Costume,
- 18 Orion, 20 Usage, 21 Coronet,
- 22 Elevates, 23 Grid.

##### Down:

- Setup, 2 Chaplin, 4 Abrupt,
- 5 Gloss, 6 Strides, 7 White house,
- 9 Small hours, 12 Picture,
- 14 Thinner, 15 Rescue, 17 Spate,
- 19 Noted.

#### QUICK

##### Across:

- Petticoat, 6 Lingo, 7 Tepid, 9 Ale,
- 10 Sincere, 11 Private, 14 Urn, 16 Ahead,
- 17 Twice, 18 Odourless.

##### Down:

- Polka, 2 Tangerine, 3 Irons, 4 Often,
- 5 Dodge, 8 Prejudice, 11 Piano, 12 Audio,
- 13 Enter, 15 Needs.

#### CODE BREAKER

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

#### KAKURO

	5	1				
	1	6	3	2	4	
	4	5	1	6	3	
	3	2	4	5	1	
	2	3	6	1	5	
					3	2

## QUIZ: WINE LOVERS

- According to Genesis 9:20 which Hebrew patriarch 'began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard'?
- From which Italian island does marsala, the dark, sweet fortified dessert wine that resembles sherry, originally come?
- In Roy Clarke's long running TV sitcom Last of the Summer Wine, what was the nickname of the mischievous and impulsive character William Simmonite?
- In which country is the wine growing region of Barossa Valley located?
- What is the meaning of the Latin phrase 'in vino veritas'?
- What name is given to the science and study of wine and winemaking?

- Which group topped the UK singles charts in 1983 with Neil Diamond's Red Red Wine?
- Which of these wine varieties is the odd one out: (a) Cabernet sauvignon, (b) Chablis, (c) Merlot or (d) Shiraz?
- Which tall narrow wineglass shares its name with a high-pitched woodwind instrument?
- Written by Jeremy Paul, Leslie Stewart and Keith Strachan for a musical called Scraps, what was the title of the 1988 Christmas number one hit single for Cliff Richard?

Not a lot of people know that... according to the Wine Institute, more wine is drunk per person in the Vatican City than in any other country in the world.

#### Answers:

- NOAH, 2. SICILY, 3. COMPO,
- AUSTRALIA (South Australia),
- TRUTH IN WINE - UNDER
- THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL,
- A PERSON TELLS THE TRUTH,
- OENOLOGY, as distinct from
- VITICULTURE, which is the
- agricultural endeavours of vine-
- growing and of grape-harvesting,
7. UB40, 8. CHABLIS, 9. FLUTE,
10. MISTLETOE AND WINE



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## A warning about another scam to steal from visitors

I AM writing in the hope that you can warn people about a new con which cost my partner and I money. We were on our way back from Caleta to Torre del Mar and were walking along the sea front when we stopped to look at a property that has fallen into disrepair

Suddenly there was a splash and we had both been splattered by what we thought was seagull poo.

Within a few seconds a man who was very well dressed appeared on the scene with a bottle of water in his hand and offered to help us clean up.

He also had some tissues and helped to clean the disgusting mess off then leaving after about five minutes before we could thank him properly.

We then went to a local supermarket where we paid by credit card, but when we got back to the apartment discovered that all €70 in cash had disappeared from Colin's pocket and clearly the whole thing had been set up by this unscrupulous person, so be warned!

Marie and Colin Cooper,  
Torre del Mar

### European Press you got it wrong

WE read newspapers in four languages and enjoy yours for local news. But folks if you're going to print it get it right!

P38 European Press, Olympics the Netherlands ... incorrect!

We won 20 medals and we were fifth on the medal ranking list! Little Holland ... 17 million inhabitants. Ninety countries took part. We won eight gold, six silver and six bronze medals (where was the UK?)

However keep up the good work and we will keep on 'reading you.'

PS. Correction please next week.

PPS. In future I will also read your German and Belgium reports.

Karin, Javea



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### Dutch Winter Olympics Medal Winners.

**Editor's note:** Karin thank you for your comments. There is a slight misunderstanding as the European Press page just gives snapshots of what was in different papers during the previous week. At that time, the Winter Olympics were still in progress and we simply reported that the Netherlands had just won two medals and of course the team went on to much greater things.

## Changing lanes

IT must be embarrassing to discover after 56 years that: 'When you change lanes, the others have right of way.'

It does not matter if the road goes up or down or in circles, also called roundabouts because when you change lanes, the others have right of way. At least in Europe and other places where one drives on our side of the roads.

It was probably easier when one had only one lane in and one out from the roundabouts as we did in the 50's. Then we let the centripetal force rule.

Guillermo Ryberg

## Roundabout review

GOOD DAY to you all.

Like Barry J Clark, I too was a driving instructor for a time in Sydney, Australia and I refer back to Barry's comments on the use of roundabouts here in Spain.

My partner's 19-year-old son recently enrolled in a driving school in Palma... I took a look at his highway code study book which is quite impressively detailed... except for one subject... there are NO, Nada pages describing the rules of a roundabout.

Is it a wonder why there is confusion leading to near misses and accidents in this area?

Chris Disney, Palma

## Trust Leapy

TRY as I might I can find nothing to be offended about in your article this week, but I'm betting you will get a deluge of complaints from those who can (and want to). Well done mate, someone has to say these things because it is all 'emperor's new clothes' in the PC world that the UK is turning into at the moment.

If someone wrote your column in the UK there would be questions in parliament and MPs calling for you to be sacked for proffering such appalling opinions. A bandwagon would be set rolling, everyone would feel obliged to jump on it, and in no time at all there would be another nail in the coffin of free speech.

Angus Silvie

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## Police find body of missing boy

So very sad to read this - I had been hoping all this time that he would be found safe and well. So sorry for the parents and grandmother, rest in peace little one.

Gillian Evans

How can anyone be so evil as to harm an innocent child... This is heartbreaking... I was hoping for a safe return. Sweet Gabriel .

Polly Anna

Just so so sad. RIP baby. How anyone could hurt a baby/child is beyond me. Just heartbreaking.

Wendy Dickeson

### Does Benidorm need a break?

Very sad, but I think it's come to its end now. The humour is desperate, the scripts more and more ridiculous. It's a shame because it was really entertaining in the beginning and had a great cast. But the minute that guy started dressing as a woman I lost interest, it just wasn't funny anymore.

Jan Andersen-Page

Hasn't been the same since the Garveys left. Went downhill with the new characters!!

Jade Hamilton

## Comments from EWN online

NOOOOO!!!! Leave Benidorm alone. I still love it. I do miss the Garveys though.

Catherine McGlone

### Men jailed over death of homeless Brit

This story makes me feel sick to my stomach. They actually murdered this poor helpless individual. A two/half year prison sentence is a joke. How can anyone do such an evil act?

Jay Ellis

Not long enough jail time! Regardless of him having a drink problem, and his lifestyle, how can anyone be so cruel? Hopefully karma will catch them!

Lesley Molloy

Who has plastic ties big enough to do this on their person, sounds to me they were up to no good looking to humiliate someone and their victim wasn't in a fit state to fight them

off, three to one what a dam sin no one deserves this.

Marie Ross Main

Why did they only get such short sentences? They in fact killed this poor man, how low can you get?

Gill Reynolds

### TOWIE swaps Marbella for Barcelona

Glad they are moving on I wish they would get rid - overrated thick people.

Elaine Khodhir

Thank the Lord... but Barcelona, really all the culture of the fabulous city will be wasted on these vacuous vile people. Can they just drop this rubbish?

Julie Wilkinson

### O'Leary threatens to ground planes

The answer is obvious - do NOT book any flights with Ryanair, then he won't have to bother cancelling flights, because there won't be any passengers to transport, and nobody will be inconvenienced! See how long his business lasts.

Phil Murphy



**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



# Room at the Top at the Corinthia London

THERE are many astonishing hotels in the world, in an occasional series I will look at Rooms at the Top. Not necessarily the top as in height above sea level, indeed many are at sea level, but rather the spectacular offer to the guest.

One such is the Corinthia London. Located south of Trafalgar Square on Whitehall Place on the fringe of Clubland and a short walk from royal parks and palaces, the processional route from Palace to St Paul's Cathedral passes close by, as well as the vibrant theatre district. The Corinthia London is a relative newcomer to the capital first opening in 2011, then rapidly accumulating recognition and awards confirming its status as a Flagship hotel of Corinthia Hotels, a Malta domiciled international luxury hotel company.

The Corinthia London offers 294 rooms including 36 suites and seven penthouses, as well as several world class restaurants and bars and a spectacular Spa to luxuriate in when not sampling all that the West End of London has to offer. The outfitting is elegant, even glorious, with furnishings of unsurpassed quality, attention to detail as well as a service culture that not only offers guests original artwork on the walls but chandeliers suspended from ceilings to achieve a level of glamour, even of grandeur.

A truly luxurious aspect to the Corinthia London is the space to truly breathe that the hotel offers its guests. Not only in the public spaces



**ELEGANT:** Writer's Penthouse Double Height Lounge, Corinthia Hotel.



**OPULENT:** A River Suite Bedroom at the Corinthia Hotel.



**MAGNIFICENT:** Victorian Belle Epoch exterior of the Corinthia Hotel London.

which are generous yet with private dining rooms and meeting spaces that bring the opportunity for secluded conversations, but also the guest's rooms. At the most accessible the Deluxe rooms offer an average of 32 to 39 square metres, rising in acreage with the Suites to an average of 46 to

86 square metres. While the Penthouses, each of which is uniquely themed; each has its own private staircase and in some cases its own lift, offer from 100 square metres rising to the Royal Penthouse at 456 square metres. Many with double height ceilings, the rooms are quite probably the

most extravagant in terms of space in the whole of the capital.

The Corinthia Hotel London offers afternoon teas in her lounges and garden courtyards but does not have iconic status in London, it soon will.

## Travel

# Elche: a city of variety

ELCHE, and its predecessor La Alcedia, was settled by the Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Goths and Moors. So it is safe to say that the city has some history.

But the city offers far more than museums, in fact, part of its appeal is its variety.

The coastal location provides the obligatory beach attraction but there are cultural options aplenty for those looking for a more sophisticated experience.

Perhaps the most notable is the Basilica of Santa Maria, an impressive, Arabic-looking structure well worth a visit. Another must for architecture is the Torre de la Calahorra.

If greenery is your thing then the Palm Grove of Elche should be right up your garden path, having been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000.

Twinned with six towns - including Toulouse in France - Elche is within striking distance of Alicante,



**PALM GROVE:** Elche boasts a Unesco World Heritage Site.

for those who want the allure of one of Spain's largest cities. Elche should be easily big enough for all travel needs and boasts a number of top restaurants and hotels.

The local football team, Elche CF,

were in the top tier of Spanish football until last year, but could make a return to La Liga in the coming seasons, giving football fans the chance to see giants like Real Madrid or Barcelona in quaint surroundings.

## Alicante is an ideal tourist base

TORREVIEJA is not the destination at the top of many travellers' lists in Spain.

However, the city makes for an ideal base from which to see a number of quaint, charming villages and popular beach spots.

The waterfront promenade, lined with palm trees and Spaniards out for a stroll, comes alive in the evenings. Buskers and merchandise sellers add spirit to a number of endearing bench-based monuments, while the lively restaurant culture adds to the homely feel.

The real draw, though, is the sea view - particularly at sunset - and the ice cream vendors who serve all manner of flavours, from the exotic to the traditional.

Another tourist favourite is the go-karting just outside of town.

Though the city is not particularly authentic, or much different to other tourist-filled seaside towns, what is impressive is the number of nearby locations that you can day trip to.

With relatively cheap accommodation on offer, tourists can see the delights of countless local beaches. Try the quiet Lomas de Cabo-Roig or Punta Prima, wave-filled Guardamar, or popular sand and sun-filled La Zenia.

Nearby Spanish towns are also worth a visit for travellers after a more authentic experience.



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**SEEDY BUSINESS:** Pumpkin seeds are a great source of vitamins and minerals.

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help people with diabetes to manage their blood sugar levels on a daily basis.

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So the next time you're making a pumpkin soup or stew, remember to save the seeds.

# Dance yourself fit



**ZUMBA:** Combines dance with aerobics.

ZUMBA has undergone an unprecedented increase in popularity in recent years, for good reason.

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It also helps to improve your stamina as the classes allow your body to get used to enduring exercise, which can help to make working out easier.

As Zumba is a combination of various different dance

styles, such as samba, salsa, merengue, and mambo, it works out diverse muscle groups and gets joints used to different stretches and movements. It also helps to improve coordination, which often gets worse as we get older, by keeping your body in tip top shape.

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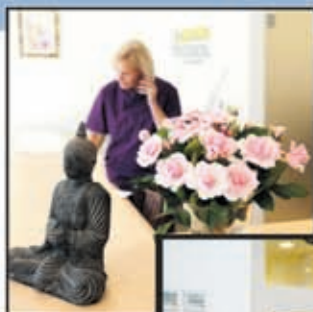
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# Wine: friend or foe?

THERE has been a lot of dispute about how good drinking wine on a regular basis is for your health.

Some studies have suggested wine helps to protect against heart disease, while others reveal that drinking alcohol regularly can damage the brain and cause a wide range of health issues, from liver disease to depression.

Consuming small amounts of alcohol could help to protect some people from developing heart problems, according to research from the British Heart Foundation.

Red wine especially contains several antioxidants, such as quercetin and resveratrol, which may play a part in helping to prevent heart disease and cancer.

However, these antioxidants primarily benefit postmenopausal women and men over the age of 40, and when consumption is limited to two glasses of wine a week.

Eating well and leading a healthy lifestyle will also produce the same results and



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**GREAT GRAPES:** Wine contains antioxidants which could prevent heart disease.

there is still little evidence that wine has the same effect on the health of young people, who are less at risk of heart disease.

Health experts advise you don't drink more than 14 units a week and to make you have several alcohol free days a week to give your body rest.



**BRAIN GAIN:** Eating salmon could keep your mind healthy.

## Foods to boost your brainpower

IT'S important to maintain a healthy diet to keep your body in good shape and functioning effectively but eating well is just as important for your mind.

Paying attention to what you eat can really pay off, whether you need to stay on the ball for your next work meeting or working on a new project.

While there aren't any particular foods that can protect you against age-related brain diseases such as Alzheimer's or dementia, making sure you're consuming all the nutrients



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your brain needs will help to promote cognitive health.

Eating whole grain foods, such as brown bread, rice and pasta, could help you to improve your concentration and focus as they release a slow supply of energy to the brain in the form of glucose. Omega-3 fats which help the brain to function effectively are found in oily fish such as salmon or mackerel. Good plant sources of these fats include walnuts, flaxseed, soya beans and pumpkin seeds.

Consuming omega-3 fats has been linked to decreasing the risk of dementia and memory loss, while also helping us to manage stress and produce the feel good chemical, serotonin, a natural mood booster.

Blueberries could also help to improve short-term memory as they contain protective compounds called anthocyanins, which help to delay short term memory loss according to research from Tufts University, USA.

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# Going green for St Patrick's Day

by **Holly Lenny**

ON St Patrick's Day, or Paddy's Day, as the Irish like to call it, people all over the world claim his or her percentage of Irish blood. Celebrated in major cities across the globe, March 17 is the official celebration date that showcases Irish culture and traditions.

The popular day commemorates the Irish patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, who according to legend, is said to have banished all the snakes out of the country and brought Christianity to Ireland.

For many the day represents an important reference to the Christian faith. However, for the younger generations the festivities revolve around the colourful parades, traditional Irish dancing, singing, street parties and a few pints of Guinness to 'wet the shamrock.'

Irish business networks and social organisations around the country have planned numerous events to promote the Irish language, food and customs. With the large Irish



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**GOING GREEN:** Revellers getting involved in the Paddy's Day celebrations.

expatriate community across Spain, there is something for everyone to guarantee plenty of 'craic agus ceol'! (fun and music)

Each year Tourism Ireland take a proactive approach to 'greening' many popular and famous landmarks around the world and Spain is no exception. This St. Patrick's Day the Athletic Club Bilbao's San Mamés Stadium will be lit up in green on March 16. Other landmarks include Madrid's Puerta de Alcalá and Cibeles fountain, buildings around Murcia, Malaga, Tortosa and Zaragoza, the Tower of Hercules in A Coruña and the Marbella Arches.

Celebrations in Alicante will commence with the annual parade in Cabo Roig from 2pm. The Six Nations final between Ireland and England will take place at 3.45pm (Spanish time) in the Twickenham Stadium, London. With a little luck of the Irish, Ireland will be the grand slam champions of the competition if they win. Let the shenanigans begin!

## The summer festival season starts at FIB

WHEN it was first launched in 1995, it was hardly anticipated that the Festival Internacional de Benicassim (FIB) would grow to become one of Europe's biggest and best annual music festivals.

With music starting in the late afternoon and running until the early hours, there's ample opportunity to relax in the sun on the golden sands or take a dip in the enticing Mediterranean, making the festival a perfect mix between a music festival and a summer holiday.

This year's event takes place from July 19 to 22 and has a stellar line up with top musicians mainly from the UK and US as well as some Spanish bands.

The main attraction announced so far are the Killers, Pet Shop Boys, Madness, Liam Gallagher, Bastille, the Vaccines, although there are already more than 30 acts signed up already with plenty more to be announced.

A four-day ticket with camping in-



**THE KILLERS:** One of the acts announced.

cluded costs €155 and a VIP ticket also including camping costs €300 and there are plenty of options to include motor homes, caravans and even hotel accommodation, but all prices will include a booking fee.

Children under the age of 15 will only be admitted if accompanied by a parent or certified adult with parental

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**GOOD FOOD:** Announcing the special sandwich and exhibition offer.

# Special event in l'Alfas del Pi

TO coincide with the 16th Mostra de Teatre de l'Alfas del Pi, the local council is promoting Bocata and Mostra (sandwich and exhibition) event.

From now until next Thursday (March 25) a number of premises in the centre of l'Alfas will offer their customers a menu consisting of half a sandwich, two tapas and a

drink for the price of €10.

The idea behind this is to help local establishments to benefit from the number of visitors who come to the town to enjoy the Nostra and to promote local cuisine.

In total, nine establishments will be participating, L'Alfassina Café Bar, Cañas & Coffee, Paladar Tapería, Séptimo Arte, Bar-Cafetería

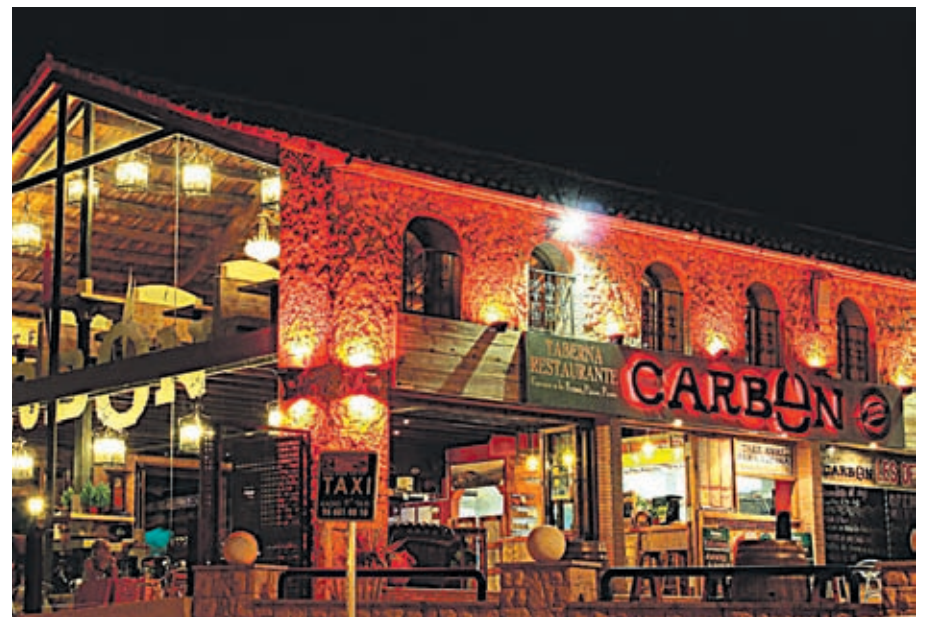
Quinoa, Raspalló, Café Bar Albéniz, Everest Tapas Bar and Café La Tertulia.

This year the Mostra will pay tribute to the actor Gabino Diego with the award of the Pi d'Honor 2018.

The council hopes the combination of exciting theatre and good food at affordable prices will encourage everyone to enjoy all that is on offer.

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## Added cheers to Ronda

SPAIN is an increasing popular choice among wine tourism travellers.

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The region's historical ties to wine dates back to Roman times when wine was produced in the nearby city of Acinipo (Phoenician for 'Land of wine,') and exported back to Rome.

Ronda's proximity to the Mediterranean, its unique micro-climate and geological diversity support cultivation of a diverse range of grape varieties including Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Tempranillo and Garnacha and gives wines very distinct aromas and flavours.

Locally produced wines are bottled under the DOs, or Designations of Origin, of Málaga and Sierras de Málaga.

A visit to the wineries in the surrounding countryside can be especially interesting in September as the harvest gets underway.

### BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi



### RONDA: Wine tourism on the up.

Among wineries to visit include:

**Bodegas Chinchilla:** In the Ronda La Vieja area, close to Acinipo, a boutique winery with a façade displaying the name given to its wine.

**Bodegas Descalzos Viejos:** Formerly a convent and one of the most visited bodegas due to its historic appeal.

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The performance will be directed by the much respected Daniel Abad Casanova and will feature soprano Jonaina Salvador and on oboe, Vicente Llimerá together with the Orquestra de Cámara de la Comunidad Valenciana.

Entitled Tutto Mozart the concert will consist of the following works; Exultate

Jubilate for soprano and orchestra, K165, Concerto for oboe and orchestra in C, K314 and Symphony N° 40 in G minor, K550.

Tickets which include bus transport from Moraira, Javea and Mas y Mas cost €30 per person and must be booked no later than Tuesday March 27.

For full details of how to make your reservation visit [www.concertscostablanc.com](http://www.concertscostablanc.com), call 965 770 826 or email [info@concertscostablanc.com](mailto:info@concertscostablanc.com).



Daniel Abad Casanova



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**CAMELA:** Will bring their brand of music to Benidorm.

## Flamenco meets Pop in Con Mucho Arte

At least six acts will participate in an evening of music to be held in the flamenco-pop festival Con Mucho Arte.

It will be held in the Julio Iglesias Auditorium of the Aiguera Park on Saturday March 31 with the doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets cost €15 plus

booking fee and artists appearing will be Camela, Andy & Lucas, the Hungarian, David Barrull, Laury La Hungarilla and Son del Barrio.

This is the second festival of its kind to be held and the previous event attracted visitors from Murcia, Castilla-La Mancha and Valencia but

as this event takes place during Semana Santa, it is anticipated that the audience will be greater especially from those Madrilleños who have travelled to Benidorm to enjoy Holy Week.

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RETIREMENT HOME: The ladies discovering a Silver Lining.

## Experience to the rescue

THE waters are rising around the Silver retirement home in Gravesend and likewise the anxiety of the residents stranded on the first floor, partly it must be said because of their dithering.

The staff assured them they'd be back to rescue them, but that was some time ago and they're still marooned. However, far from being useless old biddies, there's life in them yet, with a war-time daring-do attitude (although this isn't set in that era).

There's Gloria, who wears somewhat avant-garde outfits, June who's supposedly only there until her daughter invites her to move in with her, May, a liberal lesbian, Maureen a former amateur actor and a new resident with dementia whose name nobody knows. She's confined to a wheelchair.

They're nothing if not resourceful, and while planning their escape we learn about their backgrounds, interspersed with witty one-liners.

This comedy is written by sharp-tongued radio and TV presenter, Sandi Toksvig, who's appeared on BBC Radio 4's I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, amongst others.

Silver Lining will be performed at the Union Musical de Gata from April 16 to 20 at 8pm.

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# British buyers are still keen

BRITISH and foreign interest in the Spanish housing market remains strong according to the latest figures from the Spanish Land Registrar's Association for the last quarter of 2017.

The amount of homes purchased by foreigners reportedly increased to 15,266 in this time period, the highest it's been during these particular months for several years.

It also marked a 20.4 per cent increase from 2016, while housing sales in general in Spain were up 19.8 per cent.

The British led the international interest in Spanish homes at the end of 2017, making more than 2,300 purchases, followed by the French and Germans registering more than 1,200 and 1,100 purchases respectively.

There was also a 0.9 per cent increase in British purchases from the previous quarter, meaning they now account for 16 per cent of the foreign housing market in Spain.

From these figures it would



**EAGER BEAVERS:** Foreign buyers are still snapping up property in Spain.

seem that the Brits are undeterred by Brexit when it comes to buying property in Spain as they still maintain an eight point lead over the French,

who hold the second biggest share of the market.

During this time Spain's Foreign Minister Alfonso Dastis came out to say that the

country's British expats would face "no disruption" after Brexit, which could have also had an impact on the interest of buyers.



**PRICE PLUMMET:** Zapatero has cut his losses with the house.

## Zapatero sells house after price cut

THE former president of Spain, Jose Luis Zapatero, has revealed that he has finally found a buyer for his villa in Leon.

He managed to sell his home in Eras de Reneuva for €390,000, but this is almost half the price of €670,000 he originally set.

Zapatero began to build the house in 2011 with the intention of it being one of his main residences, and it is in one of the most exclusive areas of the city.

However, he soon abandoned the idea of returning to the place where he grew up, and the house was left half-built without any interior decoration for several years.

It is perhaps not surprising that the house has robust security facilities including a range of surveillance cameras and a large exterior wall.

It boasts a master bedroom, four en-suite bedrooms, a spacious living room, gym, home-cinema, cellar and swimming pool.

No real estate agency was involved in the deal as it was carried out directly between Zapatero and the buyers. The new tenants are already remodelling the interior of the building, which had been on the market for since 2013.

From the initial selling price of €670,000, it dropped to €542,000 and then €490,000, but the lack of interest resulted in the final selling price of €390,000.



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Located in the northern part of Guadix, in the province of Granada, Andalucia, the desert of Coloraos de Gorafe owes its name to the shades of its red

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IF you are concerned about the quality of fruit available due to the various treatments that they are given to grow, store and transport to just look good for

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selling, but which often taste way short of how fresh fruit off the tree tastes, then you might consider growing your own.

Normally we think that fruit trees will grow too big for the

space we may have available, but fruit trees actually produce bigger and better fruit on trees that are well pruned to keep them small.

Knowing that you can have

fruit on trees that you can keep to less than two metres tall and around a metre wide can allow you to find a space even in a container on a balcony or terrace.

The secret to robust, large fruit is in the pruning and thinning. I recently visited a local orchardist who specialises in growing peach trees that he takes directly to sell in the markets.

He showed me how over 20 years he had refined the best way to have the best quality fruit was to prune the trees hard, to allow plenty of open

space between branches in winter, and to remove over half the fruits forming in spring to have space between the immature developing fruit.

This gives less quantity but greater quality, something that the home gardener usually prefers. His trees were less than two metres tall so he could hand pick them without damage to the fruit or himself and the tree was easily accessible with the wide spacing between branches to access all the fruit.

In gardening circles this method is called forcing. Pruning and thinning forces the

plants to produce flowers and fruits that are larger and healthier.

The reduced number of produce get the benefit of the whole plant's root system, powered by more efficient exposure of sunlight to the remaining leaves and fruits due to the thinning out, and shortening of branches.

The technique can be used in the domestic garden to have fruit trees in small spaces, with quality fruit that can be picked fresh when ripe knowing that it has not been subjected to any chemical treatments.



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# Flea prevention time

FLEAS are ugly, nasty parasites that are one of the most difficult critters to get rid of. Which is why, prevention, all year long, is necessary.

Fleas are about ¼-inch long, are black/brown in colour, have no wings but do have long hind legs, which they use for jumping from one host to another. Fleas require a host - your cat or dog - in order to survive, as they live off their blood.

Fleas can be found all around the world, no matter the climate, however, they particularly like living in grass, which is where your pet will most likely be exposed to them.

## Outdoor prevention

Because fleas burrow deep into the grass, as well as under branches, leaves and soil, just waiting for a host to latch onto, one of the most effective ways to prevent fleas from hopping onto your pet is to keep your lawn well groomed.

It is also important to always rake



## ITCHY: Protect your pup from fleas.

the leaves as flea larvae don't like light. Watering your lawn on a regular basis may also help keep fleas from

residing in your lawn. "A majority of the fleas and larvae will be within 50 feet of your dog's favourite resting

spot, so focus on those areas," reports Pet Supplies Review.

Another line of defence is topical medications, the best of which are available through your veterinarian. There are many different prescriptions available so contact your vet to determine which one is most appropriate for your pet.

## Cleaning

Regular house cleaning, such as vacuuming weekly and regularly washing your pet's bedding, will go a long way toward preventing fleas.

## Infestation control

If your dog is uncontrollably scratching itself: to determine if the cause is in fact fleas, do a couple of things. Look under your dog's fur for dark specs. Those black bits are flea dirt, they are actually flea faeces. Pick them off the pet and place them onto a wet paper towel. If the specs morph into something that resembles a blood-stain, then your pet has fleas.

Flea dirt is a lot easier to spot on

lighter coloured pets. On darker coloured pets, comb through their fur with a flea comb, its bristles are very close together and it will pull out any flea dirt.

## Now what?

It is impossible to know how long the fleas have been living off your pet, so it is also impossible to locate all the areas within the house where the fleas may be living. Not only do you have to treat your pet, but you also have to treat your entire house.

Before buying every flea-destroying product on the market, thoroughly vacuum your house. Remove the vacuum bag, seal it and destroy it immediately, fleas are hearty parasites and will continue to live in the vacuum bag if not destroyed.

For dogs and cats (they can share fleas) a specially formulated flea bath product, available at your vet or pet store, will do the trick. Shampooing will have to be accompanied by extensive brushing with a flea comb.

## Is it puppy love?

OWNING a dog could make you look more attractive to strangers and get a date, according to new research.

People with dogs are often seen as being happier, more approachable and more empathetic.

Having a four-legged

friend also suggests that men in particular are nurturing and capable of caregiving according to a chief adviser to Match.com, suggesting that they may make a good parent as well as a good partner.

One study that asked volunteers to rate people based

on photographs, found they perceived someone as being happier, more relaxed and more trustworthy if they had a dog.

Meanwhile, experiments that sent men to ask for a woman's phone number found they were more successful if they had a dog with them.

A study on more than 1,200 Match.com users also found that nearly a third of people revealed they were 'more attracted to someone' because they had a pet, while more than half claimed they would not date someone who did not like pets.

Meanwhile most of the people who responded said they thought someone's choice in pets revealed a lot about their personality.

More than two-thirds of people also said they would judge their date based on how well they got along with their own pet.

Researchers in Canada have also allegedly found a correlation between higher relationship satisfaction and owning a pet.

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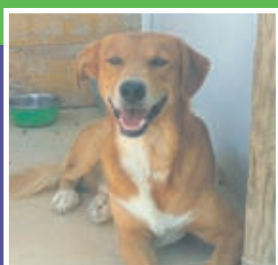
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Both cars were sold by H&H Classics in April 2016 for just over €94,000 (£84,000) but haven’t been given a guide price as the seller is remaining open to offers.

Although both cars are more than 40 years old, the two cars have less than 135,000 miles on the clock; with the Ford Capri having just 88,780 miles and the Daimler Sovereign only 44,108.

Speaking to British media, the seller said: “Since owning this collection, I have since met with Mr Dennis Waterman, Mrs Cole and the main writer Tony Hoare’s partner Linda.

“During my meeting with Linda, I was privileged to be shown Tony’s office where he wrote many of the early Minder series and many others in-



Credit: Twitter

**ICONIC:** The two cars will go up for auction along with much more Minder memorabilia.

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# SEAT sales soar in 2018

SEAT'S global sales continue to grow in 2018, with Spanish purchases leading the way.

In February, the company successfully maintained its sharp increase in sales from the beginning of the year with 39,900 vehicle deliveries, 25.9 per cent

higher than the same month in 2017.

Sales figures for the year-to-date rose by 23.1 per cent to reach a total of 78,800 cars.

In January and February, Spain spearheaded the company's sales with a total of 17,100

vehicles sold, representing an 18.1 per cent increase, closely followed by Germany, with 13,700 units sold.


Other positive markets included Switzerland (2,100), France (4,300), Austria (3,500), the United Kingdom (6,500) and Italy (3,700).

SEAT is also growing strongly outside Europe, with Algeria remaining the brand's fourth biggest market at the beginning of the year after selling 4,700 cars, while sales in Israel also rose by 34.9 per cent with 2,100 cars.


SEAT Vice-President for Sales and Marketing, Wayne Griffiths, said: "There has been an outstanding increase in sales in the first two months of the year.

"We are one of the fastest growing car brands in the industry and are gaining market share in strategic markets.

"The SEAT Arona is widely popular in the market, as are the Leon, Ibiza and Ateca. In addition, the launch of the new CUPRA brand will have a positive effect in order to conquer new customers in the future."



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La Liga Preview

# Battle to avoid the drop heats up

DEPORTIVO host Las Palmas in a relegation six-pointer on Saturday as the fight to avoid relegation from La Liga heats up.

A win for either side would come as a welcome boost with both only managing to pick up just three points each in their last 10 games.

Both sides are without a win in six and now find themselves four and five points adrift of safety, with Las Palmas in 18th position and Deportivo 19th.

Elsewhere, Barcelona's march towards the title continues against 12th placed Athletic Bilbao on Sunday.

The league leaders strolled to a 2-0 win over bottom side Malaga as they enjoyed more than 75 per cent of possession to give Malaga their seventh consecutive defeat.

Malaga, who have not won in over three months, are now 11 points from safety and will need a result against Celta Vigo on Saturday if they are to have any chance of survival.

Real Madrid will look to close the gap on Atletico Madrid as they host Girona on Saturday, but will need to be at their best to get past



Credit: Twitter

**STRUGGLING:** Deportivo are yet to win under Clarence Seedorf.

their opposition.

Girona continued their push for European football as they secured their third win in a row last time out thanks to a 2-0 win over Deportivo on Friday.

They now sit just a point behind six placed Villarreal, who face a tough tie against second placed Atletico on Sunday.

**Weekend's fixtures in full**

**Tomorrow (Friday)**

Levante vs Eibar

**Saturday**

Deportivo la Coruña vs Las Palmas

Valencia vs Alaves

Real Sociedad vs Getafe

Real Betis vs Espanyol

**Sunday**

Leganes vs Sevilla

Barcelona vs Athletic Bilbao

Celta Vigo vs Malaga

Villarreal vs Atletico Madrid

Real Madrid vs Girona

Atletico got back to winning ways after their disappointing defeat to Barcelona with a 3-0 win over Celta Vigo thanks to goals from Vitolo, Correa and Antoine Griezmann.

That result leaves Diego Simeone's side eight points behind Barcelona at the top but only seven ahead of Real.

In the weekend's other matches, Levante host Eibar, Valencia take on Alaves, Real Sociedad play Getafe, travel to Real Betis and Leganes are against Sevilla.

**SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE**

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	28	22	6	0	72	13	72
2 • Atlético	28	19	7	2	48	12	64
3 • Real Madrid	28	17	6	5	67	30	57
4 • Valencia	28	17	5	6	54	30	56
5 • Sevilla	28	14	3	11	36	42	45
6 • Villarreal	28	13	5	10	38	32	44
7 • Girona	28	12	7	9	40	36	43
8 • Betis	28	12	4	12	46	53	40
9 • Eibar	28	11	6	11	35	41	39
10 • Celta	28	11	5	12	45	42	38
11 • Getafe	28	9	9	10	33	26	36
12 • Athletic	28	8	11	9	29	31	35
13 • Espanyol	28	8	11	9	26	34	35
14 • R. Sociedad	28	9	6	13	50	50	33
15 • Leganés	28	9	6	13	23	34	33
16 • Alavés	28	10	1	17	25	42	31
17 • Levante	28	4	12	12	23	42	24
18 • Las Palmas	28	5	5	18	20	57	20
19 • Deportivo	28	4	7	17	25	59	19
20 • Málaga	28	3	4	21	16	45	13

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**PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE**

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	30	26	3	1	85	20	81
2 • M. United	30	20	5	5	58	23	65
3 • Tottenham H.	30	18	7	5	59	25	61
4 • Liverpool	30	17	9	4	68	34	60
5 • Chelsea	30	17	5	8	52	27	56
6 • Arsenal	30	14	6	10	55	41	48
7 • Burnley	30	11	10	9	27	26	43
8 • Leicester City	30	10	10	10	45	43	40
9 • Everton	30	10	7	13	35	49	37
10 • Watford	30	10	6	14	39	50	36
11 • Brighton	30	8	10	12	28	40	34
12 • Bournemouth	30	8	9	13	35	48	33
13 • Newcastle United	30	8	8	14	30	40	32
14 • Swansea City	30	8	7	15	25	42	31
15 • Huddersfield Town	30	8	7	15	25	50	31
16 • West Ham Utd.	30	7	9	14	36	57	30
17 • Southampton	30	5	13	12	29	44	28
18 • Crystal Palace	30	6	9	15	28	48	27
19 • Stoke City	30	6	9	15	28	56	27
20 • West Bromwich	30	3	11	16	23	47	20

Premier League preview

# Liverpool look to get back on track



**BOUNCE BACK:** Liverpool will look to get back on track after a 2-1 loss at Old Trafford.

JUST four games will take place in the Premier League this weekend as the FA Cup returns for the quarter-finals.

Liverpool host Watford in the late kick off hoping to bounce back from their 2-1 Derby Day defeat to Manchester United at Old Trafford.

Marcus Rashford scored a fantastic first half brace to hand Liverpool, who pulled one back through an Eric Bailly own goal, just their first defeat in their last six games.

They host a Watford side that lost their first game in three following two successive 1-0 wins against West Brom and Everton as they lost 3-0 to Arsenal at the Emi-

rates.

Elsewhere, struggling Stoke City host Everton with both sides desperate to get out of their poor run of form.

Stoke were easily beaten by champions-elect Manchester City 2-0 on Monday and find themselves in the middle of a relegation battle.

Bournemouth, fresh off their 4-1 defeat to Tottenham host a West Brom side who have lost their last six consecutive Premier League games.

Boss Alan Pardew is expected to remain in charge for Saturday's fixture, despite going down 4-1 to Leicester at the weekend.

In the weekend's only other fixture, Huddersfield Town host Crystal Palace.

**Weekend fixtures in full**

Bournemouth vs

West Bromwich Albion

Huddersfield Town vs Crystal Palace

Stoke City vs Everton

Liverpool vs Watford

# FA CUP: Quarter-finals

THE FA Cup returns this weekend as the quarter-final stage kicks off with Swansea against Tottenham on Saturday.

The Swans reached the quarter finals for the first time since 1964 thanks to Jordan Ayew's and Nathan Dyer's second half goals secured a 2-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday in a replay.

Tottenham also needed a replay against League One Rochdale after a 2-2 draw in Rochdale, but former Swansea striker Fernando Llorente scored a hat-trick in the replay as Spurs breezed past their League One opposition 6-1.

Spurs are also likely to have Harry Kane missing after the England striker suffered an ankle injury against

Bournemouth and was seen leaving Wembley stadium on crutches and in a protective boot.

Elsewhere, 12-time winners Manchester United host Brighton as they look to retain the trophy they last won in 2016.

The Red Devils are yet to concede a goal in this year's tournament with wins over Derby, Yeovil and Huddersfield while Brighton reached the quarter-finals for the first time since 1986 with a 3-1 win over Coventry.

On Sunday, League One side Wigan Athletic, who famously put out Manchester City in the last round, will host Southampton, who have gotten to this stage for the first time since 2005, while Leicester take on Chelsea in the weekend's other fixture.

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four one hour games.

With five points for a win and one point per end won, the eventual scores between first, second and third could not have been closer, with top and second spot only decided on the last game of the day. The winners with 41 points were David Gardiner, Dee Hamilton and Velia Wood. Second place with 39 points went to Jan and Paul Brown and Greg Sperring (the only non Javea member amongst the winners). Third position

was also a Javea team of Di Manser, Niel Roake and Jack Wardrop.

Javea Green's Winter League team put themselves back in contention for the league title with an excellent 11-1 win against neighbouring club Benitachell.

The Javea Northern leagues also had a good week with Onyx winning 8-2 against Benitachell Jaguars, Opals winning 6-4 against Bonalba and only their Quartz team going down 6-4 to Finca Guila.

## Spain on the brink of Rugby World Cup qualification

SPAIN moved one step closer to World Cup qualification as they stormed past Germany 84-10 in Madrid.

Los Leones ran in 11 tries at a stadium full to the rafters and had King Felipe VI and the Web Ellis Cup in attendance

Spain hit the ground running in the first half as full-back Methie Peluchon kicked two penalties in the first seven minutes before Pierre Barthere went over after 13 minutes following a great run by Mathieu Belie. And they didn't have to wait much longer for the next few tries as Ignacio Contardi took an inside ball to go over before Spain were awarded a penalty try which saw Germany's Falk Duwe sent to the sin bin. Spain managed another try before the

break thanks to centre Thibaut Alvarez and were able to withstand siege of late German pressure.

Los Leones continued where they left off in the second half as straight from the restart Spain won possession and held the ball for 10 phases before Gautier Giboun crashed over.

Further tries from Bonan, Thibault Visensang, Sebastien Ascarat, Brad Linklater and a Fernando Lopez double gave Los Leones their best score for over two decades.

Spain now head to Belgium on Saturday knowing a win will be enough to secure a place in next Year's World Cup pool A alongside Ireland, Scotland, Japan and a play-off winner.

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MAN UNITED boss Jose Mourinho is set to earn a whopping €1.9m for just four days work at this summer's World Cup. The Portuguese manager will appear as a TV pundit on Russia's RT TV.

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GOLF is set to undergo radical changes - with amendments to the game's rules set to be implemented from 2019.

According to reports, golf's two major governing bodies, the R&A and United States Golf Association (USGA) have confirmed that changes, aimed at making golf easier to understand and faster to play, will come into place next year.

However, they have also announced that alterations have been made to the proposals released for public consultation released last year; the majority of suggested changes remaining.

From January, rule changes including allowing the flag to remain in the hole unattended while putting as well as no penalty for removing loose items from bunkers will come

into play.

In another move, the time for searching for lost balls will be reduced from five minutes to three, but instead the plan to have penalty or free drops from an inch have been changed and will now be taken from knee height.

David Rickman, the R&A's executive director of governance, explained to British media: "Our previous proposal had a number of difficulties with it, particularly around how close certain players would get to the ground in certain circumstances.

"Knee-height gave us that balance, gave us the ability to preserve the randomness of the drop. "But by being significantly lower than shoulder height and by allowing a player to get their eyes over the ball, they can be much more precise in terms of the dropping procedure."

# Time for change!

## R&A and USGA confirm rule changes from 2019



**CHANGES:** Players will now take penalty or free drops from knee height in one of many rule changes.

Other changes see penalties for accidentally striking the ball twice in the course of a shot removed while regulations involv-

ing lost and out of bound balls will be relaxed.

From next year, golf clubs can also use a 'local rule' which

will allow golfers the option to drop the ball where it is lost or out of bounds under a two-stroke penalty.

This has been added in the hope that it will address concerns raised at club level about the pace of play when returning to the original spot.

This rule is not intended for professional or elite level competitions, according to reports.

"We debated it quite seriously," Rickman continued.

"While some divots are easy to identify and distinguish from other damaged areas, as a divot gets older that becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish from a bad lie.

"So I think there are practical difficulties and philosophically one of the fundamental tenets of the game is that you play the ball as it lies.

"Playing the ball as it lies and playing the course as you find it are fundamental aspects of the sport."

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