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EXCLUSIVE

by Matt Ford

Victims of a Costa del Sol fire which saw 14 people injured say the dramatic incident could have been avoided.

And the furious homeowners are demanding answers from the privately-owned building's managers and Junta de Andalucía regional government.

Speaking exclusively with the *Euro Weekly News*, Alice Gaans from Belgium, who owns a holiday flat, said: "My husband is in hospital so I wasn't here, but we've had no information about how to proceed.

"Our front door is destroyed and the worst thing is that we have been warning about this for the last five years.

"We don't even know who is to blame for this."

Alice was speaking from inside the partially-gutted building, since we were permitted to walk in unopposed despite clear dangers, with wires hanging from walls

Who is to blame?

Authorities warned of threat 'five years ago'



Photo credit EWN Media Group

FIRE FAILINGS: Residents say the blaze was 'not a surprise.'

and collapsed ceilings, and no light in the windowless corridors.

Other residents were seen during the visit, many elderly, and some only had the

light of their mobile phones to see by, while a group of Dutch holidaymakers congregated outside and were surprised to see us emerge.

"Are we allowed in?"

asked one lady. "We've had to pay for a hotel to sleep in but we haven't really been told anything."

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High wind alarm bells

RESIDENTS are advised to take care after yellow weather alerts for strong winds were confirmed by state weather office AEMET.

The warning will remain in place today (Thursday) as the remnants of Storm Giselle drift over the Costa del Sol.

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Envoy to hit Costa

BRITISH ambassador to Spain Simon Manley will be the guest speaker at a public event hosted by campaign group Brexpats in Spain at Avanto Restaurant in La Cala de Mijas next Thursday, with seats available by emailing info@brexpats.es.

€52m boost

MALAGA Provincial Council has revealed that the area ended 2017 with a surplus of €52.2 million, with some of the cash earmarked to repay debts and the remainder set to be distributed among 103 towns and villages.

Grand slam

MARBELLA Council has been slammed after failing to reveal the cost of the recent Davis Cup match between Britain and Spain, with Mayor Angeles Muñoz adamant that no more than €500,000 of tax payers' money was used.

Gabriel laid to rest

Thousands attend funeral as dad's girlfriend held

by Joe Gerrard

THOUSANDS of people turned out for the funeral of Gabriel Cruz, the tragic 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 Juan Ignacio Zoido and Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria.

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 the day he went missing.

Mourners gathered outside Almeria's cathedral shouted "You are not alone" and "We

are all Gabriel" as those attending the funeral went inside.

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

"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 said.

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

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. Leading political figures including King Felipe also observed silences.

Ana Quezada, 43, was placed under surveillance shortly after she allegedly found a t shirt near the Las Aguilas treatment plant. It was said to belong to Gabriel and confirmation came later that traces of his DNA were on it.

She was arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning after Guardia Civil officers



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

stopped and searched 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 hit him with the blunt end of an

axe after he insulted her.

Results from a post-mortem examination found Gabriel died from asphyxiation. Police found the axe yesterday morning, and Quezada is due in court in the coming days.

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Celebrating dearest Dad

FAMILIES across Spain are gearing up for Father's Day (El Dia del Padre), which falls next Monday. The annual celebration takes place on St Joseph's Day, March 19, a Roman Catholic feast to honour Joseph, husband of Mary, who is seen as the ultimate example of what a good husband and father should be.

Nick of time

A SENEGALESE man was charged with breaking a restraining order after police saved him from committing suicide in Fuengirola. He reportedly fled when a woman he was banned from approaching called the police and tried to throw himself off a building after a 20-minute standoff with officers who managed to catch him in mid-air.

Hazardous hounds

OWNERS of potentially dangerous dogs in Alhaurin de la Torre are being quizzed as the council cracks down on unregistered animals. Police officers are carrying out more than 300 home visits to ensure that residents have the necessary permits to legally own the breeds, with offenders set to be fined €2,400.

Stuck in traffic

A 39-YEAR-OLD Latvian expat has been sentenced to six years in prison for drug trafficking. He was held by police officers at Malaga Airport after travelling from Casablanca in Morocco with 102 'balls' of 80.3 per cent pure cocaine weighing more than a kilo and worth up to €111,000 in his stomach.

Tot choke death

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy has died in Malaga's Materno Infantil Hospital after choking on a hot dog while eating his lunch. The child was alive when he arrived at emergencies and was in intensive care for several days before passing away, leaving residents of Torrox in Axarquia - where his family is from - in shock.

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

Following recent parliamentary debates, should Spain decriminalise insulting the crown?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

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

Yes **77%** No **23%**

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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.

Photo credit TOWIE/Twitter



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



Photo credit BBC

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.

And she took to the stage to present an award after chatting to members of the organisation plus victims of the diseases.

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From Front Page

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But those affected say that the room where the flames broke out, which houses the community's rubbish bins and electricity meter, has been unsafe for years.

They commissioned an independent expert to produce a report in the wake of a smaller fire almost two years ago, and according to local media the study concluded that the room "does not meet the necessary safety conditions."

The June 2016 document goes on to warn that the space should be shut down "until the existing deficiencies have been remedied," before recommending that "a state assessment should be carried out by the relevant authorities."

After reading the report, concerned residents sent a letter to the Junta, with the regional authority reportedly referencing a town council plan to car-



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GUTTED: Alice's front door and hallway.

ry out improvements in its reply.

In 2017, the community was informed that the maintenance had been completed, but that electricity firm Endesa had not moved the meter because there was nowhere else to put it.

The Junta then advised that it was Endesa's responsibility to find a new space, and notified the council about the issue.

Since then, nothing has happened, the residents claim, and 'now the worst has happened.'

But Anna reckons they first raised the issue in 2013.

"2016? We've been warning about this for five years!" she said. "It's terrible, just terrible."

The quick response of emergency services has been praised since the dramatic incident, with only one woman who slipped while trying to get out of the building through a first floor window hospitalised.

But the telephone number provided online for the apartments connects to a hotel that has no connection to the building and we have thus far been unable to track down the building's parent company.

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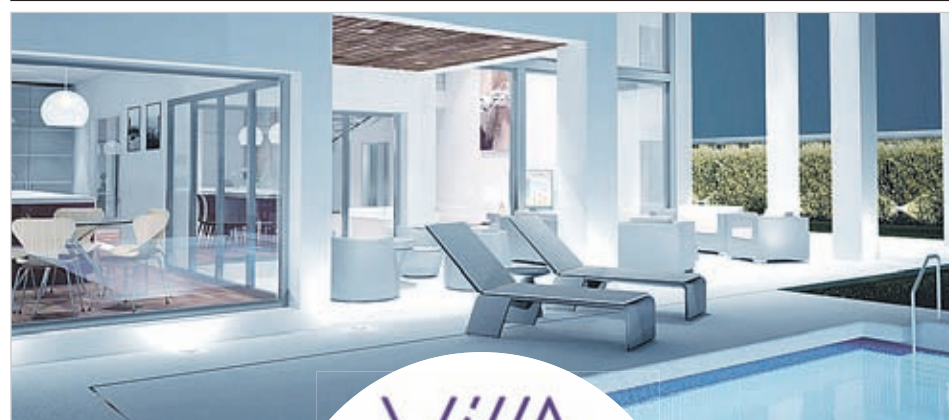
THIS year's Holy Week Easter celebrations are set to generate more than 8,000 temporary jobs across the Costa del Sol, up 12.5 per cent from last year, which was itself a record.

New homes

BRITISH housebuilder Taylor Wimpey has announced it is to hike up investment in the Costa del Sol this year after revealing it will sink €166 million into building new homes, an increase of €66 million on its earlier pledge.

Stab probe

A 29-YEAR-OLD Spanish man is being quizzed on suspicion of stabbing a 22-year-old in the heart during a street fight, wounding him seriously before turning himself into police and claiming he only slashed the victim with a key.



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Human traffic

155 held as migrant smugglers busted

by Matt Ford

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 commonly 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



Photo credit Policia Nacional

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

and Castellon.

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

It comes after a three-year probe was triggered when officers became aware of an increase in the use of forged Chi-

nese travel documents at the hub.

Five people later entered a witness protection scheme in exchange for revealing details of the scheme to detectives.

Raids on three properties, led to the four bosses being held.

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.

In doing so, she captured the hearts of a nation, and in a world that feels less-tolerant than at any time since the middle of the last century, her unflinching dignity should serve as a valuable lesson to us all.

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‘Homeless Brit left to die’

Three jailed over death of expat found naked with ham on buttocks

By Matt Ford

THREE men accused of the manslaughter of a British man, who was found at Malaga Airport with his genitals resting inside an empty tuna tin and slices of ham on his buttocks, have been jailed.

Irishman James O’Byrne, 59, from Cork, plus Finnish pair Jussi Petteri Munck, 41, and Mika Tapio Soininem, 48, pleaded guilty to the charge after agreeing a plea bargain with prosecutors.

They will each serve two and a half years in a Spanish prison.

It comes after alcoholic and homeless Londoner, Steven Allford, died in bizarre circumstances on a bench outside the Costa del Sol airport’s railway station on October 21, 2016.

His trousers were pulled down and plastic ties had been used to bind his wrists and ankles.



DEGRADING: The victim was found semi-naked with ham on his buttocks and his genitals in an empty tuna tin.

Mr Allford had been drinking heavily and choked to death on his own vomit, but Santiago Calvo Cervera concluded that the ties may have contributed by stopping him from moving freely.

He said in a three-page rul-

ing: “They didn’t just tie him to the bench, which Mr Munck made sure was done, but they filmed Mr Allford and were also laughing about his helplessness.

“They put a lit cigarette in his mouth after first wedging it

between his buttocks and introduced his naked testicles into an empty tuna tin.

“They behaved as if they were presenting a news report and posted the video onto Soininem’s Facebook page after he filmed what

was happening.

“When they had finished laughing, they left Mr Allford to his fate.”

During the initial hearing, the two Finnish men repeatedly claimed that the stunt ‘was just a joke,’ and that they only wanted to make fun of the victim, with one recording it on his mobile phone before uploading the video to Facebook.

The footage, which was quickly deleted, led to detectives identifying the culprits and proved that Mr Allford was alive as he lay face down while being mocked.

One of the Finns was tracked to a prison in his homeland, where he was being held for a separate offence, while the other was held at his home before the pair were extradited to Spain.

O’Byrne was arrested in February 2017 as he slept rough in a tent in Algeciras.

NEWS EXTRA

€30k council payoff shame

TORREMOLINOS Council must pay almost €30,000 to an ex-employee who was sacked after questioning certain details of former Popular Party mayor Pedro Fernandez Montes’ plan to privatise 95 per cent of the town’s public water company.

Off the rails

NATIONAL workers’ union CCOO has announced that employees of Malaga City’s metro service will hold a partial strike in protest at their salaries and ‘general working conditions’ during this year’s Holy Week Easter celebrations.

Bark life

ESTEPONA Council has unveiled a new 5,000-square-metre ‘dog park,’ where owners can safely let their pets off the lead, on Avenida Litoral.



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€3.2m beach
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MARBELLA Council has announced it will plough €3.2 million into maintaining the city's beaches over the next four years in an attempt to provide year-round 'perfect conditions' for sun-seekers.

Work it out

THE provincial labour inspectorate has revealed that 65 per cent of 1,750 fines handed to local firms last year were for employing people without a contract, with the remainder for forcing part-time staff to work overtime.

Coke sting

A TRIO of drug dealers who made home cocaine deliveries in Estepona have been held after a three-month National Police probe, with more than 100 grammes of the narcotic and €4,500 in cash seized.

Costa murder probe

Hit suspect could face groundbreaking jail term

A MAN accused of murder on the Costa del Sol could be handed Andalusia's first ever life sentence.

Prosecutors say that Irishman James Quinn donned a balaclava before lying in wait for compatriot Gary Hutch in the car park of a gated housing estate near Fuengirola.

He then chased Hutch, who was 34, on foot before gunning him down and shooting him twice in the head after he had fallen.

The brutal hit triggered a feud between rival crime families that has claimed 14 lives in Ireland and Spain to date.

DUBLINER Quinn insists he has been wrongly identified as the assassin who executed Hutch in Calahonda on September 24, 2015.

But an eight-page indictment against him alleges that he carried out the killing on the orders of an 'unknown person' after being dropped off at the victim's home in a car stolen from Mijas.

It reads: 'He (was) armed with a 9mm Glock 26 semi-automatic pistol whose serial number had been erased and a .45



Photo credit Google Maps/Twitter

SHOOTING SCENE: The Angel de Miraflores apartment complex where Gary Hutch (inset top right) was allegedly shot dead by James Quinn (inset bottom right).

semi-automatic Colt 1911 pistol.

'When Gary approached his vehicle moments later, the accused began to shoot at him in a surprise attack.

'Initially the victim was able to flee towards the inside of the estate but the accused chased him and fired

shot him twice in the head from close range and killed him instantly.

'He subsequently fled in the aforementioned vehicle which was waiting for him outside the gated complex and tried to burn it afterwards to erase any trace of his criminal action.'

It is also claimed that Quinn enjoyed a high standard of living in Spain revolving around luxury homes, high-end cars and numerous trips abroad to places like Dubai and Thailand.

He even managed to acquire a boat valued at more than €100,000 despite having no known job or means of sustenance.

The then 30-year-old was held at his Benahavis home a year after the shooting, with police describing him as a 'drugs and weapons trafficker.'

He has been charged with murder and possession of illegal weapons and prosecutors have demanded he pay the victim's family €90,000 if found guilty.

Only one person is currently serving a life prison term in Spain as the maximum sentence was 40 years until 2015.

more than 15 shots.

'Finally, the accused caught up with him when Gary was on the ground and virtually motionless because of the bullets he had been hit with. Giving him almost no chance of defending himself, he

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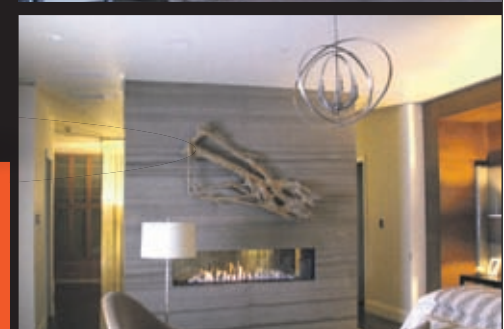
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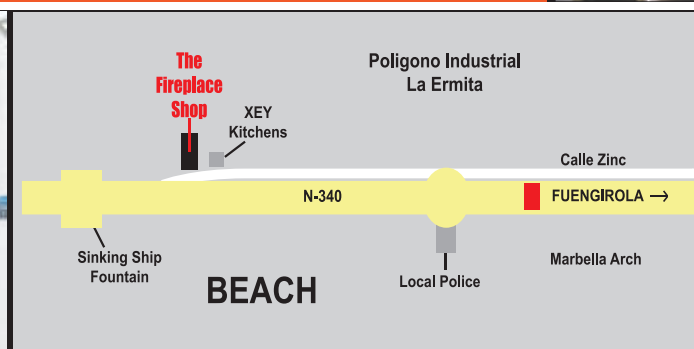
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Marbella winter evenings in Nobu Restaurant

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nobu Marbella serves dinner every day from 7.30pm - 1am. Nobu Lounge is open from 7.30pm and during weekends stays open till the late hours...

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NEWS EXTRA

Big brother is watching

MARBELLA Council has announced that the second phase of its scheme to install video surveillance cameras at key points around the city, including Puerto Banus, the marina, La Cañada shopping centre and Elviria, is underway.

€2m claim

SAN ROQUE Council estimate that damage caused by the recent storms will cost the municipality more than €2 million, and technicians have already sent a detailed report to the Junta de Andalucía regional government.

Call of duty

MALAGA'S military air base this week hosted 15 Air Force jets - including 12 F18s and three C-101s - during an air defence exercise named Dapex-18, in which squadrons from Moron, Albacete and Getafe also participated.

Bus rage

POLICE are hunting a man in Malaga City after he verbally abused a bus driver before throwing a rock through one of the vehicle's windows after he failed to arrive at a stop.

Ahoy Rajoy!

Prime Minister to visit Marbella

PRIME MINISTER Mariano Rajoy will visit Marbella on Saturday in support of Mayor Angeles Muñoz's candidacy campaign.

The Spanish Prime Minister will be in attendance alongside Malaga's PP President Elisa Bendodo, at the event held at the Palacio de Congresos from 11am, which will see the appointment of Andalucian PP candidates.

After attending the event, Rajoy will then go to a meeting of the FORum of Innovation and Tourism Promotion.

His trip was announced by both Elisa Bendodo and Marbella mayor Angeles Muñoz, who will be boosted by the Prime Minister's presence as she aims for re-election.

She wrote on social media: "I will present my candidacy. We have desire, endeavour and teamwork and for that



VISIT: Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy will visit Marbella this weekend.

reason we want to count on you, and for that reason I encourage you to come to the Palacio de Congresos on Saturday, March 17, where we will have at 11 o'clock

in the morning, the presence of the President of the government to support not only our candidacy, but to support Marbella and San Pedro as well."



HOUSE THAT: Julio Iglesias and (inset) Villa Las Cuatro Lunas near Ojen.

Fit for a king

Julio wants €145 million for luxurious Costa estate

TOP Spanish singer, songwriter and former goalkeeper, Julio Iglesias, is set to pocket an eye popping €145 million if his private estate on the Costa del Sol sells.

The luxurious Las Cuatro Lunas villa is set on a 45-hectare private estate in the mountains near Ojen, just a stone's throw from the

Mediterranean Sea.

Twelve bedrooms, eight bathrooms, six garages, a recording studio, a swimming pool and a 2,000-bottle capacity wine cellar are on offer, as well as a neighbouring guest house with five bedrooms, five bathrooms and another cellar with the same capacity.

EXCLUSIVE

by Matt Ford

Big bang theory

EXPATRIATES and holidaymakers were left puzzled after a mysterious aircraft flew over the Costa del Sol.

Speaking exclusively with the *Euro Weekly News*, Edward Faichney, 66, said: "It was so bizarre and the noise

was incredibly loud.

"All the neighbours heard it."

The caravan park owner from Cornwall has been spending winter in the area 'for years,' but has never heard or seen anything similar before.

"It happened just after midnight on Tuesday," he said. "The noise suggested that the plane was very low but when we looked outside our fifth floor flat we saw that it was much higher and louder than any passenger jet.

"It flew out over the sea and spewed out two red flashing objects that seemed to drift towards Malaga airport.

"The 'flight' did not appear on a friend's tracking app.

"If any reader is able to shed some light on the mystery I'd love to know."

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NEWS EXTRA**Chilling number**

THE provincial council has revealed that 8,238 cases of domestic violence - including 2,674 from expatriates - were reported last year, placing Malaga second in the Andalusian ranking behind Sevilla.

Flying high

MALAGA Airport continues to break records with more than 963,000 passengers in February, a 5.4 per cent year-on-year increase, after more than 17 million flew in or out of the Costa del Sol for the first time in 2017.

Trip advice

HOLIDAYMAKERS are to benefit from a new €121,000 tourist office in La Cala de Mijas this summer, with a 50-square-metre building currently being built in front of the council offices on Boulevard de la Cala.

Car horror

FIVE people, including a three-month-old baby, were injured in a four-car pile-up on the MA-20 road in Malaga City, with firefighters having to cut one of those hurt from the wreckage of their vehicle.

Odd couple

A POLICE officer and a lorry driver have been hailed after working together to talk a suicidal young woman out of leaping from a bridge onto Malaga City's busy ring road, according to reports.

Berry good

MALAGA CITY is home to Europe's largest strawberry seed bank after 200 new varieties were sent from Helsinki, Finland, bringing the total of strains stored at the Institute for Research and Training in Agriculture and Fisheries to more than 600.

Kidnap sex shock

Prostitutes bundled into van and abused



Photo credit Flickr/Google Maps

HORROR ORDEAL: The victims were abandoned at Villanueva del Trabuco and (inset) sex workers on Malaga's Guadalhorce Industrial Estate.

by Matt Ford

A MANHUNT has been launched after one person was held for kidnapping and raping sex workers.

The arrest comes in the wake of a year-long police probe, with a second individual still on the loose.

The pair are accused of abducting two prostitutes from the Guadalhorce Industrial estate in Malaga City, officers said.

According to the victims, one of who is Spanish and the other Nigerian, they were approached by two men in a van while working on the street.

After agreeing a price for the services, the women climbed inside the vehicle, where the men forcibly restrained them before driving more than 50 kilometres inland to a secluded spot near the town of Villanueva del Trabuco.

Once there, they were forced to perform a series of sex acts against their will before being abandoned.

Neither had any idea where they were, but they eventually found their way to the Local Police station where they gave initial statements before the case was passed to the Guardia Civil.

Based on the victims' testimony, detectives were able to piece together digital portraits of the offenders, both of who are reportedly from Eastern Europe, with the first arrested at an unconfirmed location in Granada Province.

Tourist rape attack

POLICE have held a young Indian man over an alleged sexual assault on the Costa del Sol.

It comes after a Swedish holidaymaker, 40, told investigators that she woke up naked in a flat she didn't recognise with an unnamed man raping her.

She believes she was drugged while on a night out as the last thing she was able to remember was heading alone to a bar after her friends went back to their hotel.

According to investigators, she fought her attacker off before grabbing her clothes and fleeing.

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THE number of killer jellyfish washing up on Costa del Sol beaches is surging.

Beachgoers have been warned to stay away from the potentially lethal Portuguese man o'war - also known as the floating terror - after several were spotted by horrified walkers on beaches in Malaga City and Marbella.

Hundreds of the venomous blue and purple creatures have also washed up in Cadiz and Huelva provinces after being blown in by strong westerly winds from the mid-Atlantic Ocean. A beach in Lepe, Huelva, was closed after more than 200 were counted.

An official from the Aula del Mar marine museum in Malaga said: "We urge people not to touch the animals as they can still sting when stranded or dead, and the stings can be extremely severe.

"The tentacles can become detached and these are also still capable of stinging.

"Animals and children are particularly at risk."

Although only an occasional visitor to the region, it is reportedly most common at this time of year, especially after a storm.

The man o'war is not a true

jellyfish but a colony made up of small individual animals called polyps that are unable to survive alone.

Unable to move independently, the creature floats on the surface and is propelled by a balloon-like 'sail.'

Its tentacles can be more than 30-metres long and they deliver a painful sting causing whip-like red welts on human skin.

Stings are not usually fatal but can provoke an allergic-type reaction in some cases, while urgent medical attention might be needed if a person comes into contact with many tentacles.

Instances where a tentacle becomes wrapped around the victim's torso are said to cause the most deaths, especially in children.

In 2010, Italian Maria Furcas, 69, collapsed and died after she was stung while swimming near Cagliari, Sardinia.

Stung into action

Beachgoers warned as deadly jellyfish wash up



OH MAN!: A Portuguese man o'war on the beach and (inset) in the water.

TWO expats have been held in Marbella on suspicion of drug dealing and creating an illegal club.

The Dutch woman and Swedish man reportedly ran an association 'in favour' of cannabis legalisation which they used as a front to sell nar-

Dodgy joint shut down

otics. Police raided the pair's premises and seized more than two kilos of cannabis, 400 grammes of hashish, cannabis oil and €1,325 in cash, as well as a number of pipes, bongs and other equipment used for smoking.

NEWS EXTRA

Taking the high road


THE JUNTA DE ANDALUCIA regional government will this year plough €20,000 into Malaga Province's traffic network, with the majority of the cash to be used on improving rural and mountain roads, according to development minister Felipe Lopez.

Pension pain

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman has been jailed for a year and nine months for falsely claiming her grandfather's pension for 13 years after he died, defrauding the Spanish state out of more than €90,000.

Crash drama


A COLLISION between a van and a car on the MA-20 dual carriageway near Malaga Airport saw five people, including two children, a woman and two men, hospitalised.





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Flight prices soar



NOT FARE: Easter weekend flights this year are much more expensive.

EASTER flights from the UK to Spain's holiday hotspots of the Costa del Sol and the Costa Blanca have soared in price compared to 2017.

Research by travel search engine Kayak has shown that the average return flight price over the Easter weekend to Malaga airport on the Costa del Sol is £170 (€191) - a whopping 40 per cent increase on the 2017 price of

£121 (€136).

And the Costa Blanca fares were worse.

This year an Easter weekend return flight to Alicante is £169 (€190) - a massive 42 per cent increase on the £119 (€134) of the previous year.

Barcelona, meanwhile, has seen a more modest 14 per cent increase from £130 (€146) to £148 (€166) this year.

Travel expert Neil Cartwright, at Kayak, said, "We have noticed a trend in recent years for many Brits to go on more, shorter holidays throughout the year rather than one long summer holiday.

"Our data shows that for many British travellers, Easter is now a key time for fitting in one of these shorter holidays."

Fake contracts scam

TWENTY-ONE people accused of making thousands from the state by creating false employment contracts and submitting them to authorities have been arrested by National Police.

Officers began their investigation into the Malaga network after suspecting companies that had racked up debts with social security were fake.

Police examined the companies and found the majority of them were not accredited for any work, according to reports.

Further investigations uncovered that the group created contracts for workers who did not exist in order to claim subsidies and unem-

ployment benefits which they kept for themselves.

Police also claim to have found the companies registered had as their heads insolvent administrators so the debts could not be collected.

Employees of the companies never got to work for them and some did not know of the existence of the contracts, police added.

The number of days claimed from social security across all the false contracts numbered 5,366 which resulted in losses to the state of more than €76,703. The investigation continues.

'He has destroyed families'

THE families of three people killed in a traffic pile-up triggered by an off-duty Guardia Civil officer have demanded that he be jailed for five years.

The holidaymakers from Bahrain and Kuwait died in the smash on the A-7 motorway near Torremolinos after their taxi collided with the

man's car, which he was driving at 50 kilometres per hour over the speed limit.

He later tested positive for alcohol, cocaine and sleeping pills.

Accused of 14 crimes, a loophole in Spanish law last week saw the prosecutor request a maximum of four years, but the relatives be-

lieve that an extra 12 months would be appropriate.

A lawyer acting on their behalf reflected on "the seriousness of the outcome," before pointing out that the accused had tried to flee without trying to help the victims in the wake of the accident.

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Pressing for progress

THOUSANDS of protestors took to the streets of Malaga Province to demonstrate on March 8 to mark International Women's Day.

The marches, which coincided with protests organised nationally as part of Spain's first feminist general strike, took place all across the province.

Women's secretary at CCOO Malaga, Sarai Pineda, said that women all across Spain were 'making history' with the strike and that the women were demonstrating because 'if they stop, the world stops.'

In Malaga City, tens of thousands of people took to the Calle Larios and Plaza de la Constitucion to protest for equality throughout the day, while an estimated 500 people also protested outside the City of Justice.

Demonstrations also took place in Marbella, Torremolinos and San Roque, with hundreds of people showing their support and in Alhaurin de la Torre, a number of activities took place throughout the day, including different workshops focusing on empowering women.



TURNOUT: Thousands lined the streets of Malaga City for the demonstration.



RAMMED: The Plaza de la Constitucion was packed with protestors.



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ON THE MARCH: Women stomp through the streets of Marbella.

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FEEDING THE TROOPS: Many men also turned out to protest for women's rights.

NEWS EXTRA

Potato poison

SIX people remain hospitalised across different hospitals in Malaga City after all suffering food poisoning from the same restaurant. Health sources have reportedly suggested that it may have been due to an unhygienic tortilla de patatas.

Bird cheer

THE Diputacion de Malaga has created a website, named Birding Malaga, promoting bird watching in the region by showing 159 points of interest and also 295 birds that live across the province.

Toxic threat

MARBELLA PSOE councillor Ana Leschiera has demanded measures be taken from both the city of Marbella Delegation of Health and the mayor's office after sewage spills appeared by the CEIP Maria Teresa Leon in San Pedro Alcantara.

Boy busted

A 19-YEAR-OLD boy has been arrested in Fuengirola after being found in the company of a 17-year-old girl who had been reported missing after running away from home.

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BENALMADENA Council has put out a tender for public works worth almost €4 million. The works will include the creation of a large boulevard with a bike path on the Avenida del Sol among other projects.

Stab charge

A MAN has appeared in court charged with stabbing his sister's boyfriend to death in a house in Benalmadena. The prosecutor has asking for a 22-year sentence for the alleged event that occurred in 2016.

Ship shape

THREE young Moroccan men, aged 18, 19 and 23, have been rescued in the port of Malaga after being found on the outside of a ship that had reportedly travelled for seven hours from Spanish enclave Melilla.

Drug haul rap

Crackdown leads to more arrests

by Benjamin Park

POLICE have seized more than 2,700 kilos of hashish and dismantled a gang dedicated to distributing drugs between Spain and other European countries.

A total of 2,760 kilos of hashish have been seized in addition to 20 marihuana buds, €17,000 in cash and four vehicles.

As a result, eight people, five Frenchmen and three Spaniards have been arrested.

An investigation into the gang began last year after police received information about a criminal organisation transporting drugs between Spain and other European countries.

The gang would allegedly use what is known as the 'go fast' method to transport the drugs; driving stolen, high-end vehicles with fake licence plates in a convoy to ward off police suspicion.



Photo credit; Policia Nacional/Guardia Civil

EIGHT PEOPLE ARRESTED: Less than a week after 13 people were arrested on suspicion of similar crimes.

Police made a breakthrough after tracking a vehicle on the road between Malaga and Granada, but after reportedly detecting police presence, the driver supposedly fled and left the vehicle and 750 kilos of hashish behind.

Following that find four searches were carried out; two in Malaga Province, one in Benalmadena and one in San Roque leading to the arrests.

The seizure comes less than a week after the Guardia Civil arrested 13 people also for

their alleged involvement in distributing drugs.

The 13 are believed to be part of a group that would transport hashish from Morocco to La Linea and from there around different parts of Spain.

Since the investigation began in October, three separate seizures saw police take hold of 50 bales of hashish, then 360 kilos of the same drug, and a huge haul in February when police recovered 2,513 kilos of hashish, 14 vehicles, and 58 mobile phones.

Passengers on internal flight arrive 15 hours later due to storm

PASSENGERS aboard a plane flying from Malaga to Bilbao landed 15 hours after take-off when their plane was caught in winds while trying to land.

Flight VY2608, operated by airline Vueling, took off from terminal 3 of the city's airport on time at around 9.10am last Sunday.

The journey was due to last around one and a half hours. The plane was unable to land at Bilbao after being hit by winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour.

The aircraft had to abort the landing because of winds from Storm Felix.

It was diverted to Barcelona's airport as a result, where two coaches

waited to take the 170 passengers to their destination.

Those who had been aboard the flight, many of them elderly and returning from holidays, took the coaches which arrived at La Paloma airport at around midnight.

Passengers told Spanish media that the bus made one stop in Zaragoza during the more than 600 kilometre journey.

Those on board were taken to a restaurant to buy sandwiches and bottles of water, they said.

Many of those who had been aboard the plane arranged their own transport to Bilbao from Barcelona, according to reports.

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NEWS EXTRA

Playing with fire

A MAN who allegedly tried to set fire to his Archidona home while his wife and children were inside faces 15 years in prison, after the prosecution claimed he acted in revenge after his wife threw him out.

First sight

STAFF from two British travel agents have been touring 16 Marbella venues on a four-day trip aimed at showcasing what the city council's wedding department has to offer couples from the UK who wish to marry in Spain.

Death probe

A MAN who stabbed his sister's boyfriend to death in their Benalmadena home could face 22 years behind bars if found guilty of murder, after he allegedly waited until she was out before brutally attacking him.

Out of this world

Weapons seized from man 'watched by NASA'

vPOLICE on the Costa del Sol have seized an arsenal of weapons from a man who believed that US space agency NASA was monitoring him via a lamp post.

The raid came after a concerned neighbour reported that an 'aggressive individual' was making a commotion in his flat.

When investigators swooped on the address in the Miraflores de Los Angeles neighbourhood of Malaga City, the culprit reportedly screamed "I am going to kill you all," sparking



Photo by Policia Local de Malaga/Google Maps

GOING POSTAL: The man believed he was being monitored 'via a lamp post.' (Inset) Arsenal of weapons seized.

a call for backup.

Once the area was secure, a senior of-

ficer called the property's telephone, quickly convincing the unnamed 35-

year-old to step outside.

He told them that he was 'fine' but NASA had hacked his computer and were watching him through a modified lamp post outside his home.

An ambulance was called amid concerns over his mental health, and while waiting for medics to arrive the man revealed that he had bought a number of weapons - including a hand gun, cross bow, air rifle, arrows and bullets - to protect himself against potential attacks.

The man was transferred to the Civil Hospital and the arms confiscated.

THE mother of missing Antonio Ortega has made a desperate appeal for the search to carry on.

Mr Ortega, 32, left his Torremolinos home on January 22 to take his dog Smoky for a walk but has not been seen since, despite hundreds of volunteers joining the search and the discovery of his pet two weeks later.

His mother has produced a further video for social media in which she

Mum's desperate plea

emotionally pleads for people to distribute a photograph of Mr Ortega, and to continue efforts to find him.

"My son has an illness and his life is in danger," she said.

"I ask anyone who can help me to spread the photo of Antonio so that

someone with information might see it."

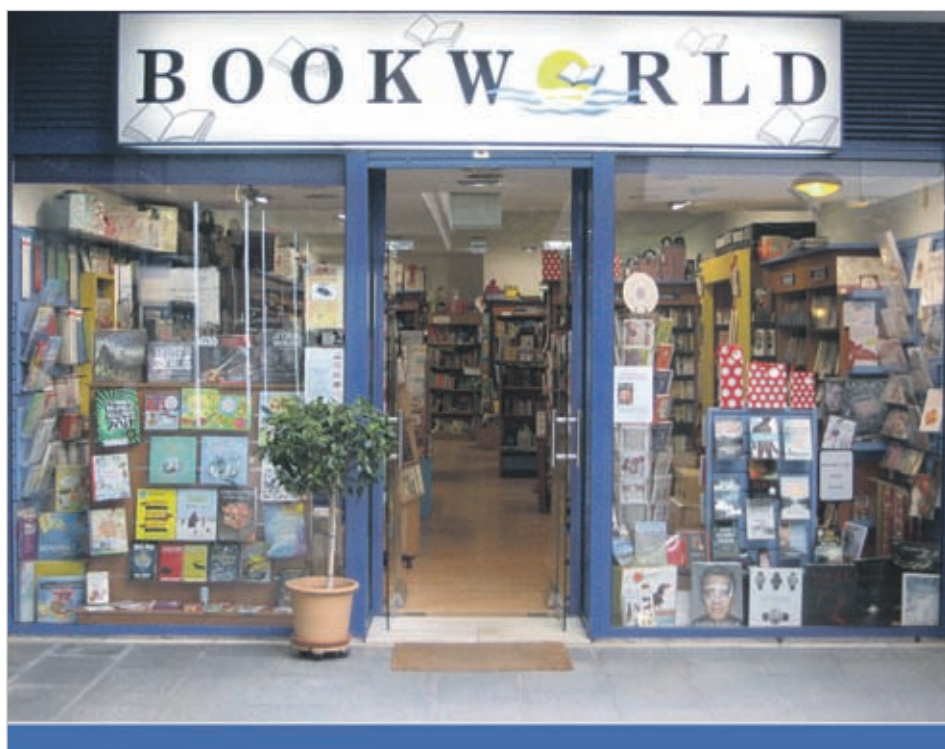
He has brown hair, weighs around 72 kilos, measures 1.80 metres and requires medication.

Mr Ortega was wearing black sweatpants, a white sweatshirt with a red hood and blue trainers.

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NEWS EXTRA

Car thieves collared

TWO men have been arrested after they were allegedly caught breaking into a car in Malaga. Officers are now reportedly looking into the men's possible involvement in up to 21 vehicle robberies.

In a state

MARKET stall owners at Marbella's Municipal Market have complained about the state of the market following heavy rain falls. Many have asked for immediate improvements to the area after leaks and dampness were found.

Cheap stay

THE Estepona Council has opened a brand new public car park. The car park is located underneath the Antonia Guerrero Plaza and will cost users just €1 a day for park-

Heroine hailed
Airline pays tribute to Maria Zambrano



Photo by Norwegian

TELLING TAILS: Norwegian aircraft will display 109 famous figures.

by Tom Woods

NORWEGIAN Airlines has dedicated one of its new aircraft to the Spanish philosopher and writer Maria Zambrano.

The move came in tandem with International Women's Day, and it will be a 189-seat Boeing 737 MAX8 that gets the honour.

It is the airline's 11th plane to be dedicated to a historical figure, and Norwegian plans to pay tribute to 109 illustrious people from the arts, history and science across the world.

The Maria Zambrano Foundation has collaborated closely in the project, and an image of her will be shown at the tail of the plane.



Photo by Malaga Police

ROAD RUNNERS: The youngsters endangered many lives in the car chase.

Tourists terrorise streets

LOCAL POLICE in Malaga arrested three young tourists after a dangerous car chase through the streets.

The driver is 23 years old with a history of indiscretions on his record, and has been charged with reckless driving, lacking documentation, resisting the authorities and criminal damage.

Officers who were dressed as civilians spotted a Kia vehicle without an ITV certificate, and in which the driver was talking on a mobile phone.

Moreover, none of the three inhabitants were wearing seatbelts and so the police approached the vehicle and ordered it to stop.

However, the car ignored the command and sped off sharply, passing through red traffic lights and hitting other vehicles in its way.


The police followed in hot pursuit but this only forced the offenders to desperately head down a road in the wrong direction at the Puente de las Americas.

In order to avoid the oncoming cars the driver swerved into a pavement, knocking over three women (who needed medical treatment) and hitting several vehicles.


Police cars managed to intercept the tourists on Calle Escultor Palma Burgos after they had collided with more cars, and arrested them as they tried to escape on foot.

The two companions of the driver, aged 17 and 18, have also been charged with resisting the authorities.

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Naughty-cal version of TV's Coach Trip revealed

A 'SEXED-UP' nautical version of hit Channel 4 reality show Coach Trip guaranteeing 'sun, sea and sass' is to take to the seas around Spain on a Mediterranean cruise ship.

Two teams of friends will be jetting off to the Med joining thousands of tanned and toned 20-somethings for a once-in-a-lifetime party aboard one of Europe's most lavish cruise liners letting their hair down with an itinerary of pool parties, big name DJs and some of the most exclusive events in the world.

Across the five-part series, with a working title of 'Shipmates,' the two teams of five will compete in a host of challenges. But only one group will be victorious when, at the end of the cruise, their fellow passengers vote for their favourite team.

No Shipmates series pre-



SHIPMATES: The Med party cruise ship and (inset) Brendan Sheerin on a Coach Trip.

sender has yet been announced but producers will be hard-pressed to beat the Coach Trips' Brendan Sheerin.

The travel guide and TV presenter started his career on Costa Brava in the late 1970's and now lives on the Costa del Sol when he's not travelling.

Channel 4 has commissioned the new reality series from West Midlands based

indie Full Fat TV.

The series will be overseen by Cadman and Gilly Greenslade for Channel 4, Chantal Boyle and Colette Foster will executive produce the series for Full Fat TV with Kim Rossiter as Series Producer.

Becky Cadman says, "We're excited to be working with Midlands indie Full Fat TV on a series that's will be full of sun, sea and sass."



Photo credit: Guardia Civil

OFF THE SCALE: Some of the animals seized were bought legally and frozen.

Snakes on a plane

More than 800 illegal animals seized

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.



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'Gang member' shot dead

A 43-YEAR-OLD MAN who was shot dead near a school in Spain is believed to be an ex-gang member of the notorious Los Miami.

The Colombian national was shot 10 times shortly after dropping his child off at the British Council school in Pozuelo, Madrid.

According to witnesses, two men on a motorcycle drove up alongside the victim's car and fired at Jose Ricardo Rojas Montes, and fled the scene using the heavy traffic to their advantage.

His partner, who was in the car at the time, has been placed in witness protection following the incident. Police are working on the hypothesis that the hit was due to an old score being settled with other drug dealers.

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 Valtonlyc 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 exam-



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

ple 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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€36m 'kebab' scheme skewered by police

A SPANISH police operation against a massive international money laundering operation based on the Costa Blanca and in Barcelona has led to five arrests and 15 people being charged.

The criminal organisation, operating both in Germany and Spain, used a network of food establishments to conceal their activities, fronting as kebab meat suppliers.

Guardia Civil investigations

began in summer 2015 when police officers from the Barcelona-El Prat airport discovered that money was being sent from Spain to Germany on a weekly basis.

Running its activities from Barcelona and Alicante, the criminal organisation was transferring large sums of money between the two countries, ranging from €90,000 to €300,000.

The group justified the trans-

fers to the airport authorities as payments of Spanish companies to a German company for kebab meat supply.

But the investigation revealed that the Spanish companies did not even run real commercial activities.

Police found that the group, operating since 2012, had built up a network of front companies involved in money laundering. The Spanish authorities estimate that around €36 million has been transferred and laundered by the criminal network. Europol has supported the investigation since 2017 by providing analytical and operational support, carrying out data analysis and cross match reporting.

As a result of the operation the Spanish Guardia Civil has blocked 36 bank accounts and 35 credit cards and seized five properties in the province of Al-



Photo credit: Guardia Civil

KEBAB CASH: The group used food establishments to conceal their activities, fronting as kebab meat suppliers.

icante worth approximately €470,000.

"This investigation shows once again that criminal busi-

ness is still largely done in cash," Simon Riondet, Head of Financial Intelligence at Europol, explained.

"Professional money laundering syndicates offer cash courier and compensation laundering services for illicit proceeds. Very often networks of front and shell companies are established in order to facilitate the movement of the money and to provide justification for the proceeds.

"These activities are further enabled by the lack of cash payment restrictions in some EU countries which allow justifying large cash amounts as payments for trade activities.

"The continued law enforcement seizures of bulk large denomination banknotes and the prevailing trade-based money laundering schemes reinforce the need to discontinue the production and circulation of €500 and €200 banknotes and set an EU-wide framework for restricting or setting a common limit for cash payments."

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Mother arrested in Murcia after kidnap claims

by Benjamin Park

A WOMAN has been arrested in Murcia on suspicion of abducting her own daughter.

According to reports, the grandmother of a child reported to police that her granddaughter had been snatched from her lap while she was waiting at the San Anton medical centre.

When officers arrived at the scene, the woman was allegedly in a clear state of shock and eyewitnesses claimed that it had been the mother of the child who had taken the young girl, who was her son's ex-partner.

After she had described the vehicle used to get away, police alerted all officers in the vicinity of a potential kidnapping.

National Police were quickly able to locate the woman, who was travelling with three other people close to the child, and all four were arrested.

Spanish media have reported that the child's parents, both members of the military, are currently in the middle of a custody battle.

The child's father, who she is believed to be currently living with, had been away in Galicia for a training course and had

left her under the care of his mother when the incident occurred.

However the woman, who has another son from a previous relationship, claims that the child should be staying with her.

And sources close to the woman have reportedly told Spanish media outlets that the girl is supposed to be living with her mother in Cartagena but the father failed to return her following one of her summer visits.

The matter will be clarified at a family court at a later date.

Brit dies after rescue from pool

A BRITISH man has died after being pulled unconscious from a hotel swimming pool in Spain.

Emergency services attempted to resuscitate the 79-year-old at the scene in Costa Adeje, Tenerife, but were unsuccessful according to reports.

According to 112 emergency number a

spokesperson said "a doctor who happened to be there had begun to perform a resuscitation" and emergency services then continued with "basic and advanced techniques, but without success" and the man was declared dead at the scene.

Police are investigating the incident to determine what happened and are awaiting a coroner's report.



WASTE: The amount of plastic sent to landfill in Spain grew by 4 per cent between 2012 and 2016.

What a waste!

SPAIN is one of the countries in Europe which sends the most plastic to landfill sites, according to a study.

The country also came second on the continent in terms of the amount of plastic recycled, according to data from Plastics Europe.

Ignacio Marco, Plastics Europe's Iberian director, told Spanish media that landfill should not be considered as a waste management option.

"The use of landfill is too widespread in Spain. As long as this continues it will be extremely difficult to comply with European and Spanish legislation on recycling," he said.

The amount of plastics sent to landfill grew by 4 per cent between 2012 and 2016. Across Europe the amount sent fell by 20 per cent during the same period.

Around 18 kilograms of plastic per person per year were recycled. Per person, 23 kilograms were sent to landfill every year.

A total of 54 per cent of plastic waste was either recycled or reused in 2016.

The remaining 46 per cent was sent to landfill sites.

The Plastics - Situation in 2017 report stated around €1.5 billion could be saved in raw materials costs if more plastic was recycled.

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.

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.

Mayhem in mid-air

A 'DISRUPTIVE' passenger on a flight from Manchester to Tenerife forced the aircraft to return to its departure airport and other passengers to suffer delays to their journeys.

The man was arrested by police when the aircraft landed back at Manchester and the remainder of the passengers had to spend a night in a hotel before catching a rescheduled flight to Tenerife the next morning.

A Ryanair spokesman said, "The flight from Manchester to Tenerife returned to Manchester after a passenger became disruptive in flight.

"The aircraft landed normally and the passenger was met by police upon arrival.

"Customers were provided with overnight accommodation in Manchester and boarded a rescheduled

flight for Tenerife early the following morning.

"We will not tolerate unruly or disruptive behaviour at any time and the safety and comfort of our customers, crew and aircraft is our number one priority.

"This is now a matter for police." A Greater Manchester Police spokesman said, "Police were called to reports of an intoxicated man on a flight from Manchester Airport.

"A 45-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being drunk on an aircraft.

"Enquiries into the full circumstances around this incident are ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101, quoting incident number 2329 of 08/03/18, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Car crash horror

Irish teacher fighting for life

AN Irish woman is fighting for her life in an intensive care unit in Spain after she suffered serious injuries in a car crash.

Louise Lynch, from Killarney in County Kerry, was involved in a smash on February 24 in Badajoz.

She suffered internal injuries, cranial, abdominal injuries with many fractured bones in the horror smash.

Her family are now by her side and are trying to raise €100,000 for 'ongoing expenses with hospital treatment, travel and accommodation costs in Spain.'

The 21-year-old was in Spain teaching primary school children English after finishing her degree at University College Cork.

So far a whopping €23,074 of a €100,000 goal has been raised by 465 people in just four days in an online appeal



Go Fund Me/Louise Lynch Hospital Fund

SERIOUSLY INJURED IN SPAIN: Louise Lynch from County Kerry.

since the Go Fund Me page was set up on March 8.

One well-wisher, Juan Jose Macias Rodriguez, has donated to the fund and written, Hi, I am the father of a girl from the Luis de Morales school and I

hope that Louise will recover and return with her students as soon as possible.

To donate, head to the Go-FundMe page: Louise Lynch Hospital Fund.

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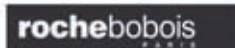
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Visitors from the Faroe Islands

BIRATA and Marjun chose the International School Estepona to complete their teaching course and gain work experience.

Gillian Godbold, Director says "We will miss them including Birata's daughter, Ranja, and we have said they are welcome to visit us any time in the future. We hope that they have gained knowledge of how we teach the children as we undoubtedly benefited from their input with us."

More pictures can be seen on: www.facebook.com/internationalshoolestepona.



FRIENDS FROM ABROAD: Birata and Marjun with the International School Estepona staff.

POOR Bolo, abandoned in the rain all night, tied to a tree. But he is still a happy chappy. Loves people, and playing. He is about four years old, and would be a great

Triple A Dog of the Week

pet. Only not very dogs. He likes to be the good with other male boss.

Call Lesley on 642 731 068 if you would like more information on adoption of Bolo, or any other Triple A dog.

For information, visit www.tripleamarbella.org.

Colourful characters appear at BISM

BATMAN, Harry Potter and dozens of princesses - those were just some of the characters children at the British International School of Marbella dressed up as while celebrating Book Week this month.

During the event British children's author Anna Bogie read some of her stories to the bookworms.

Alexandra Marseglia, English Coordinator, said: "The theme this year was 'Illustrations' and we were very fortunate to have a professional illustrator come into each class and share her experiences and help the chil-

dren with some drawing activities." Different classes in the school also chatted to famous authors on Skype, including Jeremy Strong, Josh Lacey, Catherine Rayner, Jo Litchfield and Margaret Bateson-Hill.

"The authors answered lots of questions, shared some of their writing secrets and read some of their latest stories or poems. Thank you to all of the staff, children, parents and authors who made Book Week 2018 a school event to remember!"

For more information visit www.bism.org.es.

Charity mixed with pleasure

THIS week Club Charity and Pleasure marked its 25th birthday with cake and wine for members. CAP Singers, under the direction of Yvonne Harrison, entertained with a selection from their new repertoire.

CAP is a friendly, social organisation, now meeting from 10.30am each Wednesday morning for coffee at Restaurante Chilli, Benamara; many weeks there is a speaker. Events and excursions include regular shopping trips to Gibraltar; visits to the theatre and exhibitions; lunches and dinners at different venues along the coast, mystery trips, etc. A full programme of events is published in their free quarterly magazine, and regularly updated online. They also raise money for local charities, mainly Alzheimer's, Adana, Aprona, Aspandem and Cudeca.

New members are welcome - annual membership is only €15. Why not go along for coffee? You will be assured of a warm welcome. For more information contact President Mary Erlich on 952 896 820 or go online to www.clubcharityandpleasure.wordpress.com.

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The language of law in Spain

WE often hear statements relating to the implication of contracts and other legal

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I am referring to the belief that a contract signed in Spain in a language different from official Castilian (or for that matter regional languages) is null and void and thus, does not create rights or obligations.

There is an evolution of the above which is far more twisted.

If a person that does not understand Spanish signs a legal document in this language, they can challenge it in Court where, incidentally (according to a minority of expats) the Judge should - at the very least - know English but if not, a translator should always be provided to ensure his/her rights are protected.

The following notes

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should help dispel any potential confusion as to what is correct from what is not, 'language-wise':

- A document of a contractual nature can be drafted in any language for which an official translation service is available.

This implies that contracts in any language that is official somewhere in the world is legal, since a valid translation can be provided.

- Not understanding the content of a contract is not

an excuse, as much as ignoring the law excuses no one, as the principle goes (save for some exceptions, notably in financial or investment contracts).

- Pursuant to art. 142.1 of the Civil Procedure Law, 'In all judicial procedures, the Judges, Senior Judges, Public Prosecutors, Court Clerks and other civil servants in courts and tribunals shall use Castilian Spanish, the official language of the State,' but it also adds in 143.1 that

'when a person who does not know Castilian Spanish nor, in the event, the official language of the Autonomous Authority has to be questioned or make a declaration, or when it is necessary to personally let him know a decision, the Court Clerk may issue an order authorising any person who knows the language concerned to act as interpreter, in which case the said interpreter shall be required to swear or promise that the translation is true to the original.'

- And finally, in accordance to art. 144.1, 'any document worded in a language other than Spanish or, as appropriate, the official language of the Regional Authority in question shall have a translation of such document attached thereto.'

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Crowdfunding provides defibrillator for walking football tournament

WALKING FOOTBALL SPAIN started life in May 2017 and their first team, WFS Marbella sponsored by BodyWorks Health Clinic, played their first ever Walking Football tournament in the Algarve in Portugal in November 2017.

Unfortunately, just after their second match in the Algarve, one of their players and popular Marbella figure, Gordon Powell who owned Chill Out Beds, collapsed and died immediately from a sudden heart attack.

A first aider was present at the event but they had to wait until the Portuguese paramedics arrived before a defibrillator could be administered.

The shocking and unexpected death of a very popular figure in the team and in Marbella, made founder of Walking Football Spain, Adam Chandler, think that they needed to get

their own defibrillator available pitchside at all of their games.

Adam said, "Our Walking Football players range in age from 38 to 76 with the majority being retired expats over the age of 50. But we do have many players in their 60s and 70s and so having a defibrillator present at all of our games will just give us 'peace of mind' that if a similar situation happened again, then at least we would have the tools available to do all we can."

Adam Chandler set up a page on *JustGiving.com* and shared that page with all the members of the team, along with family and friends of Gordon Powell, and in just eight days they had raised the full amount required.

The defibrillator arrived just in time to be taken to an Over 65's Walking Football Tournament in Gibraltar on March 7.

Walking Football is football played without running and with minimal contact, making it ideal for men and women to play well into their senior years. There are over 1,000 clubs in the UK alone and Walking Football is now played in 30 different countries, making it one of the fastest growing sports in the world.

Walking Football Spain organise weekly Walking Football sessions along the Costa del Sol.

They play every Monday from 10.30am at Polideportivo Benalmadena Pueblo, every Tuesday from 8pm on the five-a-side pitches at the San Pedro Football Stadium and every Thursday from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria.

For more information, visit www.walkingfootballspain.com or email adam@walkingfootballspain.com.



SUCCESS: David and Barbara James and chef Paul presenting Michael O'Halloran (DIL) with proceeds of the night.

Darkness into light

A CHARITY dinner was hosted by El Paraiso Golf in their clubhouse on Saturday March 3. The dinner was organised by David and Barbara James and chef Paul. The wines were kindly donated by Richard Bell Young of Vinopolis Wines.

The dinner was the launching of the annual 5km charity walk 'Darkness into Light' which will be held in Estepona on May 12 at 5.30am.

Darkness into Light is the flagship fundraising event for Pieta House (suicide and self-harm prevention). Darkness into Light was first held in Dublin in 2008 with 400 participants in 2017; 150,000 men, women and children took part worldwide promoting global awareness of suicide and self-harm prevention.

Registration will open this week at: www.darknessintolight.ie.

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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.

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.

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

On the rise

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

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.

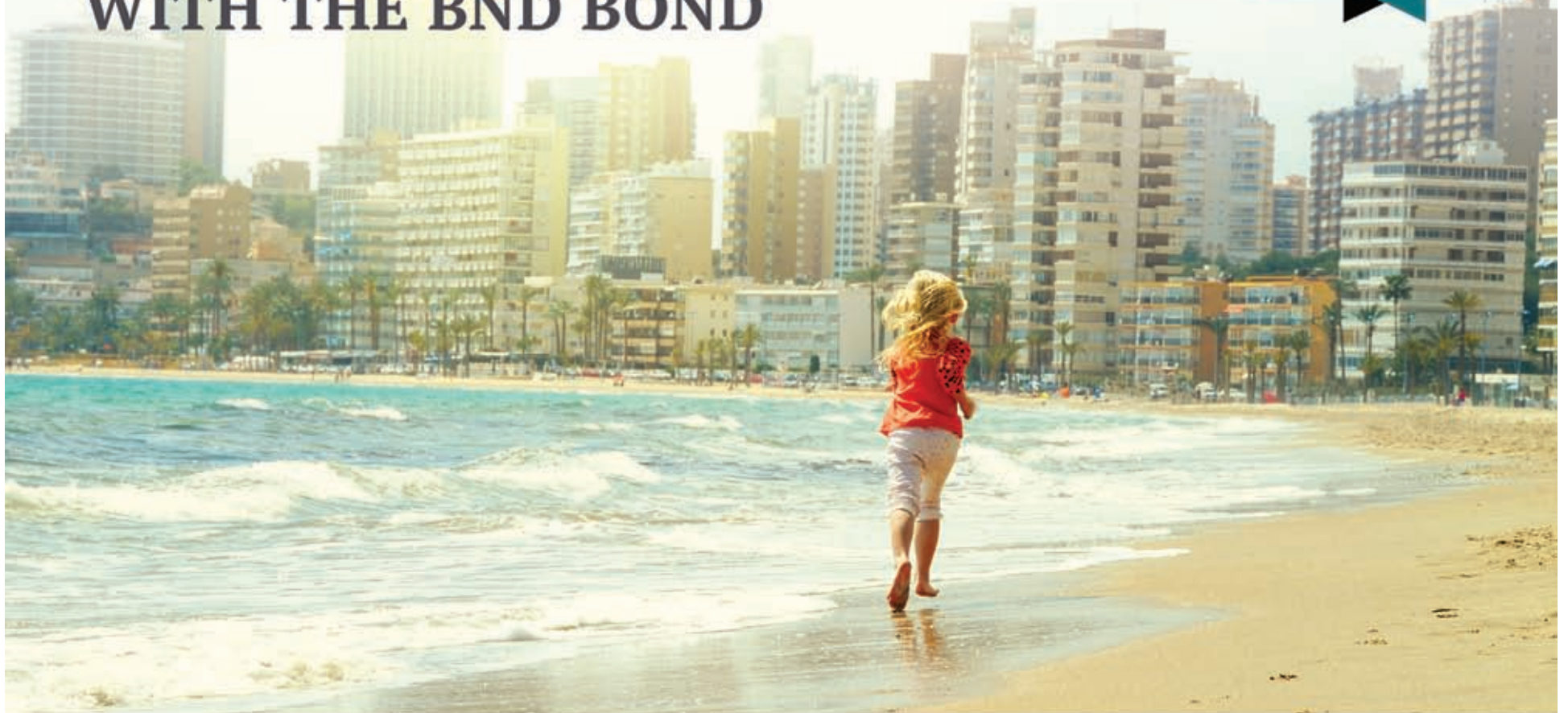
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DENMARK has revealed it wants to continue the tightened border control arrangements currently in place by at least six months, after Immigration Minister Inger Støjberg said there was no justification to make the restrictions more lax.




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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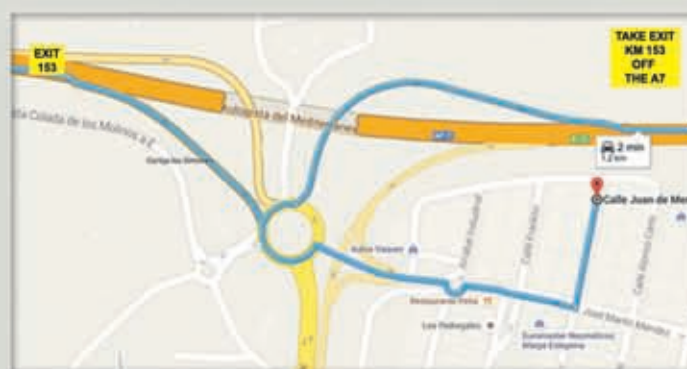
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Ticket to ride for train line

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."

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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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Anglo American	1,705.10	-47.10	-2.69	23,979.60
Associated British Foods	2,402.50	-204.50	-7.84	20,599.36
Admiral Group	1,961.25	47.25	2.47	5,428.35
Ashtead Group	2,048.00	38.00	1.89	9,612.74
Antofagasta	899.90	5.50	0.61	8,576.95
Aviva	534.90	15.50	2.98	20,411.34
AstraZeneca	4,898.00	112.50	2.35	60,979.51
BAE Systems	598.90	-2.90	-0.48	18,770.29
Barclays	225.51	14.76	7.00	36,231.96
British American Tobacco	3,910.25	-363.25	-8.50	97,743.70
Barratt Developments	510.15	-38.45	-7.01	5,492.02
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,869.00	13.00	0.34	5,154.89
British Land Co	653.80	16.20	2.54	6,314.02
BHP Billiton	1,437.90	2.10	0.15	29,649.26
Bunzl	2,054.75	14.75	0.72	6,785.87
BP	478.18	-0.02	-0.18	94,652.58
Burberry Group	1,718.75	51.25	3.07	6,876.09
BT Group	241.20	1.80	0.75	23,867.14
Coca-Cola HBC	2,267.50	-250.50	-9.95	9,242.05
Carnival	5,243.00	505.00	10.66	9,858.10
Centrica	156.58	14.78	10.42	7,933.80
Compass Group	1,574.25	22.75	1.47	24,457.53
Croda International	4,637.50	5.50	0.12	6,070.06
CRH	2,449.50	4.50	0.18	20,503.20
DCC	6,940.00	105.00	1.54	6,058.17
Diageo	2,380.25	-66.25	-2.71	60,052.53
Direct Line Insurance Group	376.40	-14.00	-3.59	5,275.88
Evrax	462.75	25.75	5.89	6,293.87
Experian	1,528.75	-51.75	-3.27	14,354.22
easyJet	1,577.25	14.25	0.91	6,267.94
Ferguson	5,362.00	44.00	0.83	13,271.71
Fresnillo	1,219.50	-19.00	-1.53	8,909.04
G4S	258.95	-3.25	-1.24	4,007.77
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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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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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 12

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Most Advanced		
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%
Most Declined		
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%
Rimini Street, Inc.	\$ 7.69	0.67 ▼ 8.01%
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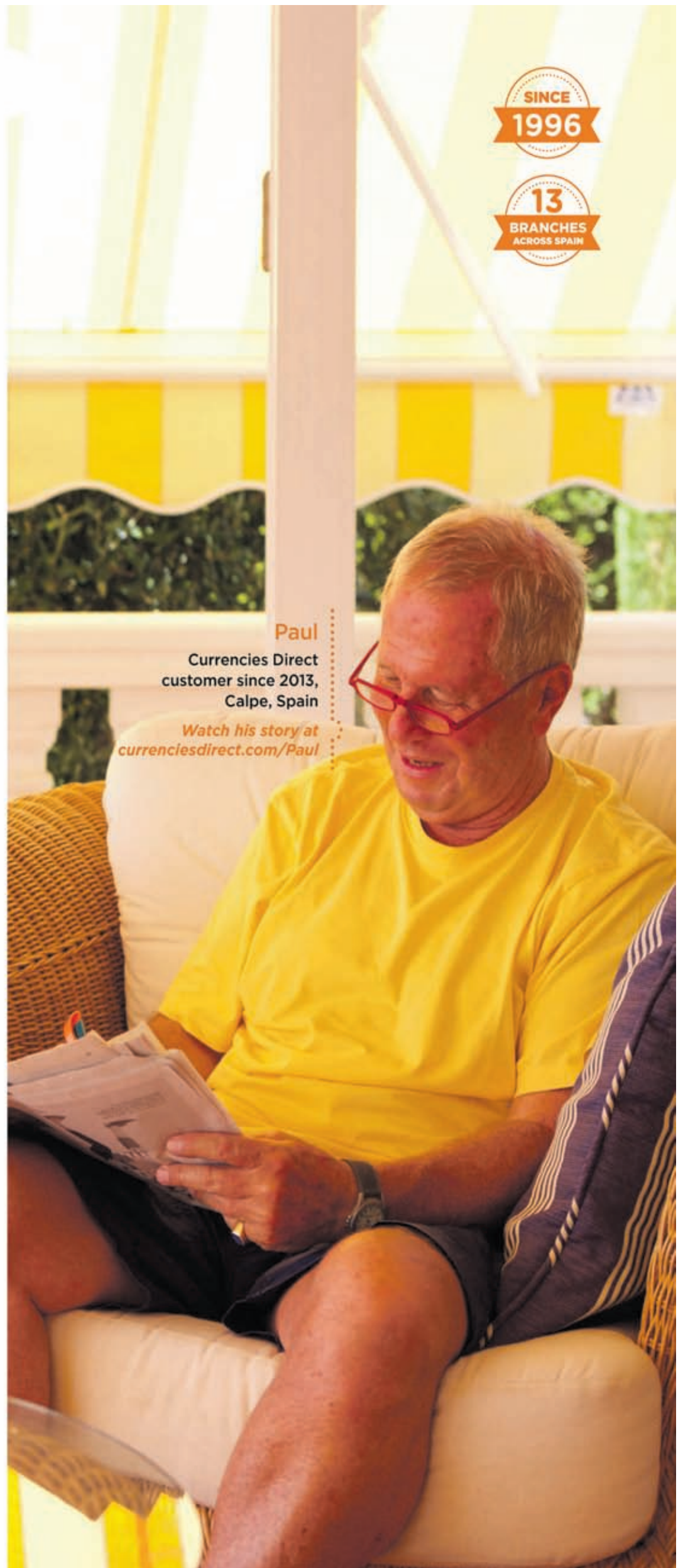
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€6m solar storm erupts

'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-



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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 (NO₂) in Madrid and Barcelona since 2010.

NO₂ 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

by Stone King

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

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

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



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

What is an LPA?

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

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

Your attorney can be a professional,

such as a solicitor or a family member or friend.

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

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

Why should you get an LPA?

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

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

Will my LPA be recognised in Spain?

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

The advice we give to our clients at Stone King, is that if you have assets in both Spain and the UK, your only safe option is to appoint attorneys in both jurisdictions.



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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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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

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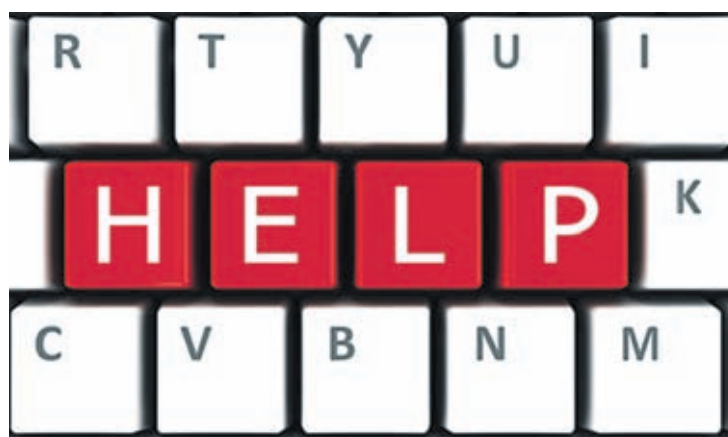
SUCH a nice man phoned from 'Windows' in India the other day, offering to fix a problem my computer didn't have.

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



SUPPORT: Press one if you're rational.

new toy refuses to cooperate, your 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.

SEMANA SANTA SPECIAL: What to expect from the upcoming

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

STOOD 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**

"In all of Spain, Semana Santa is an important week, but in Sevilla hundreds if not thousands of people come out onto the street every 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

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



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

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



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 rubbish 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.

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.



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.

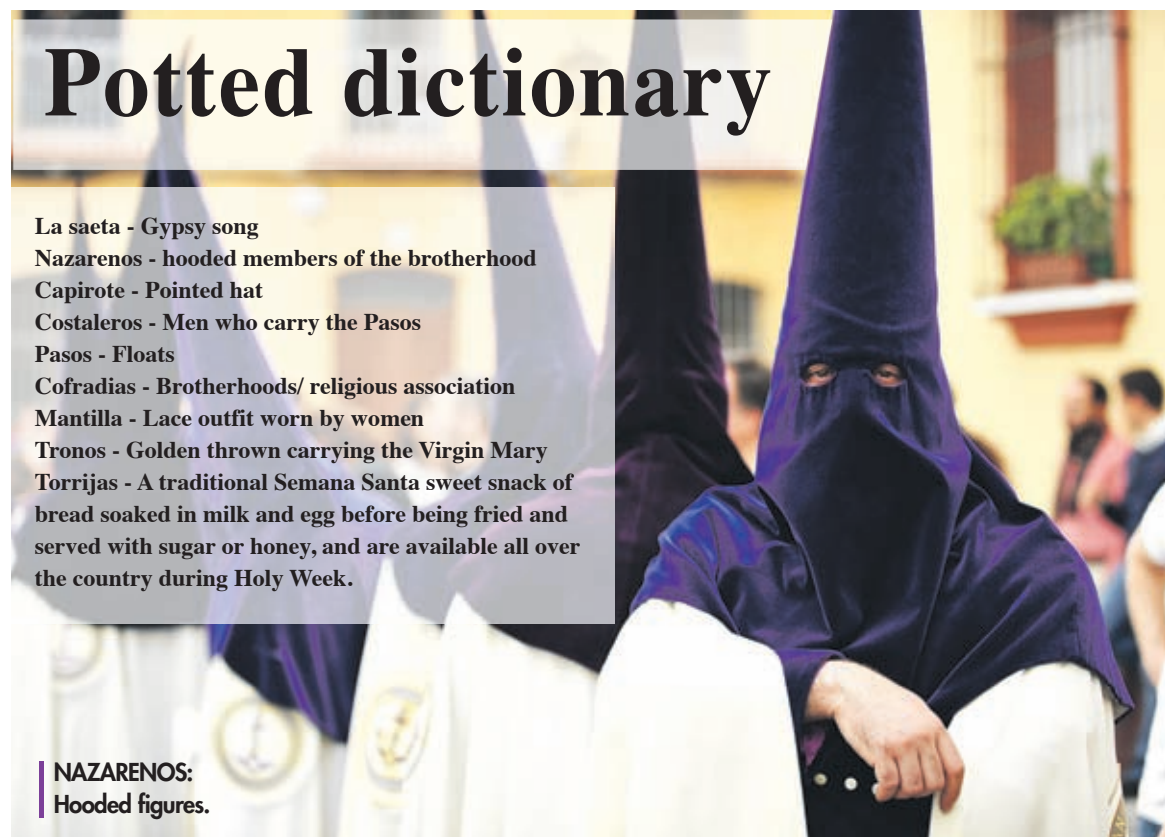
The main event, the Tamborada del Domingo de Resurrección, takes place on Easter Sunday at mid-day in the Plaza Mayor.

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.



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



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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.

Clipping the wings, thrills and spills of no frills airlines

Nora Johnson
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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 10:00pm The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story
 11:00pm Crime and Punishment
 12:00am *Timeshift lifts the veil on the taboo that is corporal punishment.*
 12:00am Blues America
 1:00am Top of the Pops
 1:30am Tom Jones at the BBC
 2:30am The World's Most Photographed
 3:00am The High Art of the Low Countries
 4:00am The Secret Life of Books
 4:30am The Beauty of Anatomy
 5:00am This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:15am 3rd Rock from the Sun
 8:05am Everybody Loves Raymond
 8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Winter Paralympics Breakfast
 10:00am Frasier
 10:35am Frasier
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Come Dine with Me
 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A Place in the Sun
 5:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 6:00pm Four in a Bed
 6:30pm Extreme Cake Makers
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 8:30pm Winter Paralympics Today
 9:00pm Location, Location, Location
 10:00pm My Baby's Life: Who Decides?
 11:00pm The Job Interview
 12:00am Winter Paralympics Highlights
 1:15am Winter Paralympics Live

CHANNEL 5

9:20am Digby Dragon
 9:35am Rusty Rivets
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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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7:00am Hollyoaks
 8:00am Couples Come Dine with Me
 9:00am Baby Daddy
 10:00am Melissa and Joey
 11:00am How I Met Your Mother
 11:30am How I Met Your Mother
 12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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 10:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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 11:00pm Five Star Hotel
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory
 12:35am The Big Bang Theory
 1:00am First Dates

sky sports main event

6:30am My Icon
 6:45am My Icon
 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 Live Arnold Palmer Featured Grps
 7:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
 8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
 The 2018 Unibet Premier League Darts season heads to the Motorpoint Arena Nottingham.
 11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten
 12:00am Sky Sports News
 1:00am Sky Sports News
 2:00am Sky Sports News
 3:00am Live ATP 1000: Indian Wells

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
 9:30am Lorraine
 10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
 11:30am This Morning
 1:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
 1:55pm ITV News London
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 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

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7:00am The Planet's Funniest Animals
 7:20am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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 8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?
 8:55am Emmerdale
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7:00am Coronation Street
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 8:55am The Royal
 9:55am Judge Judy
 10:25am Judge Judy
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 11:20am Inspector Morse
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 2:35pm Heartbeat
 3:40pm Coronation Street
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 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
 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 Ironside
 10:30am ITV Racing: The Opening Show
 11:30am The Protectors
 12:00pm The Saint
 1:05pm The Avengers
 2:10pm Ironside
 3:10pm Quincy, M.E.
 4:15pm Minder
 5:20pm The Saint
 6:25pm The Avengers
 7:35pm Storage Wars
 8:05pm Pawn Stars
 8:35pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm 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
 5:20pm Wheeler
 7:15pm Snatched
 9:00pm Wonder Woman
 11:25pm Numb
 1:00am City of Tiny Lights
 2:55am Cult of Chucky
 4:45am Scribe

sky sports football

12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
 1:00pm The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
 2:00pm La Liga Icons
 2:15pm La Liga Icons: Falcao
 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
 6:00pm Football Years
 6:30pm Football Countdowns
 7:00pm League Cup Final Highlights
 8:00pm EFL Matters
 8:30pm Magical Messi
 9:30pm EFL Matters
 10:00pm League Cup Final Highlights
 11:00pm La Liga Show
 11:30pm EFL Matters
 12:00am La Liga Icons

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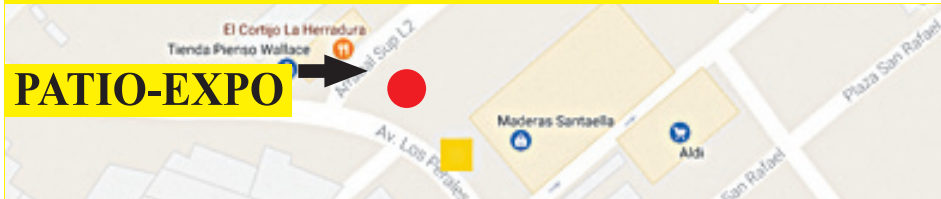
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10:15am	Holding Back the Years
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Caught Red Handed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	A Place to Call Home
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Coast and Country Auctions
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	MasterChef
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	Requiem
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Young Offenders
12:05am	Shanghai Knights

BBC TWO

7:30am	Holding Back the Years
8:15am	The Sheriffs are Coming
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
12:00am	Van Morrison Live at Eden
12:55am	Top of the Pops
1:25am	The Irish Rock Story: A Tale of Two Cities
2:25am	Here Comes the Summer: The Undertones Story
3:25am	Songs of Ireland
4:25am	The Beauty of Anatomy
4:55am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Winter Paralympics Live
9:00am	Winter Paralympics Breakfast
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Winter Paralympics Today
9:00pm	Scruffts: Britain's Favourite Dog
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	The Last Leg
12:05am	Winter Paralympics Highlights

CHANNEL 5

9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Locked Away
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard
10:00pm	Jane McDonald and Friends
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Lip Sync Battle UK
12:00am	Greatest Celebrity
1:00am	Cruising with Jane McDonald

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9:00am	Baby Daddy
9:30am	Baby Daddy
10:00am	Melissa and Joey
10:30am	Melissa and Joey
11:00am	How I Met Your Mother
11:30am	How I Met Your Mother
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
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6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	My Hotter Half
9:00pm	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

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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>

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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
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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

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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



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.

A personal tribute by Raymond Slade

Knotty Ash mourns

THE news of Sir Ken's passing was a jolt to me and, I am sure, many others.

Despite his longevity (90 years old and a 'blushing bridegroom,' having married his long term partner Anne two days previously) it proved 'The Grim Reaper' can strike without much courtesy.

I am privileged to have met 'Doddy' on several occasions. The first, can you believe, was at an Ideal Homes Exhibition in Bournemouth? I was in charge of a stand expounding the joys of double glazing in the early 70's.

Trade was not brisk, so my colleague - Eleanor, who was of ample proportion, moved into the aisle and proclaimed in Town Cryer mode "Roll up, roll up, see the Fat Lady"!

At that very moment, Ken - who was starring at the resort turned the corner and announced "Don't be so hard on yourself, you just need a tickle" and produced the ceremonial stick and duly baptised her!

The entourage went crazy and trade, for us, escalated. What a salvation humour can be.

My second encounter was after one of his London performances; having been reared in my teenage years by



KEN DODD: You 'tickled us' and you were never 'diddy.'

constant *Tears*, *Love is like a violin* and *Happiness* playing constantly I felt the attempt at midlife 'Beatlemania' needed to be appeased.

I thought, after the performance, I would chance my hand and went to the stage door and passed a brief note

explaining Mum's admiration and requesting an autograph. The stage door manager came back a few minutes later, without requested autograph, but with a request for us to join Ken in his dressing room.

Mum didn't know whether to curt-

sy or faint, but in we went to be greeted by a beaming toothy soul who oozed compassion, charm and whatever else attributes you care to mention. Having been duly greeted, Mum was invited to sit down with the preface of 'you are diddy Norah'

(Mum struggled to reach five feet 'in heels'!) they chatted about all manner of things, having discovered they were contemporaries.

Ken recounted that he still lived in the house of his birth, so I gave the signal that the 'Papal Audience' was over and we took our leave, with me fearing Mum would go backward after kissing the ring!

My next encounter with Ken was at a theatre, with which I was closely associated due to being in some trusteeship role. The front of house staff were in horror - 'Ken Dodd's on the list,' they lamented, the reason being that he was notorious for 'over-running.'

He was the theatre staff's horror and the taxi drivers' delight, for the unfortunate who'd travelled by bus.

On the due night (overrun by one hour and 15 minutes) and during which performance he entered stage with the line 'Preserve wild life - pickle a squirrel today' my admiration and affection was reignited.

He kindly asked me to join him for a drink in his dressing room and I posed the question "How do you do it?" He held out his wrist and moved me to touch it, followed by "There's humour in that vein and I love to share it."

Ken, you surely 'Tickled Us' and 'Diddy' you never were.

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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

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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
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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 entangled 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 Colin 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 <i>Blockbuster sci-fi action about an inventor tasked with saving humanity from impending doom.</i>
3:25pm	It Comes at Night
5:00pm	Snatched <i>Fish-out-of-water comedy about a hapless mother-daughter duo kidnapped while holidaying in Ecuador.</i>
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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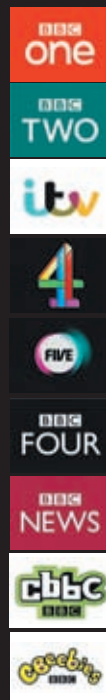


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BBC one

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

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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

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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
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12:15am	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago

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8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Great Irish Journeys with Martha Kearney
9:00pm	Treasures of the Indus
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11:00pm	Mary Magdalene <i>Waldemar Januszczak explores the impact of Mary Magdalene's myth on art and artists.</i>
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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
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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

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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>
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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
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6:00am	Monster Family: Special
6:30am	Black Panther: Special
7:00am	Wheeler
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sky sports football

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7:45pm	La Liga Icons
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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

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



by Nicole King and Jessica Paylor

THIS piece was originally written by Jessica Paylor in Spanish on Facebook in the early hours of Wednesday of March 8. Here are excerpts of her post, which she kindly translated into English:

For starters, I define myself as a woman and I have always identified myself as such. This may be a surprise as I have always been called tomboy, lesbian, guy trapped in a woman's body, and a long ongoing list.

Just because I swear like a sailor, hate putting on make-up or wearing heels and enjoy fully participating in sports doesn't mean that I am any less of a woman than the woman who wakes up early to fix her hair (.....)

And here comes my feminist vein. No, I do not consider that a man is inferior to myself; or that 'violence is a product of solely men.' Yes, I do believe that if I do the same work, I WANT it to be recognised as such, and receive the same salary (...)

Usually, (AND NOTE THIS, it says USUALLY), a man is going to be physically stronger

I am a woman



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I am a woman.

than a woman; and a woman is going to be more in touch with her feelings than a man. It's called biology. It is NOT, however, discrimination.

(.....) A woman, however she may be, whatever race, religion, sexuality, or even if she's

'trans,' just to name a few 'categories,' can dress how she may well please and that does not give ANYONE the right to ever lay a finger on her.

Obviously there are certain clothes, which invite the eye to look, but the same applies both for the woman showing a lot of cleavage and

the individual who has put one too many socks in a certain place. BUT YOU DON'T TOUCH. (.....)

Conclusion: Let's begin with stopping with the fudging double standards, because before we can put up our lovely equality curtains let's take a moment to consider the foundations we want to build upon. A fat guy can be with a very attractive girl, not only curvy girls can find love; and not every compliment is a form of harassment (...). A man who cries isn't less of a man; a woman isn't less of a woman because she wears a suit. (...)

You can call me blonde, 'guiri,' bi, 'opositora,' fighter, fat, bossy, or even, woman but with that entire jumble of endless adjectives, containing both positive and negative labels which try to define only one thing as to what I am entirely, only one thing stands out completely. Above each and every one of those labels, I AM A PERSON.

And as such, THAT'S the reason one should go on strike: For equal treatment between PEOPLE. (...) It's the bad people not the gender that have to change; there is no need for the constant 'battle of the sexes.' For once we should open our bloody eyes to the reality of spoken allegations and start recognising people based on their merits, without the need of having to check which genitalia that person may have.

So, speaking bluntly, let's cut the crap, because we all bleed if we get cut. We all die if we get stabbed in the heart.

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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.

The politically uncommitted, whose votes de-

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

cide 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.

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.

Still on the sidelines

IÑIGO ERREJON is one of the Podemos founders but the party supreme Pablo Iglesias sidelined him a year ago. Errejón, 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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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 Ironsides</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
7:15pm	Storage Wars
7:45pm	Snooker
12:00am	Jaws 4: The Revenge
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Jaws 4: The Revenge
1:50am	The Americans
2:50am	Minder
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Matrix
9:20am	The Matrix Reloaded
11:40am	The Matrix Revolutions
1:55pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
4:05pm	The Matrix
6:25pm	The Matrix Reloaded
8:45pm	The Matrix Revolutions
11:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
7:50am	The Shape of Water: Special
8:10am	In and Out
9:50am	The Cable Guy
11:30am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
1:35pm	Snatched
3:15pm	Date Night
4:50pm	Love Actually
7:10pm	Ghost Town
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	Date Night
12:20am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie
2:00am	The Blues Brothers
4:20am	Almost Christmas

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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
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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

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.

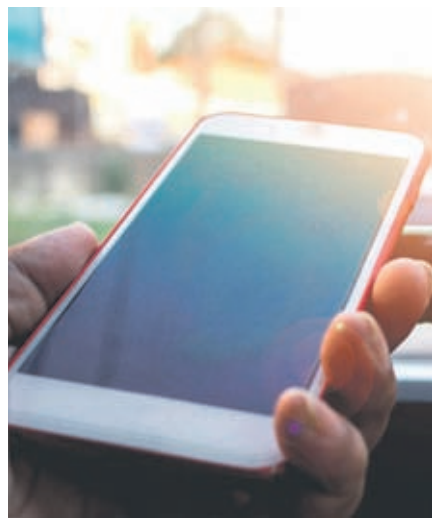
In theory, the technology can also be used to block the functions of the mobile and even prevent use when driving, although this part of the system has seemingly not been welcomed by many, despite the obvious safety benefits.

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 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?

LH (email)

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

David Searl
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.

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.

Bremain in Spain is a group campaigning for the UK to remain in the European Union and to protect the rights of British migrants living and working in Spain. www.bremaininspain.com



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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
4:10pm	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
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Zoe Ball's Hardest Road Home
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Film 2018
12:45am	Short Term 12
2:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am	The Repair Shop
7:30am	Holding Back the Years
8:15am	The Sheriffs are Coming
9:00am	Great British Railway Journeys
9:30am	Classic Mary Berry
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Lifeline
2:10pm	Coast
2:30pm	Yes Chef
3:15pm	Monty Hall's Great Irish Escape
4:15pm	Planet Earth I
5:15pm	Spy in the Wild
6:15pm	Put Your Money
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Saving Lives at Sea
9:00pm	The Secret Helpers
10:00pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
10:55pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Famously Unfit for Sports Relief

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Secret Knowledge
9:00pm	Metalworks!
10:00pm	Make! Craft Britain
11:00pm	Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork
12:00am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues
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 <i>Simon Bates presents the weekly pop chart show, first broadcast on 6th May 1982.</i>
3:00am	A History of Art in Three Colours
4:00am	Britain's Outlaws: Highwaymen, Pirates and Rogues

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
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	The Supervet
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	Damned
11:35pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
12:35am	999: What's Your Emergency?

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	McBride: The Chameleon Murder
6:00pm	5 News <i>The latest news coverage.</i>
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7:00pm	Home and Away
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8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights Qatar.
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	A Walk Among the Tombstones
12:20am	The Equalizer
2:45am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
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10:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55am	First Dates

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7:00am	Netball
9:55am	My Icon
10:15am	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>
1:30am	Cricket

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	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
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4:45pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK <i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>
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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

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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

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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

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9:30pm	La Liga World
10:00pm	Eredivisie
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga Icons: Zidane
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons

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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



Photo Credit: Esmee Visser Instagram

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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?

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.

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.

Trivia from around the world

- *** Denmark's flag was first used in 1219, making it the oldest continuously-used by any modern country.
- *** The town of Datang Zhuji in China is known as Sock City. It produces around eight billion pairs a year according to most recent data, a third of all socks made worldwide.
- *** Iquitos, a city in Peru located deep in the Amazon rainforest, is home to 400,000 people but is inaccessible by road.
- *** Nigeria is Africa's biggest oil-producing state and fourth in the world, with around 2.2 million barrels produced every day.
- *** A 45,330-capacity stadium is currently being built for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar is in Ash-Shamal, which has a population of less than 8,000 people.
- *** Italy is home to 53 UNESCO World Heritage sites, making it the country with the largest number of such sites in the world.



BOTTLED IT: Some replies have taken more than 10 years to reach Harold Hackett.

DID YOU KNOW?

Harold Hackett has put more than 4,870 messages in bottles into the Atlantic Ocean since 2011. He has received more than 3,100 responses from people all over the world.

Women's wit

Perhaps when we find ourselves wanting everything it is because we are dangerously close to wanting nothing."

Sylvia Plath,
poet



Famous quote

No work or love will flourish from guilt, fear, or hollowness. No valid plans for the future can be made by those who cannot live in the now."

Alan Watts, philosopher

World of English

Mouse potato - Someone who spends a large amount of their working or leisure time on a computer.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
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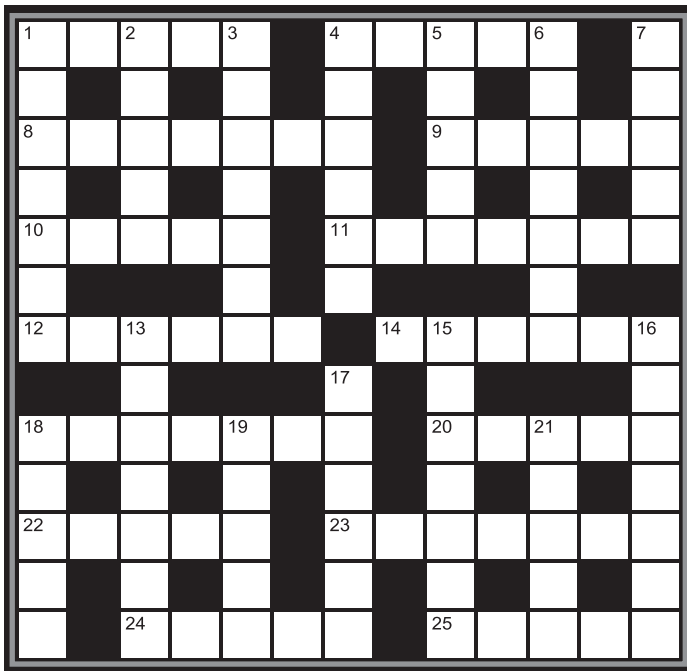


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Cryptic

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)

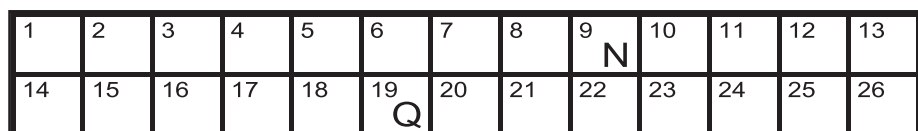
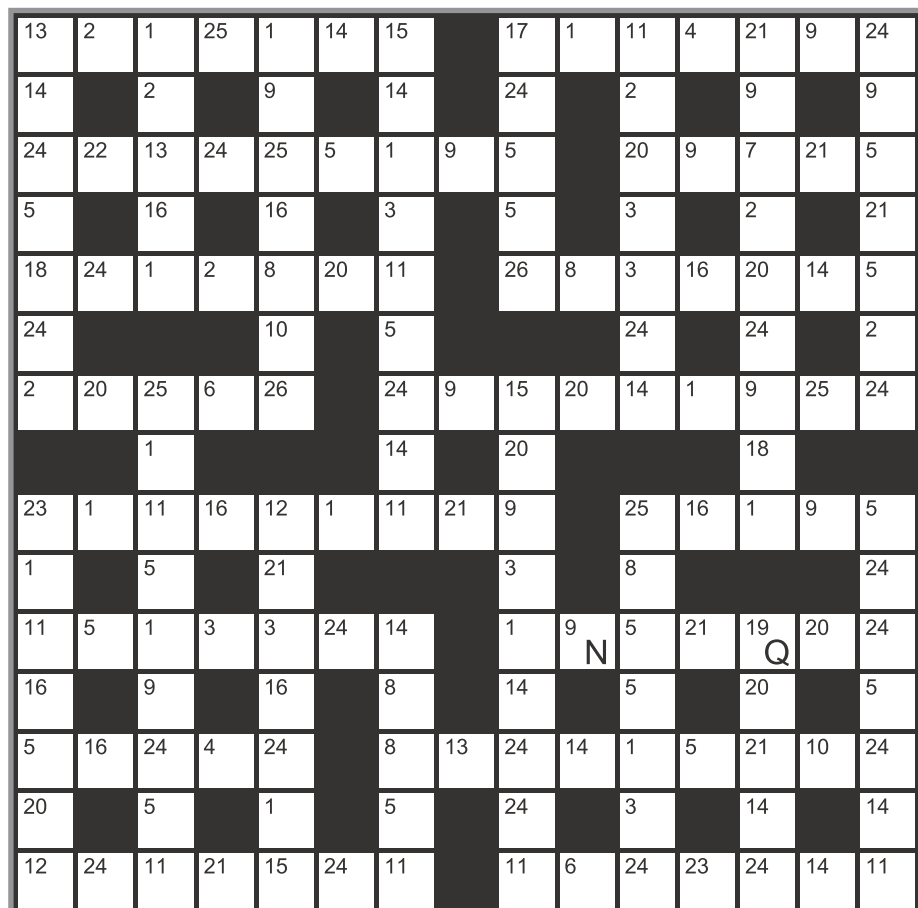


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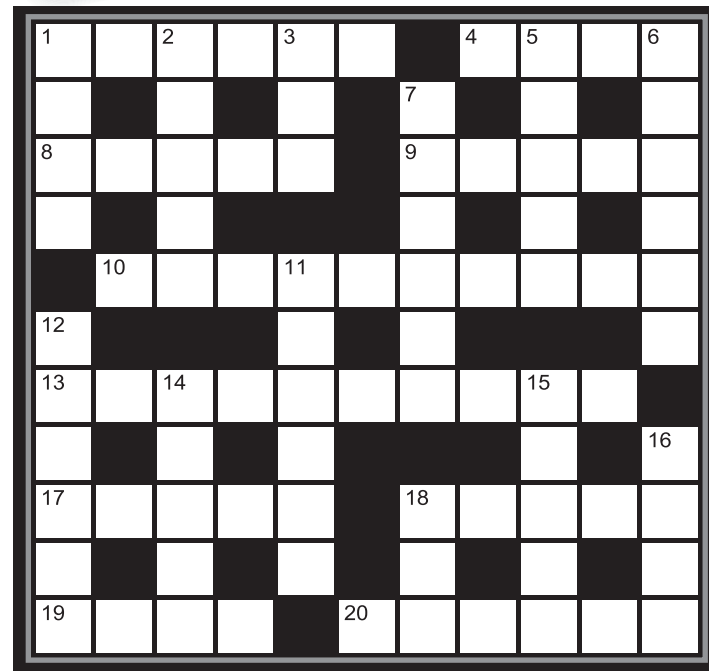
- 1 Bags naughty cheat on board (7)
- 2 Scour the bush country (5)
- 3 Unspoilt old city in South African region (7)
- 4 No care damaged part of eye (6)
- 5 Free range is a deadly sin (5)
- 6 Characters in sinister nerve agent plot are more relentless (7)
- 7 Britain finishes diver's problem (5)
- 13 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

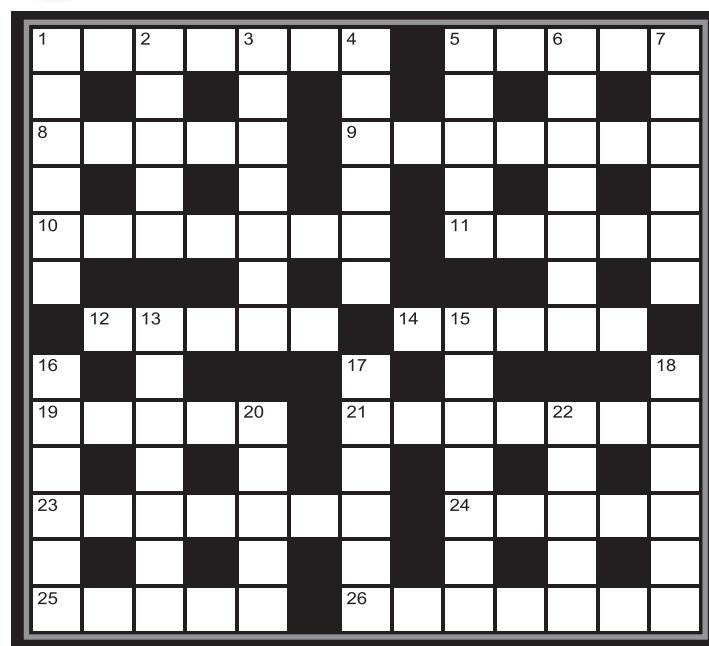
- 1 Safe (6)
- 4 Counterfeit (4)
- 8 Make fit or suitable (5)
- 9 Red, green or yellow fruit (5)
- 10 Lawful (10)
- 13 Help (10)
- 17 State of extreme confusion and disorder (5)
- 18 Body excluding the head and neck and limbs (5)
- 19 Falsehoods (4)
- 20 Make up one's mind (6)

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)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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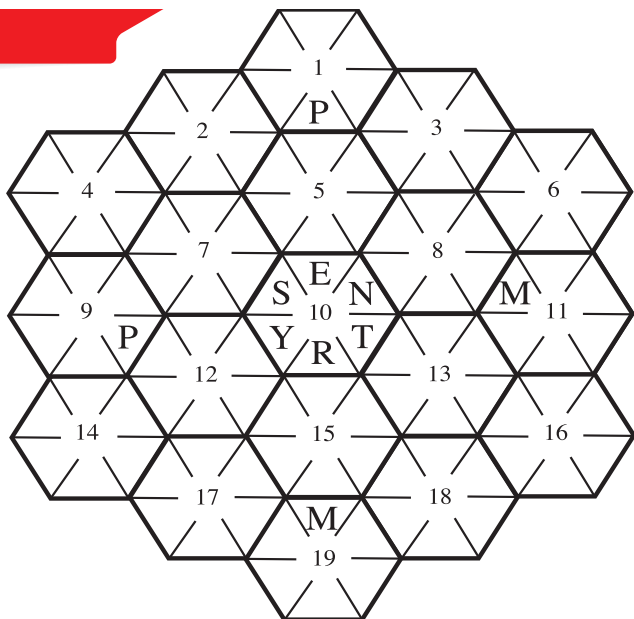
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Hexagram

- ABRUPT
- AGHAST
- APOGEE
- CHOPPY
- CLOUDY
- COUPLE
- DEFECT
- FAMILY
- FATHOM
- GLOSSY
- HIATUS
- IODINE
- MICRON
- MINGLE
- OTIOSE
- SENTRY (10)
- SPURGE
- SWISHY
- THRONE



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

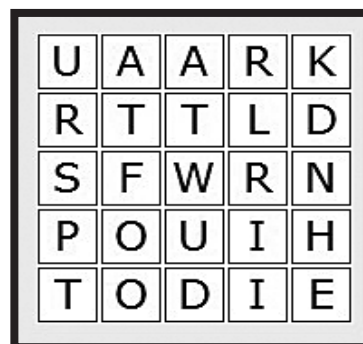
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Cantor 2 Slater 3 Azalea 4 System
- 5 Enable 6 Island 7 Treble 8 Strobe
- 9 Estate 10 Blouse 11 Ingest 12 Sleeve
- 13 Cursor 14 Teller 15 Escape
- 16 Coerce 17 Vessel 18 Collar
- 19 Splash.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 20
- Good: 28
- Very good: 40
- Excellent: 51

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

amino amir amrita annum manor mitt minor miro mite iron tinpot tiro trim triton trite trot trope fate unit unite upon nitro norm note nope rite rota rote rope tori tort torn tope toke teat atop puma prim prima protea proem port porn poem poke phon peon john joke horn hope hike korma thorn thorp them ikon mike

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:

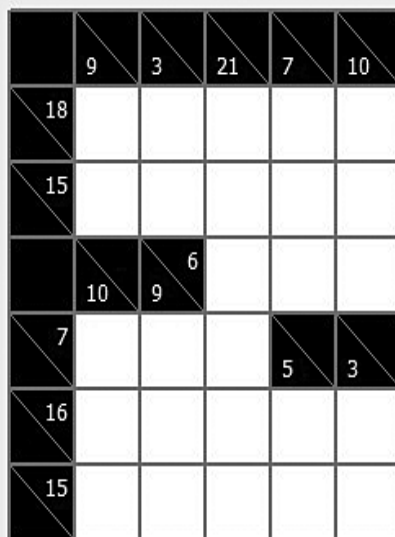
- Average: 9
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 22

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

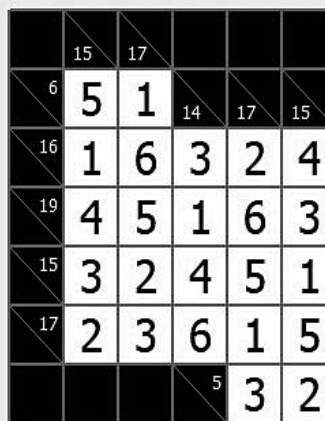
herd hero hoed hoer hone hong horn hour hues huge hung dough henry heron honed honey horde horny hound huger hydro rough dehorn doughy enough horned hoyden hunger hungry rehung roughed hydrogen GREYHOUND

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Petticoat, 6 Lingo, 7 Tepid, 9 Ale, 10 Sincere, 11 Private, 14 Urn, 16 Ahead, 17 Twice, 18 Odourless.
- Down:** 1 Polka, 2 Tangerine, 3 Irons, 4 Often, 5 Dodge, 8 Prejudice, 11 Piano, 12 Audio, 13 Enter, 15 Needs.

CODE BREAKER



CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 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:** 1 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.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Césped, 4 Llorar, 9 Lilac, 10 Lentils, 11 Entonces, 12 Obey, 14 Ticket, 16 Earwig, 19 Bite, 20 Regresar, 23 Cartero, 24 Lucha, 25 Eneldo, 26 Nobody.
- Down:** 1 Coldest, 2 Split, 3 Encender, 5 Leña, 6 Rainbow, 7 Rusty, 8 Flies, 13 Ladrillo, 15 Catorce, 17 Germany, 18 Veloz, 19 Bache, 21 Sacro, 22 Bend.

App of the week



Moleskine Actions

This app is made by the company that produces the premium notebooks, diaries and organisers and is designed to help users keep on top of tasks. It allows the user to make lists, create reminders and make digital cards in a clutter-free way.

QUIZ: WINE LOVERS

1. According to Genesis 9:20 which Hebrew patriarch 'began to be a husbandman, and he planted a vineyard'?
2. From which Italian island does marsala, the dark, sweet fortified dessert wine that resembles sherry, originally come?
3. 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?
4. In which country is the wine growing region of Barossa Valley located?
5. What is the meaning of the Latin phrase 'in vino veritas'?
6. What name is given to the science and study of wine and winemaking?

7. Which group topped the UK singles charts in 1983 with Neil Diamond's Red Red Wine?
8. Which of these wine varieties is the odd one out: (a) Cabernet sauvignon, (b) Chablis, (c) Merlot or (d) Shiraz?
9. Which tall narrow wineglass shares its name with a high-pitched woodwind instrument?
10. 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:

1. NOAH, 2. SICILY, 3. COMPO, 4. AUSTRALIA (South Australia), 5. TRUTH IN WINE - UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, 6. 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

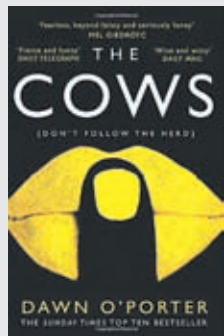
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Send in the COWS

CAM, Stella and Tara are strangers to one another. All share in common their efforts to live their lives in the face of society's demands to be part of the herd.

Cam is a confident blogger determined not to have children. Tara is a single and successful mum while Stella is struggling to cope with the death of her twin sister.

They are brought together after Tara is catapulted into online infamy, creating and strengthening their bonds of friendship. The challenges and catastrophes of each serve as inspiration to them all. Dawn O'Porter's debut novel *The Cows* is about three women experiencing judgement on their way to finding their own voice.

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TODAY



TOMORROW



Malaga Today: Max 18, Min 9-C Fri - 16 8 - Sh Sat - 17 10 - C Sun - 18 10 - Sh Mon - 19 9 - C Tues - 19 10 - C Wed - 20 11 - C	Almeria Today: Max 16, Min 9-C Fri - 15 8 - C Sat - 17 11 - S Sun - 17 10 - C Mon - 17 10 - C Tues - 18 10 - C Wed - 18 11 - S	Bilbao Today: Max 16, Min 8-C Fri - 15 7 - C Sat - 13 7 - C Sun - 14 7 - Sh Mon - 11 8 - Sh Tues - 13 7 - Sh Wed - 14 9 - Sh	Madrid Today: Max 12, Min 4 - C Fri - 10 3 - C Sat - 11 2 - C Sun - 11 3 - Sh Mon - 13 3 - Sh Tues - 14 2 - C Wed - 14 5 - C
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SATURDAY



S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Mark Hoppus, Musician; March 15, 46**

The singer and bass player of pop-punk band Blink 182 was also a member of the Goo Goo Dolls, two of the most popular rock groups of the late '90's.

Born in Ridgecrest in the US, he has also produced for bands such as New Found Glory and has hosted a radio show.

• **Lauren Graham, Actor; March 16, 51**
Graham was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and rode horses competitively before beginning her acting career. She found



Alex Jones.

fame as Lorelai Gilmore in the Gilmore Girls TV series and also appeared in *Bad Santa*, *Evan Almighty* and *It's Kind of a Funny Story*.

• **Alex Jones, TV host; March 18, 41**

Best known as the co-host of the BBC's *The One Show*, Jones studied film, television and theatre at Aberystwyth University.

• **Gary Sinise, Actor; March 17, 63**
Known for his roles in *Forrest Gump*, *Of Mice and Men* and *Apollo 13*, Sinise has

also starred in *Truman*, the biopic of President Harry S Truman and *Ransom*. He co-founded the Steppenwolf Theatre Company alongside Ethan Hawke, Gary Cole and *Of Mice and Men* co-star John Malkovich.

• **Hector Bellerin, Footballer; March 19, 23**

The Arsenal defender made his professional debut in 2013 before playing eight games while on loan to Watford that season. He began his youth career in his birthplace of Barcelona and played his first Spanish national match in 2016.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT



Snow is forecast to fall today (Thursday) for most of the day with highs of one degree Celsius. Tomorrow is expected to stay clear but more snow is forecast for the weekend through until Wednesday. Many Sierra Nevada slopes have been closed due to the conditions.

44 BC - Caesar assassinated
Julius Caesar is stabbed to death in the Roman Senate shortly after proclaiming himself Dictator of the Republic by Marcus Brutus, Gaius Cassius and other senators on the Ides of March.

673 - Tenmu crowned
Tenmu of Japan becomes Emperor and takes up the throne at the Palace of Kiyomihara in Asuka. He would go on to become a political and military reformer.

1241 - Mongols invade
The armies of Poland are defeated by those of the Mongols from northeast Asia in the Battle of Chmielnik, near Krakow.

1493 - Columbus returns
Italian explorer Christopher Columbus arrives back in Spain following his first voyage to the Americas the previous year.

1621 - Pilgrims contacted
Samoset, a Native American from the Mohegan nation, becomes the first to make contact with the English settlers at the Plymouth Colony. He said hello, told them his name and asked for beer, according to accounts.

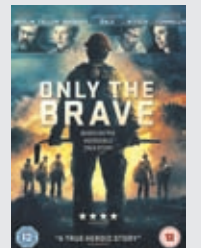
1804 - Napoleonic Code
The French Civil Code, or Napoleonic Code, is brought into law by the Emperor Napoleon. It would go on to influence the legal developments of several countries in Europe and elsewhere.

1962 - Dylan debuts
American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan releases his first studio album, which is self-titled. His music making still continues today.
1992 - Apartheid ends
South Africans vote 68.7 per cent to 31.2 per cent to put an end to Apartheid, the policy of legally requiring black people to live separately from white people.

This week in history

DVD

Heat of the moment



IT is 2007, and Eric Marsh (Josh Brolin) of the Prescott Fire Department in Arizona is getting frustrated with the overruling of his suggestions for fighting forest fires.

Marsh gets permission from the town's mayor to organise its own 'hot-shot' crew dedicated to tackling the blazes. The new recruits are put to the test when the Yarnell Hill Fire breaks out.

Based on a true story, *Only the Brave* is a film about courage, camaraderie and sacrifice.

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.

Word Ladder

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

EASY

BEAT

- JO
- BEAT
- PEAT
- PEST
- PAST
- EAST
- EAST
- EAST
- Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

4	7	8	6	3	2	1	5	9
2	6	3	5	1	9	8	7	4
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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 post-menopausal 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 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.

Dance yourself fit

ZUMBA has undergone an unprecedented increase in popularity in recent years, for good reason.

Combining dance with aerobics, the workout is suitable for people of all ages and abilities and has a wide range of benefits. It aims to improve flexibility, posture, metabolism, endurance and strength through combining various dance moves with fundamental resistance training.

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Achilles Tendonitis

THE largest tendon in the body but also the most frequently ruptured, the Achilles tendon connects the calf muscle to the heel bone.

Symptoms:

- Pain and stiffness in the tendon in the morning or after resting.
- Pain at the back of the heel, worse with activity.
- Severe pain after exercise.
- Swelling and thickening of the tendon.

Men, over 30, who exercise are the most likely to have Achilles tendon issues.

What are the causes?

Although it can be a specific injury, more commonly the pain is the result of repeated stress to the tendon as you move, jump, run and walk. If your foot rolls inwards as you walk it twists the tendon where it joins the heel bone and creates addi-



By Estelle Mitchell

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tional pressure. This causes teeny, tiny microtears in the ropelike strands of the tendon, eventually causing pain.

Achilles Tendonitis can occur in two different ways, in younger, active people it can often cause a lump or thickness in the middle of the tendon. In less active people it is often associated with heel spurs and plantar fasciitis.

What to do?

Prevention is better than cure!

- Warm up and then stretch before exercise.
- Make sure your trainers have a good heel cushion.

• Get a proper gait analysis to reduce the tension on the tendon.

• Rest and use an ice pack if there is any swelling.

Don't ignore the pain - a little problem requires less treatment than a big problem. If you are getting pain in the heel now get it treated before it becomes a big problem.

Tendons have a poor blood supply so they are very slow to heal, they can take two - three months to settle and it might be longer before you can exercise.

If you do have a 'big' problem then Magnetic Resonance Therapy (MRT) increases the blood supply to the area so is the most effective treatment.

Avoid cortisone injections at all costs - these cause the rope like fibres in the tendons to break down and 'fray.'

For more information about treating and preventing Achilles Tendonitis please check out our blog - www.TheBodyworksClinic.com or call us on 952 883 151.

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Recreating one of the world's favourite bands

THERE are a large number of Queen Tribute bands travelling around Europe but one of the biggest and best is Queen Machine from Denmark who will be appearing in Fuengirola at Castle Sohail.

According to their guitarist and main spokesman Peter Jeppesen who was one of the founder members in 2007, "We're like Queen during their early years, when they always offered a repertoire full of surprises on stage. This is what the audience also expects from us.

"At that time we played just for fun", he continued, "but suddenly things got serious - in a good sense of the word. From performing in front of a small audience in small musical venues, we went on to play in front of an audience of 10,000 to 20,000 people in the big festivals.



Photo Credit: Queen Machine

A scene from a real Queen Machine concert.

"It sounds incredible, but the audience wanted to see us perform, they wanted to hear Queen. And Queen Machine makes every effort to meet their expectations."

The band does everything that it can to recreate a Queen performance with replica costumes, light show and choreography that match the original band and the

guitarist even uses a sixpence rather than a plectrum as a salute to Brian May.

So popular with fans is this 'pick' that following the death of Freddie Mercury, whenever the new Queen toured, a souvenir 'sixpence' was produced and sold to audiences around the world.

This visit to Fuengirola on Sat-

urday April 21 will see the band performing to raise funds for the Cudeca Hospice in Benalmadena and they will then be embarking on a tour of Europe and then on to the USA.

The doors to the castle will open at 7pm and the first act will be Paul 'Piano Man' Maxwell, the popular singer and pianist from JoysLive in Puerto Banus who has supported some of the top names who have performed in Marbella such as Michael Bolton, Seal and Lionel Richie.

Paul who is expected to bring his signature white piano with him, will be singing and playing some of the greatest hits of singers including Elton John, Tom Jones and Louis Armstrong.

Tickets cost €18 for general admission and €25 for an unnumbered seat and may be purchased at www.ticketea.com.

Fesdance returns for fourth year

FESDANCE brings together dancers of all types and ages to perform for fun not competition and the fourth Fes Dance Marbella will take place this Saturday March 17.

The idea behind this dance festival (which has been running in Barcelona for 30 years) is that those who enjoy dance get a chance to see other dancers perform and to learn from each other and become even more immersed in the local dance scene.

There is no restriction to age or type of dance so that every group can take part with their own presentation and the size of the group decides the maximum number of routines that any group can present.

No single performance can last longer than three and a half minutes and there is an entry charge per participant per performance.

This year's Fes Dance Marbella will take place at the Palacio De Congresos and is expected to last between two to three hours with every participant receiving a diploma as well as some gifts donated by sponsors.

For further information and details of other events around Spain visit www.fesdance.com or email info@pitarchevents.com.

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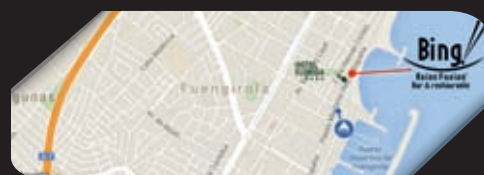
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BENALMADENA MARINA: Will welcome the South Spain Boat Show.

Boat lovers will flock to Benalmadena

THE first South Spain Boat Show will be held at the Benalmadena Marina for four days from Wednesday March 28 to the following Saturday.

Some of the most important shipyards in the area will be taking part with a number of new models from various makers unveiled as well as a selection of second-hand boats.

The organisers hope that this will become a major date in the boating calendar

of the Costa del Sol and believe that visitors this year will get a taste of the excitement and pleasure associated with boating.

The exhibition will cover an approximate area of 2,500 square metres, which will be located in the boatyard of the port of Benalmadena and there will be a marquee erected in the esplanade.

The show is not just a commercial space for lovers of these boats, “we also want

to encourage activities related to navigation at sea among visitors, such as rides or give basic notions of boat handling,” said the organiser.

Companies from around Malaga Province will be taking part in the show which is open from 10am to 7pm and all who wish to attend as visitors will need to register by calling 952 564 700 or online at www.varaderobenalmadena.com.

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The Lions raise funds at Legends Show Bar

WHAT a fantastic evening was had at the Show Bar Legends in La Cala de Mijas recently, when Andrea and Paul put on a fabulous evening to raise funds for the local La Cala de Mijas Lions Club.

The President of the Lions, Julie Barry, thanked them both for their wonderful support and also thanked everyone there for coming. She explained that all the money raised will go to local causes and that volunteers for the shop and new members are always welcome.

Wynson Beswick and Sandy Tavendale organised a great raffle with so many beautifully wrapped prizes. The spectacular Echoes of the 60's entertained all night long and they had everyone up on their feet dancing to the beat of the amazing music.

Live acts are on every night and the showbar has been providing entertainment in the village for over eight years.

Last year the club donated almost €60,000 locally, the majority of which was raised in their shop in 12 Calle



FABULOUS FUN: President Julie Barry, Lions members and supporters.

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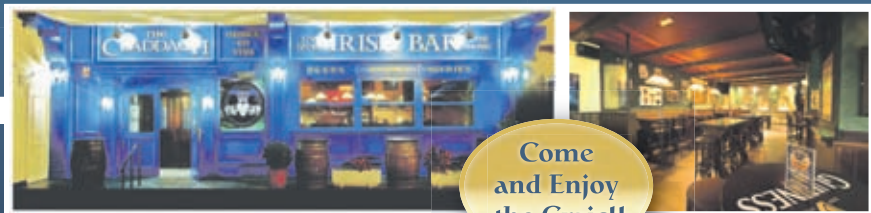
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The popular day commemorates the Irish patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick, who according to legend, is said to have banished all the snakes out of the country and brought Christianity to Ireland.

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 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



GOING GREEN: Revellers getting involved in the Paddy's Day celebrations.

Mames 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.

Locations across the Costa del Sol include Malaga with a mass in the church of San Patricio with a Georgian choir at 11am.

In Benalmadena there is a mass in the Inmaculada Concepcion at 12pm, followed by a parade from the church to the Feria Ground at Parque de Paloma. In Marbella, The

Claddagh pub will be hosting a free festival with live music in Constitution Park on March 17 and March 18 from 12pm. On March 18 and March 19, the St Patrick's Marbella Festival will take place from 1pm to 7pm on the Paseo Marítimo (in front of the Tourist Office.)

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RONDA: Wine tourism on the up.

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Lux Mundi is a non-profit Christian foundation, a place where

Christians from different denominations - Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox, etc - meet to promote prayer, reflection and good work in the community.

For further information and bookings please contact the Lux Mundi Centre in Fuengirola by calling 952 474 840, e-mailing luxmundif@gmail.com or visit www.lux-mundi.org. (Please note



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QUIZ FUN: Lux Mundi members socialising.

you are unable to make bookings through the website).

The quiz is due to start at 6.30pm.

- Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar Conrisa in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is plenty of free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship, and they look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.
- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- 1st Fuengirola scout group meets at St Anthony's College Fuengirola on Fridays 7pm to 9pm for all young people between six and 18 years Contact Robert Troost: 610 755 995 or Robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk.
- Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: From 11am-1pm, free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula. Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.
- Royal British Legion: Benjarafe branch meets every Friday from 12.30-2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional 340A Km 263.7 offering emotional and financial help to those who have served in the Armed Forces.
- American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (Club Times) or www.acestepona.org.
- University of the Third Age Costa del Sol: play Mah Jong every week from 10am-1pm

at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact +34 633 552 238 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelsol.com.

Saturday March 17

- Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
- Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce - Las Chapas.
- Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.
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Sunday March 18

- Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.
- University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelsol.com.
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■ TAPAS Car Treasure Hunt, at El Cruce, Coin. 10.15am for 10.30am start, €3 per member, €4 per guest. Email info@tapasociety.com for more information.

Monday March 19

- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at La Iglesia Bar in Benalmadena. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (Club Times) or www.acestepona.org.
- Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.
- 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Brea 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.
- The Costa del Sol Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association hold an Afternoon Social on the third Monday of the month at Bar El Jardin, Avenida Bonanza, Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena. Everyone is welcome, members or

non-members. Quiz with prize and raffle with all proceeds going to the RAF Association to help with welfare work.

Tuesday March 20

- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments Arroyo de Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anitha on 634 157 042.
- Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.
- Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets every Tuesday 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30 pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.
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■ Walking Football: every week from 8pm on the five-a-side pitches at the Estadio de San Pedro in San Pedro de Alcantara. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.

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

Wednesday March 21

- The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.
- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.
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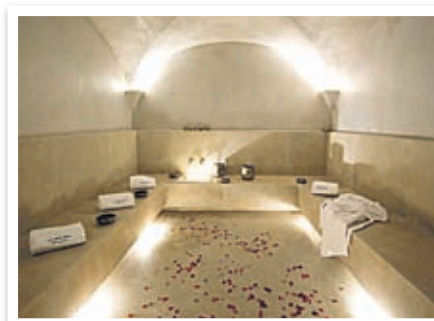
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Knowing that you can have fruit on trees that you can keep to less than two metres tall and around a metre wide can allow you to find a space even in a container on a balcony or terrace.

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

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Flea prevention time

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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 the leaves as flea larvae don't like light. Watering your lawn on a regular basis may also help keep fleas



ITCHY: Protect your pup from 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 bloodstain, 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.

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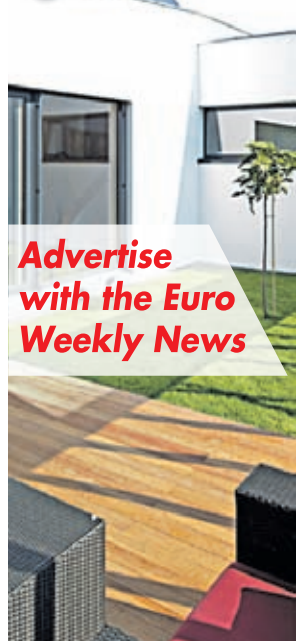
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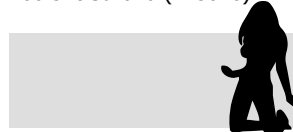
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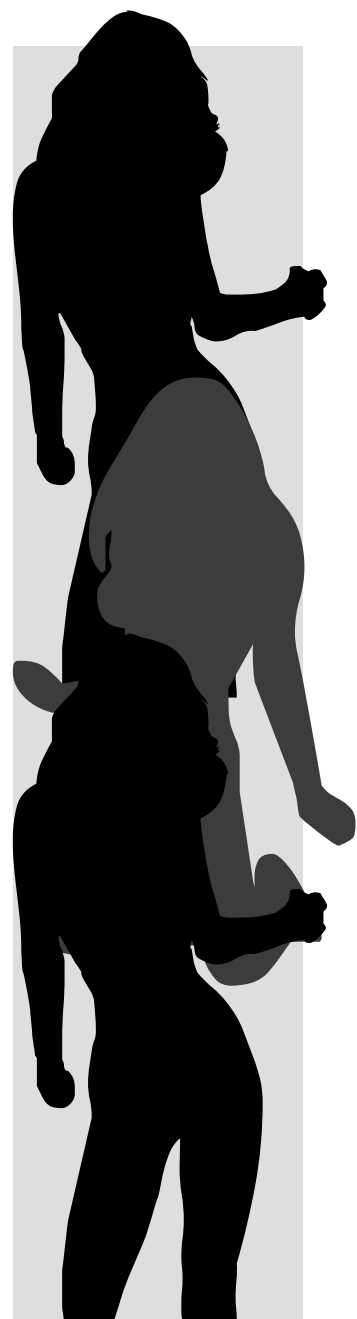
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TWO classic cars from hit TV show Minder have been put up for sale.

Minder is synonymous for 10 series between October 1979 and March 1994, featuring famous second-hand car salesman Arthur Daley and sidekick Terry McCann.

And now Daley’s iconic 1981 Daimler Sovereign and McCann’s Ford Capri MK2, which featured heavily in the show, are set to be auctioned off, along with a host of other memorabilia from the hit 70’s show.

Both cars were sold by

A nice little earner!

Iconic cars from TV’s Minder to go under the hammer

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 including the Sweeney etc.

“The office was also full of

Minder memorabilia personal to the couple including photographs, signed posters and more importantly Tony’s own copies of the scripts he had written. Most of this is now included in my very exclusive and unique private collection.

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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 selling 4,700 cars, while sales in Israel also rose by 34.9 per cent with 2,100 cars.

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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, Espanyol 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



Credit: Twitter

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, their first defeat in their last six games.

They host a Watford side that lost their first game in three, following two suc-

cessive 1-0 wins against West Brom and Everton as they lost 3-0 to Arsenal at the Emirates.

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 from 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.

Paralympic history made

SPANISH snowboarder Astrid Fina Paredes has claimed her country's first medal of the 2018 Winter Paralympics, with a bronze in the snowboard cross category SB-LL2.

In doing so, Fina became the first Spaniard to win a snowboarding medal at a Paralympic Games.

The Spaniard, who is competing in her second games, comfortably won the bronze medal race against Dutch athlete Renske Van Beek as she dominated the race from start to finish.

In the final of the event, Dutch athlete Bibian Mentel-Spee beat compatriot Lisa Bunschoten to the gold.

Speaking to Spanish media after the event, Fina said: "I do not believe it, I can't come to terms that I have won a medal."

Time for change!

R&A and USGA confirm rule changes from 2019

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 pro-



CHANGES: Players will now take penalty or free drops from knee height in one of many rule changes.

posal had a number of difficulties with it, particularly around how close 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 sig-

nificantly 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."

Other changes see penalties for accidentally striking the ball twice in the

course of a shot removed, while regulations involving 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.

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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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Spain on brink of Rugby World Cup qualification



Credit: Leicester City

HARD AT WORK: Leicester players on their trip to Marbella.

Foxes in flight Leicester travel to Marbella

LEICESTER CITY have jetted out to the Costa del Sol ahead of their crucial FA Cup quarter-final with Chelsea on Sunday.

The 2015/16 Premier League winners began training in Marbella on Tuesday with some competitive warm weather training as they enter a crucial part of the season.

The Foxes, who booked their place in the last 16 thanks to a 1-0 win over Sheffield United in the last round, sit in eighth place in the Premier League, with just eight games to play.

Following their first day of training, which included a short bike ride and a football tennis tournament, midfielder Matty James told the club's official website: "We're going to have one last push towards the end of the season like the gaffer has said.

"I think it's just going to be nice to be together with the lads in a different environment. Like I say, it's a nice area and hopefully we'll have a good week."

Ahead of the trip, boss Claude Puel said the side wanted to finish the season in 'the best

way possible' and the trip would be 'good for everybody'.

He told British media: "It's a good opportunity for the squad to spend some time together and to make sure we are well prepared, both for next weekend's game and for the final eight Premier League matches of the season.

"We want to finish the season in the best way possible and good preparation together is very important to give us the best chance.

"It's a long season, which can be difficult for the body and the mind, so I think a different setting, some time together as a squad and a good focus on our work will be good for everybody.

"This is good for the spirit of the group. Hopefully with some warmer weather!

"We have excellent staff that have prepared everything for the trip very well.

"If we are to make sure we use the trip to be ready for the final games, it's important to get the balance right between hard work on the training pitch and the correct levels of rest and recovery."

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 the 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 alongside Ireland, Scotland, Japan and a play-off winner.



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WINNERS: King Felipe VI (back centre) was in Madrid to watch Los Leones' victory.

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