

Water ban fears ease

THE Junta de Andalucía regional government has eased watering restrictions following heavy rainfall.

Irrigators will now be allowed to water crops more freely, but still 25 per cent less than normal rates.

The Junta told farmers they can use 11 cubic hectometres of water before September 30 after the La Viñuela reservoir almost doubled its water levels during March, gaining 30 cubic hectometres.

A further meeting will take place in mid-May to discuss allowing irrigators further water once it is clear how much water has been stored over the rainy season.

In February, farmers were told they would have to reduce their watering by 60 per cent, a move which was welcomed by irrigators.

The Junta de Andalucía explained subtropical fruit farmers would be offered just 10 hectometres of water for irrigating throughout the year compared to the 23 hectometres normally used.

Alexander Clavero, a spokesman for Plataforma de Aguas de la Axarquía, praised the policy which saw Viñuela's water levels maintained at their current level rather than decreasing as before.

Clavero told one publication the 60 per cent reduction was more effective than the day-long watering bans in place last year as "the next day people consumed more."

Weather chaos

Wind and snow wreak havoc

By Sally Underwood

Extreme weather conditions have wreaked havoc on some of Axarquía's roads.

Strong gusts of wind felled trees in some areas, while others experienced snowfall and heavy rain. Weather conditions are expected to improve over the coming week, however, with temperatures reaching a maximum of 20 degrees over the Easter weekend.

During this week's dramatic weather, one large pine fell across the A7207 Torrox-Competa road, forcing motorists to edge along the mountain's edge to pass by.

Branches and debris also littered the roads until workers were able to cone off and later remove the tree.

Some residents also reported falling roof tiles, landslides, metal rods buckling under the force



A PINE TREE: Blocked the A7207.

of the wind and even walls collapsing. In Canillas de Albaida, Alfarnate and Alfarnatejo, others reported snowfall, with some settling on the countryside.

Jorge Martin, the mayor

of Canillas de Albaida, explained the snow had not caused any problems in the town and did not pose a risk to motorists as it had not settled on the main road. The snow fell for just

over one hour while the outside temperature measured nine degrees.

Overnight temperatures in several mountain towns, including Competa and Archez, fell to around minus one.

Arsonist arrested

A MAN has been detained for allegedly setting light to the car of a politician's mother.

The accused, known only as BAR, is also being investigated for attempting to burn an EMMSA cleaning vehicle.

Ezequiel Carnero, the politician whose mother's car was destroyed in the blaze, congratulated the police on arresting the suspect. He explained, "The problem was related to an EMMSA issue," adding, "I was in the middle of a conflict with this company after denouncing irregular practices by workers who did not meet their schedules."

The incidents took place last November when Carnero's mother's car was burnt out around 1am, following claims he had been threatened. The politician said, "I feel harassed and persecuted, and the worst of all is my mother and sister are afraid even to open the windows of the house."

Carnero said the fire started outside the house which he shares with his mother and sister, explaining, "We had not moved it all day and the fire started on a wheel, it's very suspicious," he said.

The Local Police and firefighters attended the scene, extinguishing the flames. The car could not be saved, however, and was almost completely destroyed except for its rear wheels and trunk.

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THREE people have been arrested in Malaga for carrying €1,750 in fake €50 notes hidden in their car and underwear. The car was also uninsured.

Hot wheels

A 30-YEAR-OLD man has been run over by a foldable electric scooter at a pedestrian crossing in Malaga. The incident has sparked outrage amongst some residents who say they should not be allowed on the roads.

That stinks

LOCAL POLICE have closed the bar at Malaga's La Invisible building after finding faecal bacteria in the water. The bar will now need a municipal licence before it can open again.

Rank holiday

Sewage spills into sea over Easter

STORMY weather has broken an underwater sewage pipe off Nerja's coast.

Raw human waste was spotted floating off the beach as Spain celebrates Holy Week, with thousands of holidaymakers flocking to the town.

Speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News*, Greg Caldecott, who has lived in Spain for the last two years after leaving his native Liverpool, said: "There was a grey slick heading towards Torrox and on close inspection I could see that it contained raw sewage, I can't believe the pipe is leaking again after they 'fixed' it last year."

The council said it has informed company Aguas de Narixa which will carry out repairs after a piece of pipe broke off at around 200 metres out to sea.

The pipeline was repaired last March in a €100,000 project after a leak caused a 'geyser' of sewage to form off the beaches. Witnesses said the raw sewage was visible from popular attrac-



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Almost half the municipality's sewage is pumped through the underwater pipeline untreated before it is let out to sea at around 1,000 metres off shore.

The council says this distance is far enough for the current to take the waste out to sea. However, when the pipeline leaks waste it is expelled far nearer to the coast and is instead brought in by the motion of the waves.

Tummy bug sparks fury

AROUND 30 students have become ill with food poisoning from a school trip.

Rincon de la Victoria Council says it is now considering filing a complaint against a Sevilla restaurant after pupils at IES Bezmiliana fell ill after an excursion.

The school trip to a theatre festival ended in disaster after students, teachers and parents came down with vomiting and diarrhoea after dining in a restaurant in Santiponce, Sevilla.

The victims fell ill as they made their way home from the trip before the majority were then forced to visit health centres the next day. None of the group required hospital attention, however.

The school trip had seen

a group travel by bus from Rincon de la Victoria to the Roman ruins in Sevilla, where they took part in a classical theatre festival alongside several other schools from Andalucia.

Doctors say they believe the source of the alleged food poisoning could be the meat served in the Meson El Olivo restaurant in Santiponce.

Another school group from Cordoba are also said to have become ill after eating at the same venue.

Antonio Jose Martin, councillor for Education and Culture, explained, "we coordinated with the health services and Local Police to tell all the participants of the trip to go to the emergency room even if they did not have very serious symptoms."



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Drunk and disorderly

A 79-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in Torrox for allegedly driving without a licence and while drunk. The man, who is from Nerja, is said to have crashed on Avenida Esperanto, damaging property, before fleeing and later being arrested.

Health demand

A POLITICAL PARTY is demanding further health services in Rincon de la Victoria. Ciudadanos have said the town needs dentistry, ultrasound and radiology services to serve its residents. The current health setup is only designed to cater for 45,000 people.

Troubled water

POLITICIANS are criticising Nerja Council over alleged delays in building bridges over the rios Chillar and Seco. The Partido Popular and Ciudadanos have said the project is in "paralysis" and complained nothing has been done since the beginning of 2015. Ciudadanos said the delay was "incomprehensible."

Safety first

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA Council is reorganising traffic in Torre de la Benagalbon to improve road safety. The council is introducing new traffic signalling on Calle Osario as well as installing wooden planters along Avenida de la Candelaria to make it safer for pedestrians to walk along the street.

Outdoor theatre

A PROJECT to build a 500-seat outdoor auditorium in Rincon de la Victoria will cost €350,000. The building will offer space for larger shows as the town's other venues can only offer space for between 110 and 180 people. The site will be located in the Parque Julian Huerta area.

Passion and pain

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 7

LENTING A HAND: Thousands of people have attended Holy Week parades in Malaga this week.

THE biggest religious festival of the year is underway across Spain.

Elaborate processions continue to take place today (Thursday), tomorrow and Sunday as Holy Week (Semana Santa) draws to a close.

Organised by brotherhoods known as cofradías, the spectacular events see members known as nazarenos parade through towns and cities dressed in the capirote, a conical hood traditionally used

to cover the faces of penitents.

And while the more traditional, sombre processions take place in cities including Zamora in Castilla-La Mancha, where the celebration dates back to 1179, it is in Andalusia where glamour and a holiday atmosphere are to the fore.

The most jaw-dropping festivities take place in regional capital Sevilla and Malaga on the Costa del Sol, attracting hundreds of

thousands of spectators and serving up some stunning images.

The biggest draw in Sevilla is this evening's La Madrugá, which runs during the night on Maundy Thursday and continues into the early hours of Good Friday.

In Malaga the cofradías carry huge, heavy tronos (thrones, known elsewhere as pasos) depicting scenes from the Passion of Christ or the Sorrows of Virgin Mary on their shoulders.

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79 years on



RECOGNISING THE SACRIFICE: Citizens of Madrid search through the remains of their homes after the city was 'liberated' by the nationalist forces of General Franco (inset) in March 1939.

SPAIN could finally be ready to exorcise the ghosts of its bloodiest internal conflict.

This Saturday marks 79 years since the end of the Spanish Civil War.

And a new museum in Teruel, Aragon, is set to become the first in the country dedicated to telling the story of the three-year battle.

The war began when General Francisco Franco's troops launched a brutal nationalist military uprising against the democratically elected Republican government of president Manuel Azaña on July 17, 1936.

By 1937 the nationalists had captured much of northern Spain, while Madrid was under siege.

In 1938 and 1939 they advanced on Cataluña, cutting off Barcelona from the capital and sealing Franco's victory on April 1, 1939.

But the conflict was distorted in the four decades until his death in 1975, as the dictator attempted to airbrush the Republicans from Spain's history books, and the issue has on the whole been neglect-

ed by governments since. A recent survey revealed that 69 per cent of 14-to 17-year-olds in Spain received 'little to no' information about the civil war in school history classes. War memorials that appeared across Spain in the wake of the war named only the Nationalist dead, while the relatives of thousands of missing Republicans were told to 'say nothing and forget' as Franco brainwashed a nation. It is only in the last decade that a generational shift has been sparked, after the controversial Law of Historical Memory was in 2007 passed by socialist prime minister Jose Zapatero.

The decree formally condemned the Franco regime and honoured victims on both sides.

And it has culminated in a move that would previously have been unthinkable, as the city of Teruel, which was bombed by both sides in a famous battle, seeks the green light to begin work on the country's first official civil war museum.

Should it go ahead, it could mark an important step in Spain coming to terms with its fascist past.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Following his arrest in Germany, should former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont be extradited to Spain?

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New nursery approved

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has approved building a new infant school in Caleta de Velez after several years of delays and a modification to the original budget. Works to the site are expected to begin soon.

Keep culture

AN association in Nerja has called on the council to preserve the municipality's heritage. The group expressed its 'concern' at the current measures to protect Nerja's culture.

Jobs boost

NERJA Council has promised 41 new municipal jobs to workers following the approval of its 2018 budget. The jobs would be secured until 2021.

OUR VIEW

Brexit link triggers democracy doubt

THE Vote Leave revelations bring into question the very democratic foundations of the UK.

Pro-Brexit whistleblower Shahmir Sanni, former treasurer of campaign organisation BeLeave, claimed that his supposedly independent operation was used to funnel €712,000 to a digital services firm on behalf of the official Vote Leave campaign.

He also said Vote Leave and BeLeave shared office space and the campaign fronted by Conservative MPs Boris Johnson and Michael Gove advised the latter how it should spend money.

If proven, Sanni's claims could mean the Vote Leave campaign violated election rules, according to reports, first by making an unofficial donation and second by working alongside another campaign organisation with which it did not share a spending cap.

And the situation has arguably been worsened in the wake of evidence given to the Commons culture committee by former Cambridge Analytica employee Christopher Wylie.

He told MPs: "I think it is completely reasonable to say there could have been a different outcome of the referendum had there not been, in my view, cheating."

When considered together, the allegations raise serious concerns about the Brexit result, and more importantly, whether Britain's democracy remains intact.

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Glam Pam's carpet stroll

EX-BAYWATCH beauty Pamela Anderson turned heads after slipping into a silk gown for a charity event in Madrid.

The blonde star, 50, has recently been involved in a family spat, but she was all smiles as she accompanied Marbella-based actress Maria Bravo on the red carpet at the Global Gift gala.

Maria founded the international trust for needy children, and Pam has been a regular ambassador

It comes after her 21-year-old son Brandon made the news for punching his father, and her ex-husband, Tommy Lee in the mouth.

She posted a blog on her website in which she wrote that her son hit his father "in the nose for all of us who he has hurt.

"Now Tommy feels humiliated - and is attempting to destroy his own son.

"This is the Devil - this is the disease of alcoholism."

SIZZLING DISPLAY:
Danielle Sellers.

Photo credit Twitter



SILKY SKILL:
Pammie hits the red carpet in Madrid.



Photo credit You Tube

Back to her breast!

SHE'S the former page 3 girl who found fame on ITV dating reality show Love Island.

But Danielle Sellers showed she's still got front after frolicking topless on a Spanish beach.

The 23-year-old left little to the imagination after peeling off her bikini top before paddling in the shallows while barely covering her assets with her hands.

Band of brothers

HE'S starring in a new series about the life of Malaga-born painter Pablo Picasso. And Antonio Banderas, 57, was this week back in his hometown where he took part in traditional Palm Sunday celebrations alongside girlfriend Nicole Kimpel, 37, and daughter Stella, 21. The Hollywood A-lister donned a white robe as he joined local brotherhoods for the annual Virgen de Lagrimas y Favores procession.



Photo credit Ayuntamiento de Malaga

IN THE SPIRIT OF THINGS: The actor wore a traditional white robe.

On-off stars TOWIE-gether for good



Photo credit OK! Magazine

THEY finally confirmed their commitment to one another on an ITV reality show. And The Only Way Is Essex stars Gemma Collins, 37, and James 'Arg' Argent, 30, have splashed out on a holiday home on the Costa del Sol as they prepare to get married and start a family.

Speaking to *OK!* magazine, Gemma said Arg was a 'changed man' after shocking viewers of the season 22 TOWIE pre-

mier by revealing 'part of going to Spain is to relax my body to prepare for a baby.'

During a visit to a financial adviser on the show she added: "We got matching watches and we've bought a holiday home in Spain and now we're setting up a joint bank account.

"What it is, I'm a big roller, I earn well, I spend well. If Arg is watching the football, I'll have a massage girl come round."

ARGIE BARGIE: 'The GC' and James.

The life aquatic

SHE'S married to Australian Thor musclem Chris Hemsworth.

And Spanish actress Elsa Pataky has landed a starring role in the first Netflix series to be filmed in her hubby's homeland.

The 41-year-old beauty is set to play Adrielle Cuthbert, the 'ruthless leader of a group of dangerous half-siren half-humans,' in upcoming drama Tidelands.

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Full steam ahead

THE Junta de Andalucía has said it wants Malaga's new hospital to be built at "maximum speed."

Marina Alvarez, Minister for Health, said the Junta will support the plan and hopes the new building will be located at the back of the Materno Hospital "if technically possible."

Previously, a former health minister, Jose Luis Garcia de Arboleya, said Malaga could not cope without another hospital. He explained a group of experts had compiled a 300-page report considering the impact of building an 800-bed hospital on the land behind the Materno Infantil.

Under the proposals the current Carlos Haya Hospital would become a 400- or 500-bed hospital for patients with chronic conditions. In turn, the Hospital Civico would become a research and training hospital. Around 300 people helped create the document, with sources saying, "We are confident that what we have proposed will go forward."



Call for calm



VELEZ-MALAGA: In a precarious financial situation?

Inset: MAYOR MISHAP: Antonio Moreno Ferrer has called for calm over housing company's future.

THE mayor of Velez-Málaga has asked for calm over the future of the town's housing company.

Emvipsa, which is under municipal control, is thought to be in a precarious financial situation but Mayor Antonio

Moreno Ferrer has assured the council it is "not endangered."

Moreno Ferrer has said the company will be handed €4.2 million in parcels of land to help balance its books and save its 750 employees.

Last year Mayor Ferrer came under scrutiny after it was alleged he created a job for his own son as a health and safety worker. The investigation began after a spokesman for the Partido Popular (PP), Francisco Delgado Bonilla, claimed the son of the company's former manager, Jose Luis Sanchez Tore, was employed, "without

procedure, to the point that he was first hired and then afterwards the technician role was created."

The PP allege the job was a 'prize' after Sanchez Tore helped broker a deal between political parties PSOE and Grupo Independiente Pro Municipio de Torre del Mar (GIPMTM), allowing Antonio Moreno Ferrer to become mayor.

The actual hiring took place while Ferrer was still president of Emvipsa. The PP claimed the hiring was "an arbitrary decision," and twice wrote to Emvipsa asking for the contract to be voided.

Two to go

VELEZ-MALAGA'S landmark commercial park only has two free spaces.

The Tecnoalimentario Park is welcoming offers from interested companies after one of its remaining spaces was taken by Malaga company Perymuz.

The business, which sells food and drinks to hotels, bought two plots measuring 3,000 square metres for €468,000. Antonio Moreno Ferrer, mayor of Velez-Málaga, explained the park was, "becoming an example of the industrialisation of the agri-food sector and a space for innovation and business development." He added an aeronautical company was interested in taking one of the last remaining plots.

In October last year the Junta de Andalucía offered €240 million in aid to help businesses in Velez-Málaga, including those planning on settling in the Tecnoalimentario Park.

Mayor Ferrer said two grants would be given, one for research, development and innovation and the other for digital transformation and job creation.

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€27.5m budget approved

SEVERAL projects in Nerja can go ahead after the council finally approved its 2018 budget.

Almost €5 million will go towards investments in street and beach cleaning, equipment for the Local Police and sports facilities following the move.

The budget, which had been rejected by opposition parties in February, finally passed following the abstention of the opposing Partido Popular (PP) and Ciudadanos. Failure to approve a budget in 2017 left politicians unable to move forward with several planned projects.

Last week a spokesperson for Ciudadanos expressed optimism the bill would pass this time, explaining, "There have been changes since the last draft." The PP, were not as hopeful however, saying they had 'detected a series of errors' in the draft budget.

In February it was revealed the coalition team faced resistance from opposing parties over the €27.5 million document.

A similar situation last year saw Nerja's 2016 budget carry over into 2017 after politicians failed to agree a new bill. Commenting on the council's 2018 draft budget one councillor Lola Sanchez criticised the coalition for "demanding approval in a hurry in just five days without the analysis such an important document requires," Councillor Sanchez capitulated this week, however, supporting the bill and allowing it to pass.

Trial suspended

A CASE against a mayor has been suspended following an argument over the court's legitimacy.

The trial against Abdeslam Lucena, mayor of Benamocarra, will be delayed until it can be decided whether its court is qualified to handle the case.

Lucena faces a seven year and nine month ban from holding office after being accused of two crimes against civic rights. Prosecuting lawyers claim his crimes hold a maximum sentence of 10 years' suspension and therefore should be tried in a criminal court.

The mayor's own defence lawyer has also claimed the trial should be halted on the grounds his client's fundamental rights have been violated.

The accused faces trial for 'repeatedly and without cause' withholding municipal information requested by two councillors in 2011. The prosecutor claims Lucena had 'full



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ABDESLAM LUCENA: On trial for keeping public information to himself.

knowledge of the obligation he had to facilitate the rights of citizens to participate in public affairs,' under the Spanish constitution.

Lucena was reportedly asked to provide details on the hiring of several workers but refused 'through direct denials.'

NEWS EXTRA

Public bike boom

MALAGA'S roads are set to become even busier than they are with the addition of 1,000 public bikes. The new scheme, similar to one in London, will expand the current network of 400.

Safe journey

POLICE are stepping up their presence in Malaga's transport hotspots, including at the subway, train stations, bus stations and the port used for journeys to Melilla.

Cheap water

MALAGA AIRPORT will soon be forced to sell water for €1 a bottle after receiving complaints of high prices from consumers. Soon a bottle of water will be priced at a maximum of €1.

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NEWS EXTRA**Housing price rise**

THE average price of housing in Malaga rose by 5.4 per cent in 2017 and is set to increase a further 5 to 8 per cent this year. The rise has been put down to an increase in demand.

No strike

WORKERS at Malaga's Metro bus company have been offered a wage increase of more than 10 per cent to avoid a strike.

Not a fan

HOLLYWOOD mega-star Antonio Banderas has said he is not a fan of the proposed 135-metre new tower at Malaga's port. The native of the city said he would prefer something less tall.



MARO: Loses special protection status. Inset: **FIGHTING BACK:** Councillor for Urbanisation Anabel Iranzo will contest the ruling

Licence expired

by Sally Underwood

THE hamlet of Maro will no longer come under a special protection plan after four years.

The small town of 800 residents will no longer be protected by a special court ruling, leaving the door open for Nerja Council to implement a new plan over its future.

Anabel Iranzo, councillor for Urbanisation, explained, "our intention is to come back

and create a special plan, scrupulously fulfilling the requirements set by regulation, something that unfortunately the PP (Partido Popular) did not do."

Maro's future has been in doubt for several years following a proposal by company Salsa Lario to create an 18-hole golf course and 680 houses. The company owns around 250 hectares of land around Maro and laid out its building proposals in April 2015, which

include two million square metres being used for the golf course and housing development.

A group of residents has campaigned against the construction work on the basis of its 'enormous environmental impact.' Their spokesman, Jorge Alaminos added that "it would be a real environmental attack, a return to the politics of the brick, and the real estate speculation that led to the crisis of the capitalist system."

Tax hike

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has been forced to withdraw tax breaks for its residents.

The Junta de Andalucia regional government has given the council 30 days to stop granting property tax (IBI) aid to families in the municipality.

Juan Carlos Marquez, councillor for Finance, explained the council has no intention of complying with the ban, however, saying the aid has been in force for the past 10 years. He complained, "We do not understand how the council was not required to overturn the grant before when the same laws were in force as they are now."

Last year Velez-Malaga Council claimed the tax relief would assist around 26,200 families,

with aid capped at €500 per home and €1,500 for multiple properties.

Juan Carlos Marquez confirmed, "the council made a particular effort to fit this aid into our budget," adding, "we have set aside €4.3 million for assistance in 2017, including helping those who were previously ineligible, and we are prepared to consider increasing this amount to deal with demand if necessary."

Anyone renting or owning a home in the Velez-Malaga area that missed paying their tax in any year between 2012 and 2016 was previously eligible. Renters were required to provide a rental agreement or some other proof of living at the premises.



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Spain lodges FB complaint

SPAIN has accused embattled social network Facebook of abusing the data of 21 million users. It comes as the Cambridge Analytica scandal continues to engulf the American firm, with the Brexit campaign and senior UK politicians including Boris Johnson and Michael Gove now implicated.

And the Spanish Agency for Data Protection has accused the online giant of illegally collecting data on political ideologies, religious beliefs, gender and personal tastes of millions of accounts in Spain.

Handshake boosts budget

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy could finally get his 2018 budget passed.

Negotiations have been frozen for weeks with opposition groups unwilling to sign off the conservative minority government's proposals.

But Albert Rivera, leader of centre-left Ciudadanos - Spain's fourth-largest political party - has revealed that he has reached an agreement to support the budget after Rajoy 'yielded' to some of his demands.

These include an increase of 2 per cent on minimum state pensions, a

By Matt Ford

salary boost for young workers, an extra week of paternity leave for new fathers, €1,000 per year grants for the education of children aged 0 to three years, income tax reductions for those earning less than €17,000 per year, and the dismissal of Senator Pilar Barreiro, who is under investigation for fraud, forgery and embezzlement.

"The government knows how to count seats and without our support this [budget] could not happen," Rivera told Spanish media.

Rajoy must now appeal to other par-

ties to get the budget approved, since he remains seven seats short of a majority vote despite Ciudadanos' support.

He is expected to appeal to Basque nationalist party PNV, but its leaders have repeatedly said they will not negotiate the budget while the controversial Article 155, invoked by Rajoy to impose direct rule over Cataluña last October, remains active.

A PNV official said: "The latest events in Cataluña and Spain have left us very concerned, and talking about budgets seems a little frivolous... let them find support from other groups."

Exec rakes in €20m salary

REAL MADRID boss Florentino Perez' number two has become the highest-paid executive in Spain. Marcelino Fernandez Verdes, CEO of civil engineering firm ACS and president of German subsidiary Hochtief, last year earned €20.46 million to top the national ranking by more than €4 million.

The businessman is lined up to assume presidency of ACS when Perez eventually steps aside, with the latter's pension fund currently amounting to a jaw-dropping €41 million, according to reports in Spanish media.

Quote of the Week

Let me be clear: instead of risking a trade war, which he seems eager to wage, we should be aiming for greater cooperation. Make trade, not war, Mr President." EU leader Donald Tusk urges Donald Trump to think twice over trade tariffs.



FACE THE MUSIC: Ticket prices have come down after the government halved a controversial tax, with 91,000 paying to see US rockers Guns N' Roses last year.

Rise in audiences boosts gig profits

SPAIN'S live music industry is booming.

A new report by the country's Asociacion de Promotores Musicales (APM) shows that ticket sales increased by 20.6 per cent to €296.2 million in 2017.

"Spain's consolidation as an unavoidable destination for the big tours by international artists... especially in large venues selling out thousands of tickets, like the Rolling Stones and U2, as well as a new mar-

ket comprised of Latin stars like Ricky Martin, Maluma, Luis Fonsi and Morat, were reasons for a fourth-year increase in live music profits," says the study.

Ricky Martin was the biggest draw, with 115,806 people drawn to his One World tour, while more than 91,000 saw November Rain hitmakers Gun N' Roses and Colombian reggaeton star Maluma attract almost 71,000.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Attack of the clones

CHINESE smartphone giant Xiaomi, which last year opened its first three shops in Spain, has achieved a ranking of fourth in the Spanish market within four months, ahead of the likes of Apple and LG, according to sales figures.

Bottling it

MANAGEMENT company AENA is to ensure that all newsagents and vending machines in Spain's airports offer small - 330 or 500 millilitre - bottles of water for sale at a maximum price of one Euro.

House that

SPANISH real estate firm Testa has snapped up 1,458 rental properties from Valencia-based financial services group Caixabank for around €228 million, with the company forecasting the move to increase annual turnover by €8.7 million.

Vatican sparks outrage

A SPANISH website is taking on the Pope.

The Vatican has launched a crackdown on the commercial use of its name and emblems, and the move has triggered a debate over whether the Holy See is legally able to claim ownership of the 'brand.'

But Gabriel Ariza of the online portal *Info Vaticana.com* argues that the Catholic Church

has started a 'political witch hunt' against the site for its exposing of corruption in the institution.

"We have already taken down logos and other vestiges that can relate us to the Vatican, but they just want to shut us down," he said. "We think that serving the Church is defending it from its enemies."

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Anglo American	1,703.50	45.90	2.77	23,825.10	Legal & General Group	259.00	4.80	1.89	15,397.17
Associated British Foods	2,440.00	-6.00	-0.25	19,229.77	Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.40	1.64	2.53	47,588.01
Admiral Group	1,825.00	-30.00	-1.62	5,421.04	London Stock Exchange Grp	4,124.00	0.00	0.00	14,504.00
Ashtead Group	1,959.50	51.50	2.70	9,441.23	Micro Focus International	1,439.50	483.50	50.58	3,975.81
Antofagasta	963.80	22.80	2.42	9,371.55	Mediclinic International	679.70	119.50	21.33	4,184.60
Aviva	489.50	-3.60	-0.73	20,226.73	Marks & Spencer Group	270.00	1.60	0.60	4,310.46
AstraZeneca	4,820.00	32.00	0.67	61,213.80	Mondi	1,885.50	-16.00	-0.84	7,010.63
BAE Systems	572.50	6.50	1.15	18,222.16	Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	227.80	22.00	10.69	4,860.09
Barclays	210.00	5.65	2.76	35,327.44	National Grid	772.50	17.20	2.28	25,426.44
British American Tobacco	3,950.00	28.50	0.73	89,108.13	NMC Health	3,251.00	-101.00	-3.01	6,945.79
Barratt Developments	522.00	-3.00	-0.57	5,263.18	Next	4,780.00	-204.00	-4.09	6,641.64
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,836.00	81.00	2.16	5,026.55	Old Mutual Group	214.75	-24.25	-10.15	12,179.03
British Land Co	650.00	13.40	2.10	6,308.13	Paddy Power Betfair	7,155.00	-220.00	-2.98	6,294.72
BHP Billiton	1,390.00	-4.60	-0.33	29,467.63	Prudential	1,875.00	49.00	2.68	47,929.43
Bunzl	1,934.75	-59.75	-3.00	6,738.84	Persimmon	2,721.00	226.00	9.06	7,730.13
BP	464.50	2.05	0.44	92,295.66	Pearson	761.80	1.00	0.13	5,945.44
Burberry Group	1,596.50	-56.50	-3.42	6,926.28	Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,900.00	35.00	0.60	41,512.88
BT Group	223.00	3.75	1.71	21,714.08	Royal Bank of Scotland Group	252.50	-2.10	-0.82	30,908.15
Coca-Cola HBC	2,385.00	-100.00	-4.02	9,289.80	Royal Dutch Shell	2,257.50	58.50	2.66	101,320.88
Carnival	4,650.00	66.00	1.44	9,695.60	Royal Dutch Shell	2,220.00	-28.50	-1.27	84,273.45
Centrica	133.30	-1.40	-1.04	7,387.70	RELX	1,450.00	12.50	0.87	15,346.63
Compass Group	1,525.00	58.50	3.99	23,586.59	Rio Tinto	3,555.00	-11.50	-0.32	48,029.94
Croda International	4,547.50	68.50	1.53	5,914.72	Royal Mail	491.30	-37.90	-7.16	5,254.00
CRH	2,379.00	-0.15	-0.01	20,080.56	Rolls-Royce Group	851.50	-9.70	-1.13	16,396.37
DCC	6,540.00	0.00	0.00	5,902.03	Randgold Resources	5,824.00	-108.00	-1.82	5,432.41
Diageo	2,375.00	16.00	0.68	58,465.72	RSA Insurance Group	627.50	2.90	0.46	6,450.11
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.50	7.20	1.92	5,269.00	Rentokil Initial	250.50	-17.70	-6.60	5,010.41
Evraz	386.00	-52.10	-11.89	6,243.75	Sainsbury (J)	227.00	-0.50	-0.22	5,015.87
Experian	1,545.00	4.50	0.29	14,317.48	Schroders	3,439.50	221.50	6.88	7,366.07
easyJet	1,637.50	45.00	2.83	6,333.48	Sage Group (The)	650.00	4.00	0.62	7,037.71
Ferguson	5,183.00	-33.00	-0.63	12,963.19	Segro	587.00	-2.40	-0.41	5,953.37
Fresnillo	1,277.50	69.50	5.75	8,544.28	Shire	3,060.00	79.50	2.67	27,285.49
G4S	242.25	2.25	0.94	3,699.00	Smurfit Kappa Group	3,182.00	124.00	4.05	7,200.72
GKN	427.50	-1.50	-0.35	7,389.30	Sky	1,336.50	28.50	2.18	22,587.89
Glencore	364.00	5.50	1.53	51,813.67	Standard Life Aberdeen	400.25	33.05	9.00	11,091.34
GlaxoSmithKline	1,320.00	4.40	0.33	63,166.04	Smith (DS)	474.80	0.00	0.00	5,121.67
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,662.50	0.00	0.00	8,015.99	Smiths Group	1,508.50	40.00	2.72	6,078.75
Halma	1,176.00	23.00	1.99	4,403.84	Scottish Mortgage Invst Trst	447.50	10.70	2.45	6,192.62
HSBC Holdings	668.00	1.40	0.21	135,655.19	Smith & Nephew	1,332.50	33.50	2.58	11,458.93
International Consolidtd Airs Gr	620.00	21.00	3.51	12,566.08	SSE	1,224.00	-7.50	-0.61	12,312.65
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Kingfisher	293.15	-3.55	-1.20	6,323.20	Vodafone Group	195.50	1.88	0.97	51,313.19
Land Securities Group	935.00	10.30	1.11	6,902.99	WPP Group	1,080.00	-15.00	-1.37	13,899.94
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CHEVRON	112,98	-0,63%	-0,72	215.954,13
CISCO SYSTEMS	42,420	-1,51%	-0,650	209.708,45
COCA-COLA	42,33	-1,01%	-0,43	180.644,20
DOWDUPONT	63,06	-3,90%	-2,56	146.883,44
EXXON MOBIL	72,89	-0,83%	-0,61	308.868,62
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,0700	-2,10%	-0,2800	113.667,18
GOLDMAN SACHS	245,26	-2,91%	-7,34	93.262,27
HOME DEPOT	171,8000	-1,99%	-3,4900	200.806,05
IBM	148,89	-2,10%	-3,20	137.180,32
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VISA	117,00	-2,49%	-2,99	210.871,02
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Credit Suisse AG	\$ 10.57	1.05 ▲ 11.03%
SMART Global Holdings, Inc.	\$ 48.92	4.85 ▲ 11.01%
Fred's, Inc.	\$ 2.75	0.24 ▲ 9.56%
Arbutus Biopharma Corporation	\$ 5.20	0.45 ▲ 9.47%
Solid Biosciences Inc.	\$ 8.96	0.70 ▲ 8.47%
Foamix Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	\$ 5.29	0.41 ▲ 8.40%
ProShares UltraPro Short QQQ	\$ 19.21	1.41 ▲ 7.92%
The Dixie Group, Inc.	\$ 2.90	0.20 ▲ 7.41%
ProShares UltraPro Short NASDAQ Biotechnology\$	10.97	0.74 ▲ 7.23%
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Ferroglobe PLC	\$ 11.085	3.435 ▼ 23.66%
Zions Bancorporation	\$ 15.46	2.22 ▼ 12.56%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	\$ 2.54	0.33 ▼ 11.50%
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 8.29	1.03 ▼ 11.05%
Black Box Corporation	\$ 2.05	0.25 ▼ 10.87%
resTORbio, Inc.	\$ 11.78	1.40 ▼ 10.62%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 14.09	1.66 ▼ 10.54%
Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 10.49	1.19 ▼ 10.19%
Calyxt, Inc.	\$ 15.35	1.67 ▼ 9.81%
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BOTTOMS UP AS WHISKY SALES SKYROCKET

SPANIARDS' favourite tippie is whisky, a report says.

According to the latest data from the Spanish Federation of Spirit Drinks (FEBE), 214 million litres of spirits were sold across the country in 2016.

The boozy blowout produced revenues of almost €7.6 billion - €1 billion more than UK drinkers spent over the same period - and provided 330,000 jobs while swelling the public treasury's coffers with €1.3 billion obtained via indirect taxes.

And consumers chose whisky as their go-to imbibe, as year-on-year sales grew by almost 2 per cent for a 27 per cent market share.

Trendy rival gin was the second-most popular spirit, accounting for 22 per cent of the market as sales increased by 9.9 per cent.

But rum sales dropped by 2.3 per cent, leaving the Caribbean classic a distant third in the market with a 16 per cent share.

Less popular still were liqueurs (13 per cent), brandy (9), anisette (7), vodka (5) and tequila (1).

A FEBE official confirmed that figures for 2017 are currently being analysed but are not expected to differ wildly from 2016, meaning 'whisky will be the most-consumed beverage, followed by gin and rum.'

Scotch whiskies topped the national brand ranking, accounting for 73 per cent of sales, with Johnnie Walker, Ballantine's, J&B, Chivas, Grant's and William Lawson's among the most popular.

The gin market was more evenly-spread, with 47 per cent of boozers opting for Spanish brands and 53 per cent preferring international products, with Malaga's Larios 12 the best-selling overall.

Rum sales were dominated by dark varieties, which accounted for



GIN AND BEAR IT:
Spain's thirst for whisky shows no sign of being quenched with gin a distant second.

86 per cent of the market, while the most popular brands included Bacardi and Havana Club from Cuba, plus Barcelo and Brugal from the Dominican Republic.

But Vicente Montecinos, director of market research group NPD, believes that vodka will be the next big thing in Spain.

"Vodka is a growing market," he told Spanish media. "Spirits move slowly with fashions and trendy brands including Smirnoff, Absolut, Grey Goose and Zubrowka are becoming more popular.

"The Spanish vodka Basmmmon, made from potatoes, has won international awards and is another that is on the rise."

Gross domestic product record as Aragon tops regional charts

THE Spanish economy continues to grow.

And new data from the National Statistics Institute has revealed that gross domestic product (GDP) last year rose most in Aragon among the country's autonomous communities.

The northern region saw its GDP increase by 3.6 per cent in 2017, with Asturias (3.5 per cent) and Madrid (3.4 per cent) completing the top three.

These figures eclipse the European average of 2.4 per cent, with only Castilla y Leon (1.9 per cent), and La Rioja (1.8), plus the African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla falling to beat the benchmark.

GDP per capita smashed records in 2017 with Madrid (€33,809) topping the rankings, followed by the Basque Country (€33,088) and Navarra (€30,809).

EQUITY FUNDS 'ARE LIKE MIGRATING BIRDS'

€10bn deal world's biggest

IT was the biggest real estate deal of 2017.

The €10 billion agreement which saw American asset management firm Blackstone snap up the property portfolio owned by failed Spanish bank Banco Popular leads the worldwide ranking for sales involving a single asset or portfolio.

It came after rival banking group Santander acquired Banco Popular for a token €1 last June, and involved forming a company of which Blackstone bought a controlling 51 per cent stake.

The remaining 49 per cent remains with Santander as part of its Banco popular rescue package.

It leaves Blackstone, which also picked up the housing portfolio of Catalunya Caixa - now part of BBVA - among others, as one of the largest real estate owners in Spain.

And the huge deal was followed a few months later by American private equity firm Cerberus Capital Management successfully bid-



BLACKSTONE: Now one of Spain's biggest real estate owners after snapping up the property portfolio formerly owned by Banco Popular (inset) in the wake of the bank's collapse.

ding €5.5 billion for 80 per cent of BBVA's property portfolio.

"It is striking how some of the opportunistic private equity funds move in flocks like migratory birds," says Borja Sierra, interna-

tional executive vice-president of real estate consultancy firm Savills Aguirre Newman.

"One minute they are calm in a pond in Africa and then they start flying and travel 4,500 kilometres

to an island in the middle of the ocean to breed.

"This happened in Spain from 2009.

"One of the birds usually starts the flight and takes the lead, marking the direction of travel, and in this case it is Blackstone.

"They have consistently been pioneers and trend markers for their competitors, and as big investors they don't get involved in small operations."

Compiled by New York-based real estate number-crunchers Real Capital Analytics, the list shows that five of the 10 most expensive deals not involving a company takeover last year took place in China, with two in the UK.

The latter pair of sales included the €5.1 billion acquisition of shares in a portfolio of hospitals and nursing homes by Chinese insurer Taikang, and a €2.1 billion stake in the Bluewater shopping centre in Kent purchased by Royal London Mutual Insurance Society.

€500m energy deal confirmed

AMERICAN multinational banking giant JP Morgan has become Spain's biggest investor in solar energy.

The financial services firm has revealed it is to snap up a €500 million controlling stake in a 660 megawatt solar project in southern Spain and Portugal via its investment vehicle Sonnedix.

The scheme includes a number of plants in Andalusia, Extremadura and Murcia, which will generate 495 megawatts, with the remaining 165 megawatts produced by Portuguese facilities.

Together, the project will generate enough electrical energy to power 400,000 homes per year, with Barcelona-based supplier Audax signing a 20-year deal in what is reckoned to be the biggest long-term solar power contract ever agreed in Spain.



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Spain remains on debt row

TARGET BEATEN BUT DEFICIT STILL EXCESSIVE

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has revealed that the country met its European Union (EU) debt target for the first time last year.

The leader tweeted: 'Spain achieves: we have in 2017 reduced the public deficit to 3.07 per cent (4.3 per cent in 2016). A fundamental fact to continue growing, create employment and guarantee our public services.' It is the smallest difference between public spending and revenue that Spain has registered since the financial crisis broke out a decade ago, and just beats the 2017 target of 3.1 per cent set by the EU.

The final figure of 3.07 per cent is equivalent to an overspend of €35.7 million, a Treasury official confirmed.

It sees Spain continue to claw its way out of a financial black hole triggered by the international banking crisis of 2008, which was later deepened after the country's housing bubble burst in 2009.

The twin collapse saw public debt soar to 11 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) after it climbed by more than €100 million in the space of a year.

But the economy has recently spluttered into life, growing by around 3 per cent per year since 2015 and slowly reducing debt in the wake of sweeping cuts and tax increases which in 2012 totalled €65 billion of austerity measures.

The government has been working to a model designed by Finance Minister Cristobal Montoro which has been dubbed the 'Montoro adjustment,' whereby a small increase in public spending is permitted provided the total is lower than the nominal growth in GDP (with inflation).

Spain will however remain in the EU's Excessive Debt Procedure (EDP), a corrective process for countries with a public deficit of more than 3 per cent, for at least another year.



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MAN WITH A PLAN: Brussels believes that Mariano Rajoy could have reduced deficit further but chose not to do so.

It could soon be the only one of the EU's 28 member states with an open procedure after the UK, Greece, Portugal and Croatia last year exited the process, with France expected to follow.

EU officials reportedly believe that Rajoy's government has intentionally maintained the EDP because if Spain was to reduce debt below 3 per cent new limits would be imposed, including a €7 billion 'structural adjustment' that would force Madrid into further cuts or tax hikes. The 2018 deficit target for Spain is 2.3 per cent, but there is a widespread consensus in Brussels that the country will again fail to meet it and will instead try to remain at least a 10th above 3 per cent in order to avoid the new adjustment, with regional and local elections due in 2019.

Blue passport fury as British firm snubbed

UK HOME SECRETARY Amber Rudd signed off a €560 million blue passport deal without knowing who had won the contract, it has been claimed.

The controversial deal will see post-Brexit British passports produced by Gemalto, a European company listed on the Dutch and French stock exchanges.

And according to the Home Office, the process was a blind tender, meaning ministers had no clue which firm submitted each bid.

UK-based De La Rue and French company Oberthur also competed for the contract, with the final result sparking a major backlash, with critics calling the decision a 'humiliating symbol' of the post-Brexit UK.

But the Home Office said the deal will save taxpayers €137 million over five years.

INHERITANCE TAX SHAKE-UP ANNOUNCED

Non-EU loophole slams shut

SPAIN'S highest court has ruled the Spanish practice that charges non-residents of Spain a higher rate of inheritance tax to be discriminatory and therefore unlawful.

According to reports, this has now left the window open for those who have paid the higher rate to file claims for refunds.

In a landmark case, the Spanish Supreme Court has ruled that the practice is no longer acceptable even if the non residents of Spain live in a third country that isn't part of the European Union.

As a result, non-European Economic Area (EEA) citizens that have paid Spanish inheritance tax in the last four years are expected to now be able to apply for a refund.

According to Madrid-based tax partner of Cuatrecasas law firm, Antonio Barba, said the judgement will have a 'huge impact on Spain's current inheritance and gift tax rules by not only forcing Span-



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LEVY BREAK: Many non-EU nationals could be due a tax rebate, says lawyer Antonio Barba (inset).



ish authorities to amend the current legislation but "opens the door for taxpayers to claim refunds of all taxes paid under the discriminatory rules in the past four years, the standard term of the statute of limitations for taxes."

He told International Investment: "We estimate several hundred non-EU taxpayers to be entitled to apply for a refund of inheritance taxes paid [by them] to Spain during the last four years."

"Just think that many provinces of Spain, [such as] Balears and Andalucia, where foreign investments in real estate are huge."

"Most of the investors are EU residents - who are not affected by this last judgement, as the law was amended to give them tax breaks two years ago. But there are still quite a few investments from the US, Latin America, China, etc."

Social security fraud savaged

THE Spanish labour inspectorate has slammed a 'huge' social security fraud.

It comes after the Social Security department revealed that an estimated 300,000 'false' self-employed people in Spain receive more than 75 per cent of their income from a single client.

An official from the labour inspectorate told the Congress that the majority are forced to register as self-employed 'so that the company that pays them does not have to pay social security.'

But the practice may now be living on borrowed time after Fermin Yébenes Salices, president of the Labour Inspectors' Union, appeared before a government subcommittee to discuss reforms to self-employed labour laws in order to crack down on the problem.

I really do lose the will to live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



GREAT contender for our, 'You thought you'd heard it all' trophy this week.

British police will now no longer attend any shoplifting episodes unless the 'haul' exceeds £200! Apparently, this new policy, which effectively decriminalises shoplifting, has been quietly introduced by ministers over the last few months. Well, we're all in the wrong game, aren't we?

Personally, I see this as a great way to becoming an entrepreneur. We can become wholesale goods suppliers. All we need is a few trucks going around to various collection points and a staff of average 'tea leaves.' We then send them out to various stores, equipped with shopping bags and a calculator. When they have nicked £199 worth of goods, they simply leave the store and drop the stuff off at the pre-determined pick up points. Job done.

Actually, the opportunities are limitless. We could supply our own shops. We'll call them



GRENELL TOWER: More questions are now being asked about the tragedy.

SHOPLIFTING: 'Effectively decriminalised.'

'Lifted.' I can see us on every street corner. Pound and charity shops will become a thing of the past. One day we could even be quoted on the stock exchange. Ok Leapy, simmer down. Got a bit carried away there. Also, not quite sure how we could prevent stores from nicking their stuff back!

You really couldn't make it up though could you? Oh, and by the way. Don't rely on shop se-

curity staff to do the plod job. They can be prosecuted for laying a hand on you! Sometimes I really do find myself losing the will to live.

I see yet another toe rag fraudster has been convicted of pretending to be a Grenfell tower victim. This latest individual hailed from Zimbabwe and lived miles from the tower, yet still managed to con social workers into handing over £19,000 before being 'sussed.' With this in mind I decided to ask Google (yes, I do research occasionally!) just how many false claims had actual-

ly been made by these despicable fraudsters, who are already presumably enjoying the fruits of the UK's utterly misguided luvvie approach to our immigrant population.

What popped up to my request for more info was indeed something of a revelation. The Metropolitan Police Service have published a form under the freedom of information act. Far too lengthy to put in this blurb, it contains some 20 or so questions that have been put to the MPS since the tragedy. Talk about a waffle.

'Not in the interest' seems to be a phrase that crops up a great deal. I suggest those who are interested take a look. Enter 'Information about the fatalities during the Grenfell fire tragedy' and up it all comes in pdf format. Some weeks ago, I also took quite a lot of disdainful stick when I revealed information given to a friend of mine from one of the firemen who was actually on the scene. This brave firefighter told my associate he had seen at least 40 bodies in one flat alone.

I see rather more official questions are now being asked about this previous 'Leapy Rant' revelation. Remember you read it here first folks. Have a great week. Enjoy the onset of spring. And whatever ya do.

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Give us a break

Don't cry for me Argentina if something breaks, says Terence Kennedy

THERE'S rejoicing aplenty in our household when a device breaks. It means we can buy a new one without a guilty conscience.

Filling your country mansion with gadgets by the thousand is all well and good if you're a moneyed technophile like Stephen Fry - though to be fair to the great man, manufacturers probably throw scads of free stuff at him in the hope he'll promote it to his 13 million Twitter followers.

As a lesser mortal I grew up with the constricting ethic that you only buy what you will actually use, and you don't replace it until it breaks. And I've never got over it.

In fact until repairing stuff started becoming something of a dead art a decade or two ago, I would even give up precious free time in hand-to-hand combat with a dodgy toaster, menacing an innocent amplifier with a deadly soldering iron or perhaps the most futile exercise of all, using a couple of euros' worth of glue to do a reverse Humpty Dumpty on a vase

costing just half that in the local sec- to even open up our technology,

waywardly minded.

When my computer died at the ripe old age of 10, I felt like a child with a new Meccano set (rather dubiously renamed Erector sets in the USA, where they don't do double entendres).

I got to work happily assembling my own Dagwood-sandwich-type computer from a case, a power supply, a motherboard, RAM chips, a hard drive, a gaggle of YouTube videos and more bad language than the average sailor.

For the most part though, we just buy.

It's an ethic hard to knock when a friend recently spent more to fix an ageing laptop than it would have cost him to buy another one on eBay, or a new one for €50 extra.

Oops, I just 'accidentally' dropped that irritating bedside clock I've hated with a passion every morning for years. Hooray I can finally buy a new one. As Groucho Marx said, if you don't like my principles, I have others.



DIY: 'Do you feel lucky, punk?'

ond-hand emporium.

Now when stuff dies we buy new stuff. Lots of new stuff. We've all got drawers full of dead phones, and even the poor in Africa would sneer at my old Nokia 1100.

It's becoming increasingly difficult

though the web has any number of people doing 'teardowns' of the latest devices - even on a thousand euros' worth of new iPhone, the spoiled brats.

Fortunately there is still some stuff you can build yourself if you are so

Make do and mend

THE 'Maker Movement' is a worthy one but they're fighting a losing battle.

Look them up on the internet and perhaps there's one near you, kindly souls with technical expertise, meeting locally over a weekend to repair all sorts of dead technology brought in by members of the public.

'Makers' even produce their own cookbooks of repair recipes.

Some are printed but they are mainly found online, if you're brave enough to tackle technology designed to resist even the most determined siege.

It certainly is morally satisfying to breathe new life into an old toaster, or to get that old Apple Newton back up and running again - even if only to find that Steve Jobs took its proprietary software with him to the grave.

A recipe for leaving a very bad taste in the mouth

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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NEWS that the Metropolitan Police responded to calls relating to the recent KFC closures - 'Please do not contact us about the #KFCcrisis, it is not a police matter if your favourite eatery is not serving the menu that you desire' - makes you wonder, whatever next?

Last year, Police Scotland's emergency call handlers were amazed when a woman reported the theft of her snowman. Other calls included a request to check a woman's height, another reported a 'dirty look' from a neighbour and a

woman asked for help with a large spider in her home.

Some 2.8 million 101 non-emergency calls are made every year in Scotland with just under half a million 999 emergency ones.

Heck, if crime writers like myself came up with motives as weak as these for calling out the cops in our thrillers, we'd be nicked for wasting readers' time!

The East Midlands Ambulance Service was asked if storing cracked eggs in a fridge was a 'health risk'. Other daft 'nuisance' calls included someone with a broken toenail, someone wanting a taxi home, another with toothache, and a patient who didn't want to wait 30 minutes for their GP appointment.

And according to the BBC, ambulances and emergency response vehicles were de-



KFC CLOSURES: Have prompted panic among Brits.

ployed more than 1,500 times to five patients in 12 months, while a single patient reportedly called the ambulance service almost 10 times a day.

Maybe I'm being thick here (no need to comment), but why?

I remember reading a story about the 1950's when boys

were taught as Wolf Cubs (and maybe still are) how to make an emergency telephone call from a GPO red call box.

Even at less than 10 years

of age, they had more accrued wisdom than all the examples of 'adults' quoted here.

Finally, 999 calls due to loud bangs heard in Manchester city centre recently turned out not to be an emergency. It was a hen party popping balloons on a 'Butler in the Buff'. Good grief! (Actually, that's not what I wrote originally but a much more restrained comment!)

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In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

SO just when I thought Ryanair was getting their act together they mess up again. I was booked on a flight to the UK on Thursday. My hire car was booked and my hotel was booked and at 1am on Wednesday I got an email from Ryanair telling me my flight's been cancelled because the French air traffic controllers are going on strike.

Let's just digress on to that for a moment. Why do the ATC think that by punishing the public anybody is going to have the slightest sympathy for their cause? Anyway, I'm now left with the job of finding a new flight to the UK. All the flights to Stansted were full and every other airport was too expensive or I couldn't get a direct flight. Ryanair's choice was to cancel and get a refund or to book a new date which is no good to me because I was only going 'til Sunday.

I finally, at 2.30am, found a BA flight to a different airport to where my hire car was being collected. So I now have to contact them to try and get a car there and then return it to Stansted. I'm informed by them that to do that it's going to cost me double the price I've al-

ready pre-paid. Why? Because when you pre-pay you can't change anything. You have to start again even when changing the pick-up time. I finally told them I'd get car from the original destination and they agreed to change the pick-up time. All I had to do now was get from one airport to the other and my mate agreed to get me.

I got to the airport expecting to see lines of people because of all the cancelled flights. Guess what - the only company that had cancelled flights to the UK was Ryanair! There were some cancelled by airlines going to France but to the UK none.

This got me wondering why. So I asked the two pilots that were waiting to get on my flight. Well actually, I suppose technically, I was waiting to get on their flight and they told me it's easier and cheaper for Ryanair to just cancel the flights than get involved with the admin and overtime payments to staff. They really don't do themselves any favours. So I am now a convert to BA flights to London City Airport which, by the way, actually came with a meal included too. Maybe my mate at Talk Radio Europe, Bill Padley, can ask his ABTA contact why Ryanair always do the thing that manages to pee their customers off the most.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Checking your details at the roadside

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.

AS they go about their duties patrolling the roads of Spain, the Guardia Civil traffic police have a whole range of tools in their arsenal to both help those in need, and of course deal with those drivers who break the law.

One piece of kit carried by all of the officers, often stored in the panniers of their motorbikes, or inside their patrol cars, is their Personal Digital Assistant, or PDA.

The device is linked via Bluetooth to a thermal printer, and so able to issue fines on the spot, and pools its data with the central office of the DGT traffic department.

The PDA can be used to check driver and vehicle details, such as if you are actually qualified to drive, if you've been banned, if you own the vehicle you are driving, and details about that vehicle and its insurance.

The whole process of checking the information is almost instantaneous, but it can take a lot longer if the information provided by the driver is either inaccurate, or unknown.

One particular problem facing foreign drivers is when they are not registered as residents in Spain, or have not transferred their licence to a Spanish one.

For those who have, you are likely to be sent on your way a lot quicker than those with no registered details, as a single check of a driver's NIE number links all of the relevant driver and vehicle details together, so



ON THE ROAD: A Guardia Civil PDA in action.

the officers can almost instantly find the information they are looking to confirm.

However, when the information is not linked, such as for drivers who haven't swapped to a Spanish licence, then the process takes a lot longer to complete, and your journey is likely to be increasingly delayed as a result.

Converting your UK licence to a Spanish version is a relatively easy process. It can be done at your local DGT traffic office, or you can hire one of the many specialist advisors who will complete the administrative process on your behalf, and a simple medical and computerised reaction test is all that is keeping you from joining the many residents who have already converted and enjoy an easier life on the roads.

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Our administrator refused to accept this, so we called an AGM. The administrator refused

to send out the notice so we did it ourselves. We won by 50 votes to seven. We also invited the notary and our lawyer. We got a written and stamped report from the notary and the minutes taken by the lawyer.

Now the administrator will not give us the legal minutes book. I have been told that we cannot bring a court case against him until the minutes have been stamped and registered. Can you advise? **LS (Costa Blanca)**

A. IN general, yes, but if you have a notarial record of the proceedings and results, which should be called an

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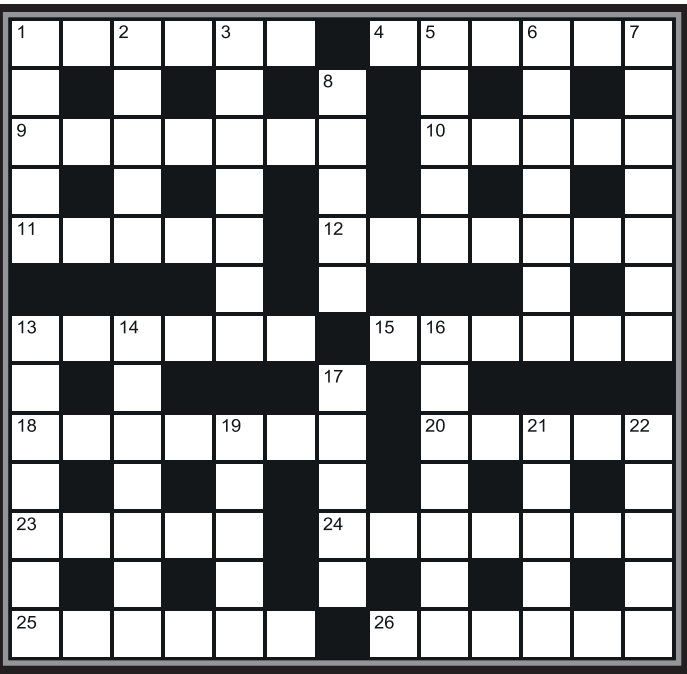
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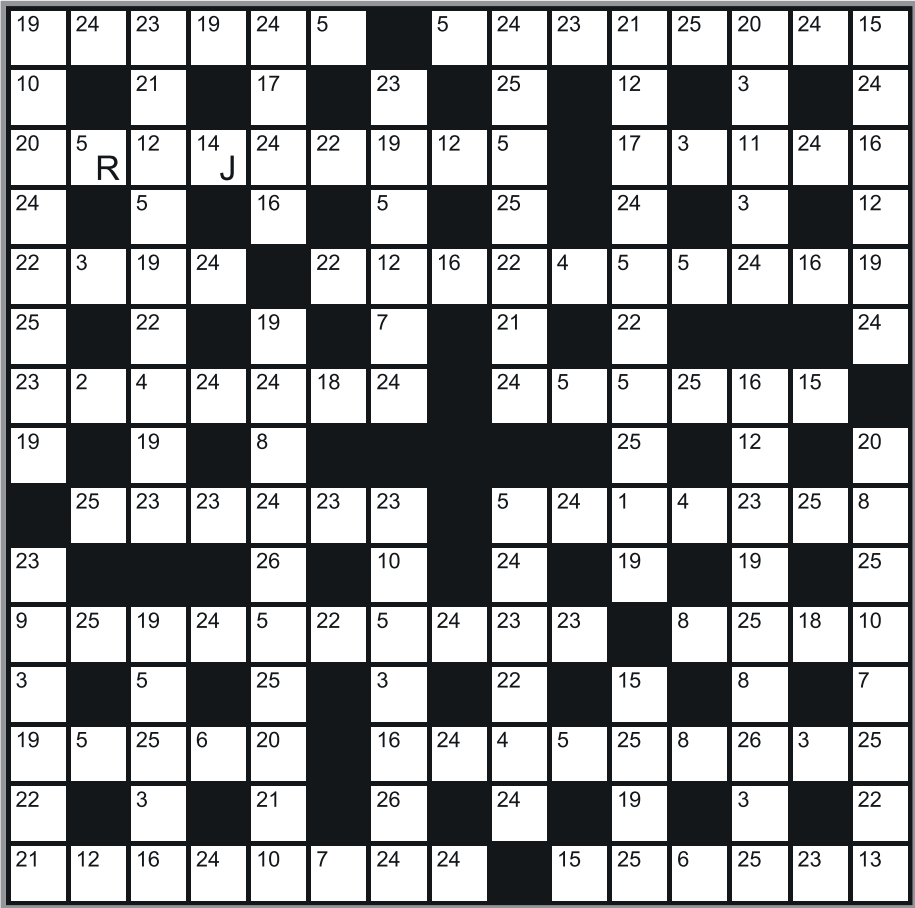
- Across**
- 1 Quietly shelve promise (6)
 - 4 After a short time Sue's ordered dessert (6)
 - 9 Not many? Wrong, the opposite (7)
 - 10 Exercise makes doctor unwell (5)
 - 11 Two ways to get staff (5)
 - 12 Second ruler promises to be significant (7)
 - 13 Weak coffee blend is found here (6)
 - 15 Standing, the street gets at us (6)
 - 18 Run small vehicle for use on holiday (7)
 - 20 Foundation and front of building unaltered (5)
 - 23 Supply comedienne's final wisecrack (5)
 - 24 Party leader has to be present and be in charge (7)
 - 25 Some may reminisce; nice views are picturesque (6)
 - 26 Fish's name for a hairstyle (6)



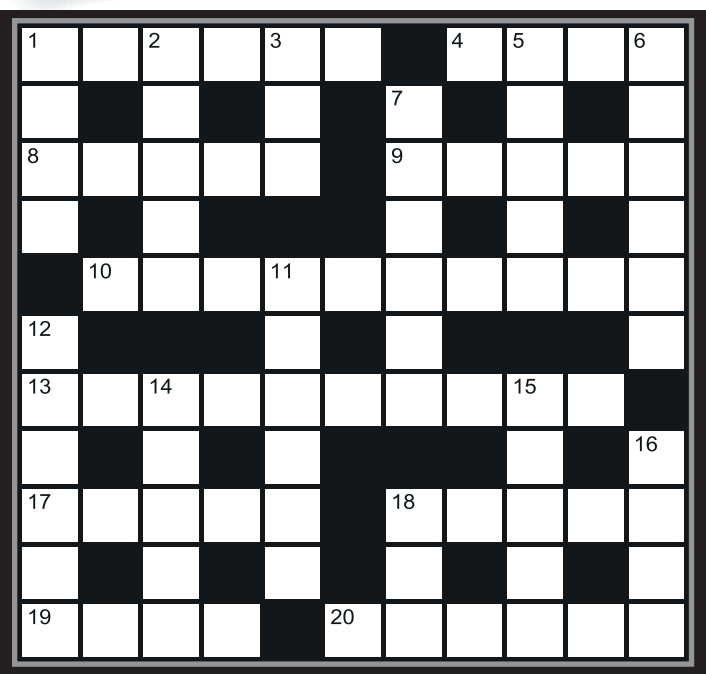
- Down**
- 1 Spare recipe for fruit (5)
 - 2 Additional piece of text rarely seen (5)
 - 3 Cultivated chap served fish (7)
 - 5 Group of monks giving command (5)
 - 6 Prolong a race incident (4,3)
 - 7 Listens, sort of, then joins up (7)
 - 8 A source of inspiration can cause merriment (5)
 - 13 Looks after Australian beer (7)
 - 14 Certain after a time to see deletion (7)
 - 16 A colourful scene created by gold on furniture (7)
 - 17 Beef's good and ready for eating (5)
 - 19 Drink from fractured pipes (5)
 - 21 Society to do away with talent (5)
 - 22 Fish detected by its odour? (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents R and 14 represents J, so fill in R every time the figure 5 appears and J every time the figure 14 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.



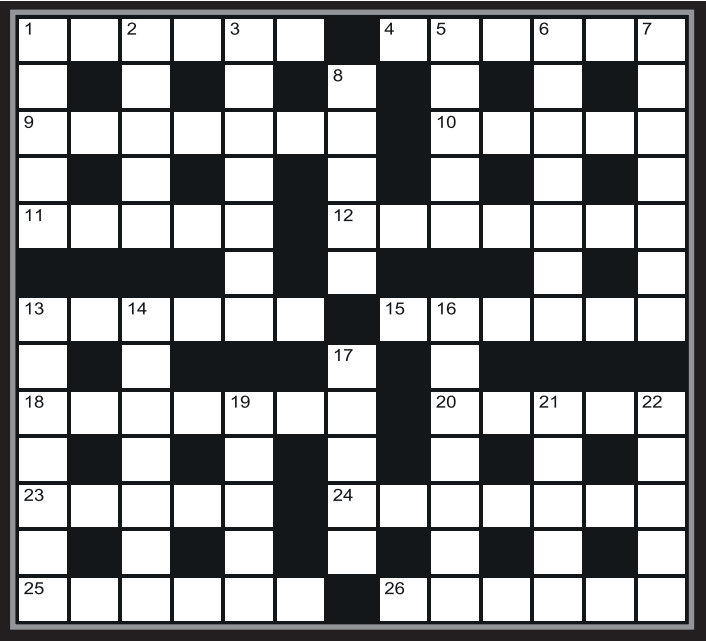
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- Across**
- 1 Stout, strong and sturdy (6)
 - 4 Strong wind (4)
 - 8 Cause fear in (5)
 - 9 Loud cry (5)
 - 10 Harmonica (5,5)
 - 13 Workplace for the conduct of scientific research (10)
 - 17 To yearn or long for (5)
 - 18 Reddish (5)
 - 19 Outbuilding (4)
 - 20 Unequivocally detestable (6)
- Down**
- 1 Over hasty (4)
 - 2 Informal party or social event (5)
 - 3/18 Become angry (3,3)
 - 5 In the middle of (5)
 - 6 Stretch out (6)
 - 7 Companion (6)
 - 11 Serving dish (6)
 - 12 Casual pants (6)
 - 14 Courageous (5)
 - 15 Exhibition of cowboy skills (5)
 - 16 Organs of sight (4)
 - 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Saturday (6)
 - 4 Sword (6)
 - 9 Calf (animal) (7)
 - 10 Estar de acuerdo (5)
 - 11 Autumn (5)
 - 12 Fencing (sport) (7)
 - 13 Antena (6)
 - 15 Esfera (6)
 - 18 Calefacción (7)
 - 20 They (f) (5)
 - 23 Molar (tooth) (5)
 - 24 Breath (respiration) (7)
 - 25 Trapo del polvo (6)
 - 26 Avispón (6)
- Down**
- 1 Wise (5)
 - 2 Bug (insect) (5)
 - 3 Defeat (7)
 - 5 Jerga (5)
 - 6 Línea aérea (7)
 - 7 Promedio (7)
 - 8 Panadero (5)
 - 13 Avergonzado (7)
 - 14 Lectores (personas) (7)
 - 16 Prefix (7)
 - 17 Equal (5)
 - 19 Imagen (5)
 - 21 Lino (ropa) (5)
 - 22 Corto (longitud, distancia) (5)

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Kakuro

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



Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case R) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



TARGET:

- Average: 18
- Very good: 17
- Good: 12
- Excellent: 21

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

cent coin cone dent dine dint done dune icon into nice node note nude once
tend time tone tune unco undo unit unto cento coned conte count dined
donut dunce indue noted ounce tined toned tonic tuned tunic undid unite
untie coined docent induce induct induced noetic notice united untied conduit
counted induced noticed eduction inducted DEDUCTION

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Get up, 4 Upset, 8 Agarrar,
9 Elbow, 10 Spoon, 11 Cumplir,
12 Sastre, 14 Paloma, 18 Conocer,
20 Clave, 22 Chefs, 23 Elegido,
24 Snore, 25 Shape.

Down:

1 Glasses, 2 Trapo, 3 Partner,
4 Urraca, 5 Steam, 6 Tobillo,
7 Fewer, 13 Singers, 15 Archers,
16 Awesome, 17 Breeze,
18 Cocer, 19 Cesto, 21 Amiga.

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Sluice, 4 Trusts, 9 Beseech,
10 Patio, 11 Lots, 12 Indicate,
14 Steed, 16 Peaks, 20 Adulates,
21 Urge, 24 Panda, 25 Enlarge,
26 Roster, 27 Starve.

Down:

1 Subtle, 2 Upset, 3 Chef,
5 Repaired, 6 Setback, 7 Sloped,
8 Shine, 13 Delaware, 15 Truants,
17 Hamper, 18 Deter, 19 Delete,
22 Rarer, 23 Blot.

QUICK

Across:

1 Reporter, 8 Evade, 9 Donor, 10 Rate,
11 Allege, 13 Caviar, 15 Zinc, 18 Alibi,
19 Rifle, 20 Aperture.

Down:

2 Exact, 3 Oven, 4 Tiddly, 5 Range,
6 Farfetched, 7 Leprechaun, 12 Facile,
14 Voila, 16 Infer, 17 Fret.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

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Tuesday March 20



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Thursday March 22



JOKER: 2 271 456

Saturday March 24



JOKER: 5 736 038

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Sunday March 25

YOUR STARS
FOR NEXT 7 DAYSAQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Involvement in a situation connected with someone close may not be the best option this week. Giving advice is all well and good so long as you are sure of your facts. Your loyalty to someone is not in doubt but your help should be more from the sidelines than direct.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Some disruption to your plans annoys you but there's no point getting in a huff. Outside influences cannot be stopped but you are able to keep calm yourself. Rising to the bait will play into someone else's hands. Although a situation must be dealt with, do it in your own time and in your own way. Allow yourself the pleasure of saying 'I told you so!'

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

It seems that you are putting a lot of effort into whatever you do without getting as much out as you would like. However, as the week goes by, you will realise that it is only a temporary situation. Sometimes, it takes others a period of adjustment before they are ready to accept changes of a personal nature.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

The brick wall that you start banging your head against this week is not an illusion. It is, indeed, true that others are not responding to you in an expected way. By Wednesday this wall will start to fall and people will be more receptive. There is a time and place for everything and you will find it eventually.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Everything seems an effort at the beginning of this week but as energy levels pick up you will gain momentum. Tackle one thing at a time and realise that Rome was not, indeed, built in a day. As the weekend approaches you will begin to realise that you have been far more effective than you thought.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

You really do need to come to an understanding with friends over a social matter, although this may take a little effort this week. It is clear that there are those who are less helpful than others, but this could be because of a misunderstanding. Maybe you need to put forward your plans a little more forcibly so that no one can misunderstand.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Be a social animal this week and you will strengthen both people and business contacts. After being busy last week, you may be inclined to take it easy. If it is the case that you really are low on energy, then use the telephone or email to full advantage to keep in touch.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Someone well and truly treads on your toes this week and it really puts your teeth on edge. There are some bridges that may not be mended at the present time and are best left alone. Show your generous side but resist the urge to give in on an important issue because you are likely to regret it later.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

What a lovely surprise to find that something you have always wanted is coming your way at last.

Keep a firm hand with finances and take control if you want to organise things for the better. Your destiny is, for the most part, in your hands.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Be cautious this week with your money. You have been aware for some time now that a change in your finances is likely.

You have this in common with many others in your situation. Seeking professional help can be free and can make a big difference.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

A special chance to try something new should not be passed over. No one expects wonders from you, they are happy just to see you enjoying life.

A recent change in your attitude to your future is already showing.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Your home life gives you the most satisfaction at the moment even though someone seems to be challenging you. Some things are best ignored until they go away of their own accord and that also often applies to people. There is a time for everything and choosing it will make a task that could be difficult that much easier.

QUIZ: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Answers:

1. In Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*, what is the name of the merciless moneylender who speaks the lines: "If you prick us, do we not bleed? If you tickle us, do we not laugh? If you poison us, do we not die? If you wrong us, shall we not revenge?"
2. Stars of the famous US comedy TV show *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*, what were the first names of Rowan and Martin?
3. In which decade did the comedian Charles Penrose record the famous music hall song *The Laughing Policeman*?
4. Name any two of the four original presenters of the television light entertainment programme *Game for a Laugh*?
5. Which 17th century Dutch artist painted the oil on canvas work known as *The Laughing Cavalier*?

6. Which chemical compound used as an anaesthetic in dentistry and surgery is also known as laughing gas?
7. Which five words complete this phrase from the poem *Solitude* by Ella Wheeler Wilcox: 'laugh and the world laughs with you, ---- -- -- -- --'?
8. Which member of the kingfisher family is also known as the laughing jackass?
9. Which parody of the Nobel Prize is awarded every autumn to celebrate 10 unusual or trivial achievements in scientific research? Since 1991, the prizes have been awarded to 'honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think'?
10. Who reached number six in the UK singles chart in 1973 with the novelty single *The Laughing Gnome*?

Not a lot of people know that... the science of laughing and its effects on the body is known as **gelotology**.

1. SHYLOCK 2. DAN Rowan and DICK Martin, 3. 1920s - recorded June 1922 released April 1926
4. JEREMY BEADLE, MATTHEW KELLY, HENRY KELLY and SARAH KENNEDY, 5. FRANK HALLS, 6. NITROUS OXIDE, 7. WEEP AND YOU WEEP ALONE, 8. KOOKABURRA, 9. IG NOBLE AWARDS, 10. DAVID BOWIE

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THURSDAY - 29 MARCH

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
2:40am	BBC News	7:00am	The Repair Shop	5:00am	This is BBC Four	6:30am	Streetmate	9:20am	Digby Dragon
7:00am	Breakfast	7:25am	Money for Nothing	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	7:00am	Countdown	9:35am	Rivets Rusts
10:15am	Holding Back the Years	8:15am	Coast	8:30pm	Top of the Pops	7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	9:00am	DIY SOS the Big Build	9:00pm	Hurricanes and Heatwaves: The Highs and Lows of British Weather	8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun	10:05am	Mofy
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	10:00pm	The Secret Science of Pop	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live		<i>Evolutionary biologist Professor Armand Leroi believes data science can transform the pop world</i>	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	1:00pm	The Daily Politics		Countdown	9:30am	Fraser	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
2:00pm	BBC News at One	2:00pm	Black Narcissus		USA	11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm	BBC London News	3:40pm	Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape		Undercover Boss	12:00pm	Countdown	2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Doctors	4:40pm	Blitz Cities	11:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Moving On	5:10pm	Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF		Come Dine with Me	1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	3:15pm	NCIS
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	6:10pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is		Posh Pawnbrokers	2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm	Buried Secrets
4:45pm	Money for Nothing	7:00pm	Eggheads		Countdown	3:10pm	Countdown	6:00pm	5 News at 5
5:30pm	Flog It!	7:30pm	The Repair Shop		A Place in the Sun	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Neighbours
6:15pm	Pointless	8:00pm	Mountain	12:00am	A New Life in the Sun	5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun	7:00pm	Home and Away
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	9:00pm	Big Cats	1:00am	Four in a Bed	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
7:30pm	BBC London News	10:00pm	Civilisations		Star Boot Sale	6:30pm	Star Boot Sale	8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
8:00pm	The One Show	11:00pm	Match of the Day		The Simpsons	7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Goodbye Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun
8:30pm	EastEnders	11:30pm	Newsnight		Hollyoaks	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	MasterChef	12:15am	Top Gear		Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:00pm	Do the Right Thing with Eamonn and Ruth
10:00pm	Not Going Out	1:15am	MasterChef	2:30am	Location, Location, Location	9:00pm	Location, Location, Location		
10:30pm	Still Game	1:45am	Saving the British Bulldog		Indian Summer School	10:00pm	Indian Summer School		
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	2:45am	Back in Time for Tea		20 Kids and Counting	11:00pm	20 Kids and Counting		
11:30pm	BBC London News	3:45am	This is BBC Two		Gogglebox	12:05am	Gogglebox		
11:45pm	Unsolved				One Born Every Minute	1:05am	One Born Every Minute		
12:45am	This Week								
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:25am	Coronation Street	7:00am	The Chase	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Lorraine	8:55am	Emmerdale	7:50am	Vera asks Mike for her job back now Ida has confessed but he refuses.	7:45am	Pawn Stars	7:30am	Bitesize
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:20am	Coronation Street		Heartbeat	8:10am	Pawn Stars	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		The Royal	8:30am	Ironsides	8:00am	Bitesize
1:30pm	Loose Women	11:15am	Totally Bonkers		Judge Judy	9:30am	Quincy, M.E.	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	12:30pm	Guinness World Records		Judge Judy	10:35am	Minder	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:55pm	ITV News London	11:30am	Spy Kids 3: Game Over	10:20am	Inspector Morse	11:40am	The Saint	12:45pm	Rugby League
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	12:30pm	FYI Daily	10:50am	The Royal Heartbeat	12:45pm	The Avengers	12:45pm	My Icon
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	12:35pm	Spy Kids 3: Game Over	1:35pm	Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village.	1:50pm	Storage Wars	1:00pm	Sky Sports New
5:00pm	Tipping Point	1:15pm	Emmerdale	2:35pm	Coronation Street	2:50pm	Storage Wars	2:00pm	Sky Sports New
6:00pm	The Chase	1:45pm	Coronation Street	3:40pm	Coronation Street	3:55pm	Pawn Stars	2:30pm	Live PGA Tour
7:00pm	ITV News London	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		On the Buses	5:00pm	Pawn Stars		Featured Group
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show		On the Buses	6:05pm	The Big Fish Off		The featured groups from decades of the Houston Open, held at the Goliath Club of Houston
8:00pm	Emmerdale	5:50pm	Judge Rinder		You're Only Young Twice	7:10pm	When English Football Ruled Europe		Live LPGA Golf
8:30pm	Tonight	6:50pm	Take Me Out		Rising Damp	7:40pm	Diamonds are Forever	6:00pm	Live LPGA Golf
9:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	4:45pm	Heartbeat	12:05am	FYI Daily	8:30pm	Football
9:30pm	Coronation Street	8:30pm	Two and a Half Men	5:15pm	Murder, She Wrote	12:10am	Diamonds are Forever	10:45pm	Live Premier League
10:00pm	The Real Full Monty	9:00pm	Family Guy	5:50pm	Vera	1:40am	Fire Down Below		Darts
11:30pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	Family Guy	6:25pm	Unforgotten	2:40am	FYI Daily	11:30pm	Jd Ringside: The Countdown
12:00am	ITV News London	11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	6:55pm	Unforgotten	2:45am	Fire Down Below	12:00am	Cricket
12:15am	Kingpin	11:50pm	Family Guy	8:00pm	DCI Banks	3:35am	Fishing Allstars		
2:15am	Jackpot247	12:20am	Family Guy	9:00pm		4:00am	Teleshopping		
2:15am	Tonight			11:00pm					
4:00am	ITV Nightscreen			12:00am					
4:25am				1:05am					

FRIDAY - 30 MARCH

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	7:00am	Money for Nothing	8:00pm	World News Today	7:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:20am	Digby Dragon
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming	7:45am	Escape to the Country	8:30pm	Top of the Pops	7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:35am	Rusty Rivets
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed	8:30am	Nature's Weirdest Events	9:00pm	The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill	7:55am	Frasier	9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	9:30am	Tinker Bell and the Secret of the Wings	10:00pm	Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music	8:20am	Frasier	10:05am	Mofy
2:00pm	BBC News at One	10:40am	Muppets Most Wanted	11:00pm	Arena	8:50am	Animals United	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
2:15pm	BBC London News	12:15pm	Six Puppies and Us	12:00am	... Sings Dylan II	10:35am	The Big Bang Theory	12:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
2:25pm	102 Dalmatians	1:15pm	Growing Up Wild	1:00am	Top of the Pops	11:05am	The Big Bang Theory	1:05pm	5 News
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	2:15pm	Coast	1:30am	Misfits: The Story of Indie	11:35am	The Simpsons	1:10pm	Home and Away
5:00pm	Money for Nothing	2:50pm	Canterbury Cathedral	2:30am	Misfits: The Story of Indie	12:05pm	The Simpsons	1:40pm	Neighbours
5:45pm	Flog It!	3:50pm	Talking Pictures	3:30am	Misfits: The Story of Indie	12:35pm	The Simpsons	2:10pm	Shenandoah
6:45pm	Pointless	4:35pm	The Robe	4:30am	Documentary series exploring British indie music.	1:05pm	Romancing the Stone	4:15pm	The Searchers
7:30pm	BBC News	6:45pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	5:00am	Top of the Pops	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Neighbours Home and Away
7:50pm	BBC London News	7:30pm	Eggheads	5:00am	This is BBC Four	5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun	7:00pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The One Show	8:00pm	The Repair Shop	5:00am	BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:25pm	Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess
8:40pm	The Silent Child	8:30pm	Mastermind			7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:35pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson
9:00pm	EastEnders	9:30pm	Gardeners' World			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	Jane Mcdonald and Friends
9:30pm	Room 101	10:00pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:00pm	Will and Grace
10:00pm	MasterChef	11:00pm	Episodes			8:30pm	Food Unwrapped	11:30pm	Football on 5
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys	11:30pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story			9:00pm	Britain's Favourite Food	12:30am	Football on 5
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	12:25am	The Way			10:00pm	Gogglebox	1:00am	Super Casino
11:20pm	BBC London News					11:00pm	Lee and Dean	4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
11:30pm	Spooks: The Greater Good					11:30pm	8 Out of 10 Cats	5:00am	The X Files
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead					12:15am	Rob Beckett's Playing for Time	5:45am	House Doctor
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
8:35am	Horrid Henry	10:55am	Totally Bonkers	7:00am	Judge Judy	4:00am	Teleshopping	12:00am	Cricket
9:20am	Wishfart		Guinness World Records		Enduring British sitcom. Blakey discovers that Stan and Jack are biting the hand that feeds them.	7:00am	The Chase	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:35am	Wishfart	11:05am	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold			7:50am	Pawn Stars		Bitesize
9:50am	Scrambled! Sketch Show	12:05pm	FYI Daily			8:10am	Pawn Stars	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:20am	Mission Employable	12:10pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold			8:35am	Ironsides		Bitesize
10:25am	K-9					9:40am	Quincy, M.E.	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
12:15pm	King Ralph					10:45am	Minder		Bitesize
2:15pm	Countrywise					11:50am	The Saint	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:40pm	ITV Lunchtime News	1:15pm	Emmerdale			12:55pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure	8:30am	Rugby Union Chiefs meet Highlanders at FMG Stadium Waikato in Super Rugby.
2:50pm	ITV News London	2:15pm	Coronation Street			2:00pm	FYI Daily	10:30am	Cricket
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	2:45pm	You've Been Framed! Gold			2:05pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure		Day one of the fourth Test between South Africa and Australia in Johannesburg
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	3:10pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show			2:45pm	ITV Racing: Live		Live Super League
5:00pm	Tipping Point	4:20pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show			6:00pm	From Lingfield Hornblower	4:00pm	Live Super League
6:00pm	The Chase	5:30pm	Hop			8:10pm	The Scorpion King	6:30pm	Football
7:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs	6:30pm	FYI Daily			9:15pm	FYI Daily	8:30pm	Football
7:30pm	ITV News London	6:35pm	Hop			9:20pm	The Scorpion King	11:15pm	Jd Ringerside: The Weigh in
7:45pm	ITV Evening News	7:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man			10:00pm	When English Football Ruled Europe	11:45pm	Cricket
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:25pm	FYI Daily						
8:30pm	Coronation Street	8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man			11:00pm	Cliffhanger		
9:00pm	Love Your Garden	10:00pm	Bridesmaids			12:10am	FYI Daily		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	12:30am	Family Guy				Cliffhanger		
10:00pm	Furious 7	1:00am	Family Guy			1:15am	Driven to Kill		
12:30am	ITV News at Ten and Weather	1:30am	American Dad!			2:15am	FYI Daily		
						2:20am	Driven to Kill		
						3:10am	Fifth Gear		
						4:00am	Teleshopping		

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Summer is coming and so are motor homes

WE are writing to express our concern regarding the increase in motor homes/caravans invading this beautiful area of coastline.

Visiting cars to Playa Carolina beach (totally monopolised by mobile homes) found difficulty in parking. This serves as a car park and not a caravan park!

Not content with parking on vast areas of local coastline it is now noted they are also using various spaces in town areas including the Health Centre.

Please advise on local authority policy regarding this increasing menace?

With thanks.

David and Sally, Aguilas

Editor's note

It would appear that the answer lies in the hands of local authorities and police. If these motor homes are parked illegally they can be moved on, although in some towns they are allowed to stay for 48 hours.

Pets or pests?

FRONT page news? Pet shame fury?

Mobile phones or cloaking devices?

DRIVERS may have noticed that pedestrians leap out in front of you, whilst using their trusty mobiles as some sort of defence and not having even seen your car coming, are not alarmed when we have to make an emergency stop in order to avoid hitting them.

The worst offenders are in the town, since there are plenty of zebra crossings for them to practise their art and anywhere near the crossing will do!

Hybrid cars are great for drivers, but I reckon that in electric (silent) mode these will be a real hazard to the 'mobiles' who may only rely on their hearing to identify a road user.



Photo Credit: Duncan Harris Wikipedia

UNAWARE: Phone zombies.

We no longer have to remember anything any more cos with our trusty Smartphone, just click on Google and voila, there it is! Ah we knew that was what we had forgotten.

Now where on earth did I put

my mobile phone? I know I will ring my mobile from my fibre optic landline and hope I did not leave it in silent mode - Telefonica is useful after all!

Brian Johnston, Benalmadena

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Carles Puigdemont held in Germany

From fantasy to reality in one action - bet the smile has been wiped off this face now!

David Baxter

Criminals go to prison. Traitors doubly so.

Peter Harvey

Great news.

Gill Reynolds

He should now face all charges levied against him and be made to pay for all the disruption he has caused to the whole of Spain. Jail him.

Malcolm

Clocks going forward to be scrapped?

Yes! It takes me days to get into the new routine and the animals are totally confused?

Carol Raines

It was tried a few years ago, no one liked it.

Maggie Champion

I hope not. It gives the illusion of summer coming.

Marita Langley-May

I like the lighter evenings.

Lynn Nickeas

Comments from EWN online

Pilots suspended over mid-flight videos

Their crime was getting caught. I'm sure many of the pilots on the short haul flights mess around to relive the boredom during the two-hour flights. Engage auto-pilot, disengage brain.

Ron Curtis

I'm almost sure the plane landed safe and well so what's the problem.

Shel Louise

Almost everything mid flight is automated.

Felicia Ang

Brit fine for spitting on cabin crew

Hopefully BA will ban her for life too.

Jean Gray

Should have had at least a five-year ban from flying.

Gill Reynolds

Good! I cannot stand anyone spitting, absolutely disgusting.

Janet Lawrenson

Anti-tourism groups threaten summer protests

The problem here is that tourism is booming and it is making life hard for the average Mallorquines. The cost of renting a home is now almost the same as their monthly wage. Prices are soaring. The island is very rich because of tourism, but it's not being passed on to the working people.

Barbara Jago

There are two sides to every story. Having lived in Mallorca I can understand both views. Although tourism is needed there are different types. I am sure you will agree with the locals when they say they are fed up witnessing hundreds of drunken youths chanting and screaming, etc etc in the streets, all night and every night of the week in some holiday areas. They want them to enjoy their island but not at the detriment of all else.

Jan Andersen-Page

Since moving to the coast I've never encountered such hysteria about unwanted animals. It's an industry here, over a hundred charities, thousands of soppy people wasting millions of euros, when an inexpensive injection would solve the problem.

Then people could turn their attention to the desperate plight of the millions of hungry, brutalised humans right across our planet.

The number of stray dogs in the world is nearly half a billion, and five million of these live in Spain. That's just dogs. For goodness sake let's put them down. We really need to take a serious look at our priorities.

Edmund Taylor, Fuengirola

Big cats

COULD you not run a piece asking all readers to report the location of any circus they know of (*Issue 1707*)?

That way every single one could be checked and hopefully have their animals removed after local protests.

"It comes after months of negotiations between officials from the circus, local authorities and animal rights groups, with lawyer Raquel Lopez from the DeAnimals law firm acting as mediator."

If the above is true and those animals were in such awful conditions how does this square with animal rights legislation? Is the law here so toothless?

There should not have been negotiations, the animals should have been removed, the circus owners jailed pending trial, with prison time, large fines and life bans at the end of it.

I have lived here 40 years and it shocks me that my adopted country still has such a long way to go.

John Little, Alicante

Spitting mad

BACK in the 40's and 50's, spitting was considered to be a health hazard, regrettably, in recent years it has become commonplace in a sporting context and most noticeably amongst the footballing fraternity.

The revelation Jamie Carragher spat at a critic has caused outrage but isn't it time for this disgusting and unhealthy habit to be condemned and stopped?

It sets such a terrible example to children as they tend to mimic their heroes! Ken, San Fulgencio

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SATURDAY - 31 MARCH

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	7:10am	The Wonder of Animals	8:00pm	Lost Kingdoms of Central America	8:00am	Marathon: Maraton Del Meridiano	10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live	7:40am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature	9:00pm	The Silk Road	8:25am	Triathlon	11:30am	Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:30pm	Classic Mary Berry	8:10am	The Pets Factor	10:00pm	Below the Surface	8:50am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:00pm	Police Interceptors
1:00pm	Football Focus	8:30am	Dengineers	10:45pm	Below the Surface	9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond	2:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	BBC News	9:00am	Absolute Genius	11:30pm	Top of the Pops	9:50am	Frasier	3:00pm	Traffic Cops
2:10pm	Weather	9:30am	Monster Builds	10:00am	<i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart</i>	10:20am	Frasier	5:00pm	We'll Take it Away!
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt	10:00am	Beyond Bionic	11:30pm	<i>programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985</i>	10:50am	The Big Bang Theory	6:00pm	We'll Take it Away!
3:00pm	MasterChef	11:00am	Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family and Me	12:00am	Six Puppies and Us	11:25am	The Big Bang Theory	7:00pm	We'll Take it Away!
3:30pm	MasterChef	12:00pm	The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives	12:00am	The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives	12:25pm	The Big Bang Theory	8:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
4:00pm	Shrek Forever After	12:55pm	Cromwell	12:30am	The Highwaysmen: Friends Till the End	1:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Inside Windsor Castle
5:25pm	Final Score	4:15pm	Canterbury Cathedral	1:25am	The Highwaymen Live	1:20pm	The Simpsons	9:55pm	5 News
6:10pm	A Question of Sport	5:15pm	The Secret Helpers	3:25am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America	2:20pm	The Simpsons	10:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
6:40pm	Doodlebugs	6:15pm	Big Cats About the House	4:25am	Top of the Pops	3:25pm	Coast v Country	11:00pm	Conspiracy: The Nazi King
7:00pm	Ready or Not	7:15pm	Easter from King's	4:55am	Sounds of the Seventies Solos	4:25pm	A Place in the Sun	12:00am	Secrets of the Nazi Occult
7:30pm	BBC News	8:30pm	Dad's Army	8:30pm	Dad's Army	5:30pm	A Place in the Sun	1:00am	Super Casino
7:40pm	Regional News	9:00pm	Attenborough's Wonder of Eggs	10:00pm	Hamlet	6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo	4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel
7:43pm	Weather	10:00pm	Civilisations	1:15am	Therese Desqueyroux	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	5:00am	The X Files
7:45pm	Pointless	1:15am	Therese Desqueyroux	2:15am	This is BBC Two	8:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters		
8:35pm	Who Dares Wins	2:15am	Therese Desqueyroux	4:00am	This is BBC Two	9:00pm	Britain at Low Tide		
9:20pm	Casualty					10:00pm	Zolander 2		
10:10pm	Troy: Fall of a City					12:00am	AVP: Alien vs. Predator		
11:10pm	BBC News								
11:25pm	Weather								
11:30pm	Match of the Day								
1:00am	Forget Me Not								
2:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead								
2:35am	BBC News								
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9:10am	The Bagel and Becky Show	7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals	6:10am	Rising Damp	7:00am	The Protectors	7:00am	Cricket
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go	7:15am	Emmerdale	6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen	7:25am	Hornblower	7:30am	Cricket
10:05am	Wishfart	9:40am	Coronation Street	7:00am	Evil Under the Sun	9:30am	World Superbike Highlights	8:00am	Total Goals
10:25am	ITV News	12:55pm	Celebrity Catchphrase	8:00am	Man About the House	10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show	9:00am	Total Goals
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin	1:55pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	9:45am	On the Buses	11:35am	Pawn Stars	10:00am	Total Goals
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?	2:55pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas	11:35am	Holiday on the Buses	12:00pm	Pawn Stars	11:00am	Soccer A.M.
1:25pm	ITV Lunchtime News	3:55pm	FYI Daily	1:20pm	Carry on	12:25pm	Pawn Stars	12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Info not available	4:00pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas	3:05pm	Carry on Up the Khyber	12:55pm	Pawn Stars	3:55pm	Rugby Union
2:30pm	Britain's Brightest Family	4:40pm	Nanny McPhee	5:00pm	Carry On Forever	1:20pm	The Big Fish Off		<i>Munster take on Toulon at Thomond Park in the quarter-finals of the European Rugby Championship.</i>
3:00pm	Tenable	5:40pm	Nanny McPhee	6:00pm	Carry On Forever	2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Musselburgh	6:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Celebrity Catchphrase	6:45pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean	7:00pm	Carry On Forever	3:30am	The Protectors		
5:00pm	Tipping Point	7:45pm	FYI Daily	8:00pm	Midsomer Murders	4:00am	Teleshopping		
6:00pm	The Chase	7:50pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean	10:00pm	Midsomer Murders				
7:00pm	ITV Evening News	8:30pm	Skyfall	11:15pm	<i>100th episode of the rural detective drama series.</i>	10:10pm	Lethal Weapon	8:40pm	Live PGA Tour
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather	9:35pm	FYI Daily	12:00am	Vera	11:10pm	FYI Daily	12:00am	Cricket
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!	9:40pm	Skyfall	2:00am	Carry On Forever	12:20am	Fire Down Below		<i>Day three of the second Test between New Zealand and England in Christchurch.</i>
8:00pm	Info not available	11:15pm	Celebrity Juice	3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen	1:20am	Fire Down Below		
9:30pm	The Voice UK	12:05am	Family Guy	3:30am	Teleshopping	2:30am	River Monsters		
11:00pm	ITV News	1:05am	American Dad!			3:30am	The Protectors		
11:20pm	Info not available					4:00am	Teleshopping		

SUNDAY - 1 APRIL

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5		
8:25am	Match of the Day	8:35am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein	8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>	7:40am	King of Queens	11:35am	Britain's Greatest Bridges	
10:00am	Painting the Holy Land	9:05am	Gardeners' World	8:05am		8:05am	King of Queens			
11:00am	Live Worship on Easter Sunday	9:35am	Countryfile			8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	11:50am	Police Interceptors	
12:00pm	Urbi et Orbi	10:30am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:50pm	Police Interceptors	
12:25pm	The Silent Child	12:00pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge			9:30am	Frasier			
12:45pm	Bargain Hunt	12:45pm	Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook			10:00am	Frasier	1:45pm	The Cowboys	
1:25pm	BBC News					10:30am	Sunday Brunch	4:15pm	Joe Kidd	
1:35pm	Weather for the Week Ahead					1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast	5:50pm	Space Cowboys	
1:40pm	Shaun the Sheep Movie	1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra					8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	
3:00pm	MasterChef	2:00pm	Info not available			2:30pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	
5:30pm	Escape to the Country	2:15pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago			3:00pm	The Simpsons			
6:00pm	Songs of Praise	3:15pm	Canterbury Cathedral			3:30pm	The Simpsons			
6:35pm	BBC News	4:15pm	RAF at 100 with Ewan and Colin Mcgregor	9:00pm	Painting the Holy Land	4:00pm	The Simpsons	9:55pm	5 News	
6:50pm	Regional News	5:45pm	War Horse			4:30pm	Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade	10:00pm	The Lonely Life of George Michael	
6:55pm	Weather	8:00pm	Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall	10:00pm	Timewatch	5:00pm	Dumbo	12:00am	The Nation's Favourite	
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge	9:00pm	Top Gear	11:00pm	The Battle of Britain	6:15pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer		George Michael Song	
8:00pm	Countryfile	10:00pm	Unsealed: Conspiracy Files	12:40am	Operation Jericho	7:30pm	Channel 4 News	1:00am	The Last Days of George Michael	
9:00pm	The Generation Game	11:00pm	Mock the Week	1:40am	Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet	8:00pm	Homes by the Med	2:00am	Super Casino	
10:00pm	Ordeal by Innocence	11:35pm	Top Gear Extra Gear	2:40am	Revolution and Romance: Masters of the 19th Century	9:00pm	Escape to the Chateau	4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel	
11:00pm	BBC News	12:00am	Selma	3:40am	Timewatch	10:00pm	Homeland	5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant	
11:20pm	Regional News					11:00pm	The Green Mile	5:45am	House Doctor	
11:25pm	Weather					2:10am	The Supervet			
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2					3:10am	Coastal Walks with My Dog			
						4:10am	KOTV Boxing Weekly			
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event		
8:30am	Scrambled!	7:00am	You've Been Framed!	7:00am	Carry on Cruising	8:05am	Storage Wars	12:00am	Cricket	
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show	7:25am	Emmerdale	8:50am	Holiday on the Buses	8:30am	Storage Wars	7:00am	Cricket	
8:50am	Teen Titans Go!	10:05am	Coronation Street	10:35am	Mutiny on the Buses	8:55am	Storage Wars	8:30am	Total Goals	
9:10am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series	11:00am	Soccer A.M.	10:50am	Storage Wars	9:25am	Storage Wars	9:00am	Total Goals	
9:30am	Spy School	12:30pm	Football	11:15am	Pawn Stars	9:55am	Storage Wars	10:00am	Cricket	
10:05am	Adventure Time	3:55pm	Rugby Union	11:45am	Pawn Stars	10:20am	Storage Wars	1:30pm	Live Nissan	
10:25am	ITV News		<i>Munster take on Toulon at Thomond Park in the quarter-finals of the European Rugby Championship.</i>	12:10pm	Pawn Stars	10:50am	Storage Wars	4:30pm	Super Sunday	
10:30am	Love Your Garden			12:40pm	Pawn Stars	11:15am	Pawn Stars		<i>Chelsea take on Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.</i>	
10:55am	The Voice UK			1:10pm	Aces High	11:45am	Pawn Stars	8:00pm	Live PGA Tour	
12:25pm	Info not available			2:10pm	FYI Daily	12:10pm	Pawn Stars		<i>Day four of the second Test as New Zealand host England in Christchurch.</i>	
2:00pm	Free Willy			3:25pm	Dunkirk	12:40pm	Pawn Stars			
4:05pm	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory			4:25pm	FYI Daily	1:10pm	Aces High			
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special			4:30pm	Dunkirk	2:10pm	FYI Daily			
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!			6:10pm	Goodwood Members' Meeting	2:15pm	Aces High			
7:30pm	ITV Evening News				Highlights	3:25pm	Dunkirk			
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather				The Big Fish Off	4:25pm	FYI Daily			
8:00pm	Info not available				The Scorpion King	4:30pm	Dunkirk			
9:00pm	The Durrells				FYI Daily	6:10pm	Goodwood Members' Meeting			
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital				The Scorpion King		Members' Meeting			
11:00pm	ITV News				King Jaws		Highlights			
11:15pm	Sherlock Holmes				11:05pm	FYI Daily	7:10pm	The Big Fish Off		
1:35am	Marcella				12:25am	The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford	8:15pm	The Scorpion King		
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Men choose tote bags for the style

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



OVER the years I have destroyed more briefcases than I care to remember, much less admit to, mainly by stuffing them full of paper, newspapers and magazines as well as other random objects.

Of course some only use their briefcases to carry their lunch or more recently their lunch plus their laptops and sundry charging devices. The briefcase has been the staple accessory of the European male of a certain sort for decades. While the hat vanished, the briefcase strode on.

So why have men adopted the tote bag? It is at root only a simple strong large square bag with robust handles.

Yet a global trend has emerged and been seized upon by traditional all male brands like Dunhill London with their Duke tote costing €3,317, or James Purdey and Son - famed for their guns - with 'The Keeper' tote in two versions, heavy at €1,295 and lightweight at €1,025. Suitable for the campo or elite shopping streets of Milan, Marbella or Madrid.

But French and Italian houses have not allowed the grass to grow under their feet. Berluti's elegant 'Silhouette Leather Tote' at €2,681,

Ermenegildo Zegna Couture with their 'Pelle Tessuta Brown Tote,' a snip at €2,796. And Connolly England have created their casual Nubuck version which can be yours for just €1,146.

Not to ignore the more traditional manufacturers who have found a sudden extension into high end men's fashion. One such is Ichizawa Shinzaburo Hanpu of Kyoto, Japan, now celebrating 110 years of manufacturing canvas bags with unobstructed interiors and robust handles serving the task intended when first designed to carry heavy blocks of ice from the ice house to home.

The brand has suddenly found a global demand from men looking for a practical and stylish alternative to the briefcase. As Ichizawa will only deliver mail order within Japan itself, you could visit their shop or they now have a stockist in London, Trunk Clothiers of Marylebone, who will deliver to



JAMES PURDEY AND SON, LONDON: 'The Keeper' a tote suitable for the shoot, field and town.

FIND YOURSELF A TOTE BAG

- Museo del Prado www.museodelprado.es/en, Madrid.
- Ichizawa Shinzaburo Hanpu www.ichizawa.co.jp, Kyoto, Japan.
- Trunk Clothiers www.trunkclothiers.com, London.
- James Purdey & Sons www.purdey.com, London.
- Dunhill London www.dunhill.com, London, global.
- Berluti www.berluti.com, France, global.
- Ermenegildo Zegna www.zegna.co.uk, Italy, global.
- Connolly www.connollyengland.com, London.
- LL Bean www.llbean.com Maine, USA.

Spain or pretty much anywhere.

LL Bean of Maine in the USA have a similar heritage founded in 1912 and will deliver their version of the tote to pretty much anywhere on the planet.

The question that is no doubt uppermost in your mind though is where did I get my current tote? The perhaps surprising answer is the Museo del Prado, Madrid.



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

I HOPE that springtime has sprung wherever you are reading this. I'm writing this week's piece in the beautiful Boulevard Cafe in Estepona, with a view of the Mediterranean, silently praying that Jane McDonald doesn't go by on a cruise somewhere or that her army of loyal fans don't descend on my café con leche - I check with the owner, seems I'm fine, Jane is sailing around Cuba apparently - catch up with Jane on *5 SELECT*, Monday if Jane, cruising and a bit of singing are your thing.

No cruise ships on BBC2 on Saturday evenings as Giles Coren and Monica Galetti guide us around some *Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby*. Last week Giles and Monica were in Ireland, roaming around Ashford Castle. We learned that the castle, which is beautiful, was built over 800 years ago by the De Burgo family and more recently was home to the Guinness family.

What I like about this programme is that it does what it says on the tin. Yes, we get to see wonderful hotels, but also get a glimpse of what is going on beyond the showpiece guest experience - Giles Hoovering the walls and Monica doing something with falcons.

If the chap cleaning and the lady covering

Amazing hotels, singing and a touch of class



DOES WHAT IT SAYS ON THE TIN: Monica Galetti and Giles Coren in *Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby*.

the birds of prey segment doesn't prove Auntie is committed to gender equality, I don't know what would... Next time the *Amazing Hotel* is a former grain silo in Cape Town; Giles and Monica are tasked with cleaning the windows during the worst drought to hit the Cape for 100 years. It is a shame we can't send over some of the rain that's been falling across Spain over the last few weeks.

If you caught *Picasso's Last Stand* on BBC2 last week you netted a gem. The show used his final years in the 1960's as a hook for Sir John Richardson (Picasso's biographer) to try to persuade us that Picasso produced some of his

best work in his final years. I don't need to be persuaded. Sir John elegantly made the case, through memories of Picasso's family and friends, that although his final pieces weren't universally welcomed at the time and are some of his most explicit work, his creative genius shone through. For a short while, you can make your own mind up via BBC iPlayer.

What did you make of *The Real Full Monty*: Live ITV on Wednesday night? I thought Alexander Armstrong and Ashley Banjo did a great job in pulling everything together whilst supporting the male celebrities to take everything off in front of a live audience in



HATS OFF: The Real Full Monty Live.

Sheffield. The stripping celebrities wanted to raise awareness of testicular and prostate cancer and I take my hat off to them all.

The personal stories were moving and made the show so much more than some of the pre-show headlines suggested. This wasn't just someone who used to be in *EastEnders* and a rugby hunk getting their kit off, this was a prime time push to save lives.

A group of lady celebrities, supported again by Ashley, take a turn to do the same as the men and to raise breast cancer awareness tonight (Thursday) on ITV. Look out for Ruth Madoc in a Calendar Girls pose and Coleen Nolan showing the other ladies how it's done.

I applaud everyone involved.

Happy Viewing.

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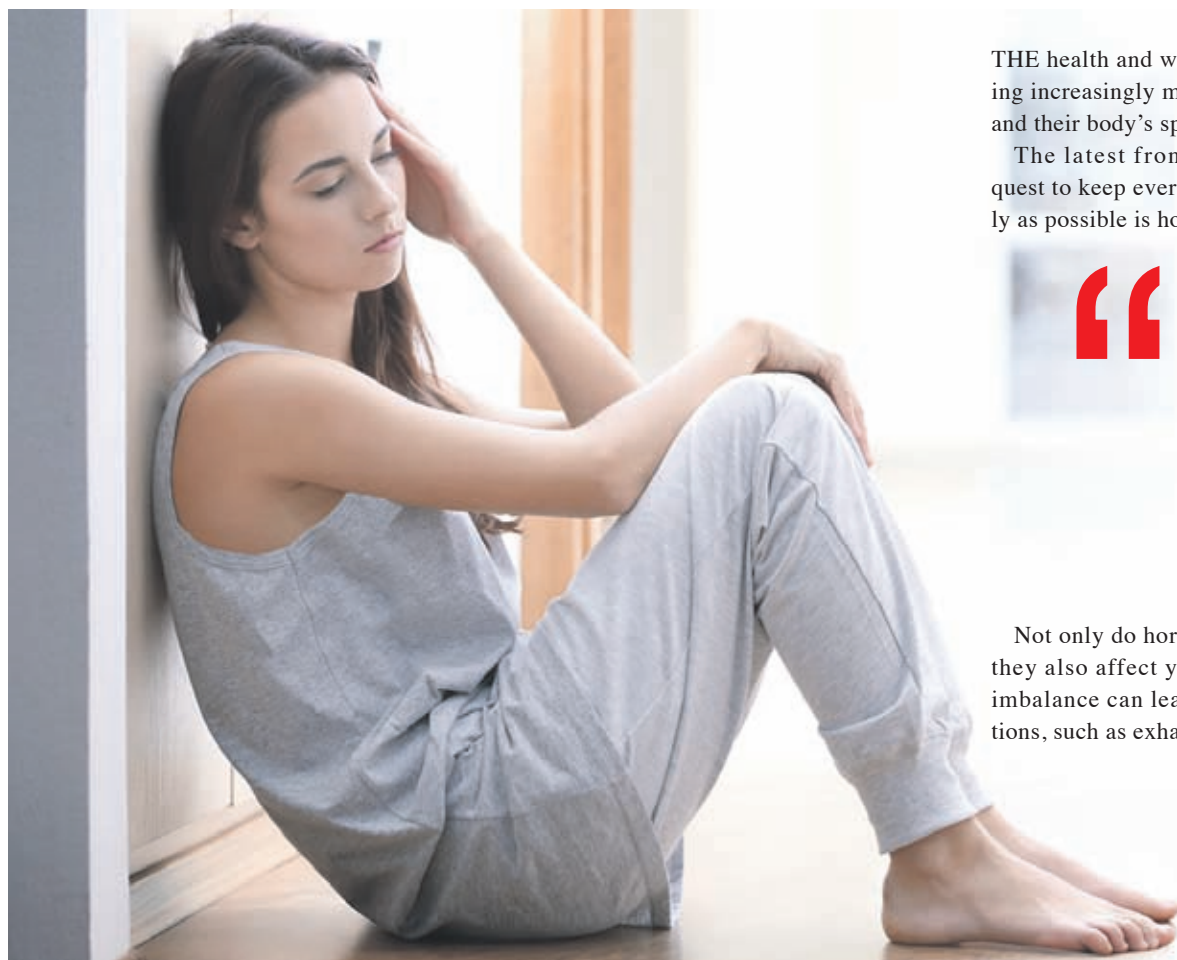
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Hormones: a hot topic



THE health and wellness industry is becoming increasingly more tailored to individuals and their body's specific needs.

The latest frontier to be tackled in the quest to keep everything running as smoothly as possible is hormonal health.



To find out whether your hormones are functioning properly you can get tested to check if you have any deficiencies.

Not only do hormones impact your mood, they also affect your health and having an imbalance can lead to all manner of conditions, such as exhaustion and fertility issues.

Hormones are produced by glands and are the chemical messengers that trigger activity in different parts of the body to help keep cells and organs working properly.

To find out whether your hormones are functioning properly, you can get tested to check if you have any deficiencies.

This can then give you an idea of whether you need to make any diet or lifestyle changes, or if you need to take any supplements.

However these tests can be pricey but there are several things you can do regardless to help your body stay in check.

Testosterone levels for example, can be boosted by doing strength training and ensuring your diet has enough good fat and protein.

Meanwhile vegetables such as kale, broccoli and cauliflower contain a compound that helps the body to metabolise oestrogen.

EXHAUSTED: An imbalance in certain hormones can make you feel more tired than usual.

Could veganism harm your hair?

VEGANISM is gaining popularity across the globe, but several concerns have been raised over whether it could have an impact on your hair health.

While many vegans are well informed about their diets, hairdressers have reported that their clients who have cut out animal products completely complain they have more brittle hair and weaker hair growth.

This could occur because vegans find it more difficult to consume a high amount of protein after they have cut out meat, fish and dairy products.

Hair is made up of a chain of proteins so having

a deficiency will directly impact your hair.

Therefore, it is important to supplement your diet with alternative sources of protein such as pulses, and speak to a nutritionist if you need more advice.

If you have weak hair, you can protect it against further damage by using treatments such as hair masks once a week, and avoiding colouring and heat styling as much as possible.

Use a protective spray on your hair when it's wet before you brush it and try to find a shampoo that increases hair elasticity and protects cuticles.



HAIR RAISING: Could a vegan diet really weaken your hair?

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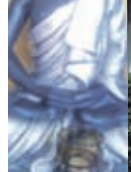
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Another great tango night in Nerja

FERNANDO EGOZCUE presents his new show in the Noches de Tango cycle at the Villa de Nerja Cultural Centre.

The Argentine guitarist and composer returns to Nerja on Saturday April 28 with his new project accompanied by a maestro of the bandoneon (Argentine concertina) and a pair of superb dancers.

The musical performance will combine the warmth of the guitar with the strength of the concertina in its different expressive possibilities with a repertoire that includes traditional Argentinian tango songs blended into the show alongside his own compositions in a fusion of complementary influences.

Both the guitarist's classical training and the influence of jazz and contemporary music are fused in a very defined personal style; precision and feeling for an

**RETURN TO NERJA: Fernando and Claudio create ideal mood for Tango.**

Argentine root music which is intensely emotive.

The addition of Claudio Constantini on bandoneon shows the link between the two musicians who understand and translate the sound seemingly into a single instrument.

Dancers Rebeca and Guillermo are teachers and professional dancers of tango who will interpret the music of Fernando through detailed choreography expressly created for this show.

The evening at the Cultural Centre Villa de Nerja will commence at 9pm and tickets for the show which lasts 80 minutes will cost €13 and are available from the centre box office or online at www.mientrada.net.

An unnatural fizz

**BACCHUS
CELLAR**by Lorenzo
Barbareschi**VINHO VERDE: A Portuguese gem.**

VINHO VERDE is not a 'green' wine nor a grape, but a region (DOC) for its production.

It may be red, white or rose, and translates as 'young wine' usually consumed three to six months after harvest. Vinho Verde in northern Portugal - the nation's largest wine region - has produced wine for more than 2,000 years, and is now responsible for approximately 85 million litres each year, of which 86 per cent is white.

Made from local grape varieties Loureiro, Arinto, Trajadura, Avesso, and Azal, the whites are lemon - or straw-coloured with 8.5 to 11 per cent alcohol. The most successful is Alvarinho, which displays tropical aromas, an

overall lemony character, high acidity and alcohol levels, and Loureiro which is more floral.

White Vinho Verde are light and fresh and known for vibrant fruit, natural acidity and low alcohol which makes them ideal for pairing with seafood, salads and Asian cuisine, or served as an aperitif.

The reds made mostly from Vinhão, Borraçal and Amaral grapes have an inky texture, are low in alcohol, have sour flavours and are seldom exported. The roses are fresh and fruity, and usually from Espadeiro and Padeiro grapes.

Many of the Vinho Verde wines have a light fizz, origi-

nally a natural by-product of fermentation in the bottle, but nowadays a result of added carbon dioxide mainly for en-masse export as better labels do not have any bubbles.

The Vinho Verde image as a young wine has led importers pressing producers to deliver wines freshly bottled, thereby preventing the development of high quality single-varietal labels. Popularity of Vinho Verde has surged in the last decade with consumers discovering it as one of the most affordable and versatile wines on the market, with prices from around €5.

Happy tasting.

Photographic exhibition in La Herradura

THERE is a very unusual exhibition of photographs at the Municipal Market in La Herradura which runs until Saturday from 9am to 3pm.

Members of the Almuñecar Photographic Club have posted 50 photographs of La Herradura around the market so that shoppers and stall holders can enjoy the colour and spectacle of the 40x60cm photographs as they go about their business.

This is the third event of its type and has attracted entries from a number of photographers from La Herradura, Almuñecar, Motril and Cordoba as well as other local residents who hail from different European countries.

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Shining sun on your savings

If you have money burning a hole in your pocket, why not think about buying a second property in Spain and reap the rewards of a wise investment?

You can choose to invest in property by either buying real estate as cheaply as possible to sell in the short term at a higher price or by investing in a steadily growing market to receive rental income over the longer term. Which option you prefer will dictate how and where you spend your hard earned cash.

Valencia offers good opportunities for short-term resale properties. With rock bottom prices often 40 per cent lower than their peak in 2007, you can still grab a bargain but you need to act quickly.

Prices are steadily on the rise given that investors are looking south of Cataluña in light of the general political instability there and the almost pre-crises levels of property in Barcelona.

Another option is Madrid where residential property is currently about 13



GOLDEN RETURNS: See your savings grow under the Spanish sunshine.

per cent cheaper than in 2008. Here, the capital also offers promising returns with prices expected to grow by almost 11 per cent.

For buy-to-let investments, look for areas that have steadily rising property prices. You need to also decide if you

wish to offer either short-term or long-term rentals. However, with short-term rentals commanding prices of 400 per cent more over the summer months than monthly long-term rental prices, that choice can be an easy one!

For short-term rental properties,

consider locations close to golf courses or ski resorts. This means you can offset the majority of your annual mortgage repayments during the high season and take advantage of low season golfing and skiing rentals to provide a solid secondary income stream.

It will come as no surprise that properties along the Costas can offer fantastic opportunities for this. House prices along the Mediterranean coast are steadily on the increase, having witnessed a 3 per cent rise in 2017 and in the sunnier climes of the Canaries, house prices are expected to increase by almost 8 per cent in 2018.

For non-coastal options, Granada and the surrounding Sierra Nevada Mountains can offer you serious rental income all year though.

Whether for short-term resale or long-term rental, now is the time to capitalise on your savings as Spanish property prices slowly creep upwards since the economic crash ten years ago.

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A new school of thought

When it comes to transferring money overseas, moving your funds through your bank seems like the logical choice on paper. But in reality, what should be a quick and simple task can end up taking considerably more time than it should.

If you're looking for a simpler and speedier alternative, consider the benefits attached to using a leading currency broker.

Whether you need to make regular, smaller currency transfers or have a large lump sum to transfer, currency brokers can help you save time and money. They can also help you understand the volatility of the currency market and teach you how to time your currency transfers effectively.

For example, while the EUR/GBP exchange rate initially strengthened considerably in the wake of the UK's vote to leave the EU in 2016, the pairing has experienced significant fluctuations ever since.

This exchange rate movement can make

planning your transfers a bit of a pain. With complex Brexit negotiations still ongoing, the EUR/GBP exchange rate will remain unstable for the foreseeable future, so it's important to be prepared for sudden shifts.

Do your sums

One major advantage to using a currency broker like Currencies Direct is that they don't charge transfer fees (unlike many banks) ensuring that the money you're sending to the UK is not reduced by unnecessary costs. Transfer fees can quickly add up if you make frequent transfers, so you could end up saving hundreds of euros a year.

By using a currency broker you can also ensure that you're getting the most competitive exchange rate for your transfer, meaning you'll get more for your money.

Revise your options

Using a currency broker also takes a lot of hassle out of the transfer process, as you can set up payments 24/7 from the comfort of your own home and arrange

for them to be made automatically on pre-set dates.

You can also make instant or 'spot' transfers whenever you need to, so you don't need to wait to move the money if your child needs some emergency funds.

Another option you might want to look into is a forward contract, which gives you the ability to fix an exchange rate for up to two years in advance of making a transfer - protecting your funds from negative market movements.

By doing a bit of research into the different transfer options available you can eliminate the hassle and get more from your currency transfers. Find the services that suit your needs and you'll quickly discover how much you can save.

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**GRAEME TYRRELL**

THE recent wet weather this winter is enough to keep even the most enthusiastic gardener out of the garden.

Waterlogged soil is best not walked on if it is for growing plants. The compaction of saturated soil is very damaging, as

even when it dries out the effects of compression last and cause clods of soil in summer that are difficult for plant roots to penetrate. This doesn't mean no gardening, indoor gardening is always a possibility.

Tropical species are a very popular form of plant for indoor gardening. They give a different range of plants that cannot be grown in the outdoor Mediterranean garden.

If you grow tropical plants in pots they can grace the terrace or balcony in summer and be retired to the indoors in winter, or they can be a permanent indoor feature in a bright, warm area of the home.

A favourite, which is hardy and fast-growing in the right conditions, is the impressive glossy-leaved trumpet flowered Mandevilla, also called the Sun or Summer Parasol.

It originates from tropical Central America where it is a climbing plant. It was named after British explorer and diplomat Henry Mandevilla who first botanically identified it.

A Mandevilla needs plenty of sunlight or it will not flower profusely. It is very cold-tender so must be kept in a warm place above 10°C throughout winter. They will thrive in a

**Peach Mandevilla.**

large container with a good soil mixture and will grow over a metre a year in good conditions and up to seven metres in length on maturity.

It will need a trellis or structure to grow up or along to give it support, unless you keep it very well pruned in autumn when flowers are less frequent. Pruning is also recommended to encourage multiple stems to spread growth by creating more branching to have a more intensive flower display.

Prolific flowering can be fur-

ther promoted by pinching off the spent flowers and as flowers form mostly on the current years growth, the pruning is done in a way to encourage this new growth.

If you are moving the container from outdoors for winter hibernation and protection from the cold, you can submerge the container in water for at least a few minutes to flush out any ants or other insects which you don't want inside.

Wash the upper part of the

plant also and allow the plant to dry and drain well after soaking before moving inside.

In winter, when temperatures drop, it is best to reduce watering so the soil mix is just moist as excess water amplifies the cold effect around the roots.

Low light intensity in winter usually stops it flowering. This can be true in summer if indoors without sufficient light. The leaves may drop in winter if exposed to cold. If this happens reduce water to just moist.



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www.euroweeklynnews.com**David**
THE Dogman

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TRAINING dogs does not give the end product; dog's natural instinct plays a vital role.

Man first domesticated dogs because he had so many instincts which could be useful.

When we think that man has used the dog for many thousands of years for his own benefit, it is very difficult to understand why so few owners and trainers can differentiate between instinct and intelligence.

Instinct is an urge from within which makes a dog act in certain ways and has no connection with intelligence.

A dog's first instinct is to survive. When he is born the pup squirms about until he finds a teat and then sucks it. No intelligence or learning

by any association plays a part in this process. The maternal instinct tells the female to clean up the foetal membrane etc and stir the puppy into action by licking it.

The female is not taught this, she has not seen another female do this. Most instincts provide pleasure to the dog and because the dog associates the action with pleasure the instinct grows stronger with usage.

In my opinion instinct is something which is either there or not there. Instinct can be strengthened, weakened or diverted, it cannot be put there and it cannot be taken away, it might lie dormant, but once developed it can never be weakened again. I always explain this when people want their dog to be trained for man work, once aggression is raised in this manner it cannot be reduced.

A dog with an obsession for chasing balls can be controlled by training and by providing other outlets for his energy, the same way if a young dog is diverted the first time he chases a car he may give up the idea, but if he is allowed to chase cars the hunting instinct becomes stronger, and in no time it will be very difficult, even impossible, to cure the habit.

Instinct covers survival, maternal, hunting, guarding pack and self-preservation.

Self-preservation makes dogs furtive and afraid of the unfamiliar, this is no use to man. This nervousness in the domestic dog is, in my opinion, one of the common causes of problems in present-day dogs.

This instinct of self-preservation has been weakened by simply breeding from bold dogs rather than nervous ones, but has never been entirely removed.

Dogs instinct

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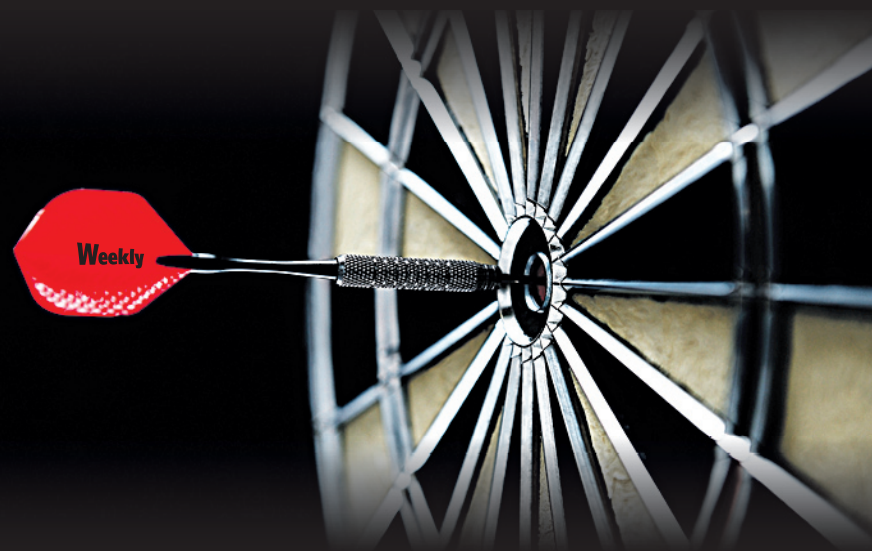
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Yamaha electrifies the competition

YAMAHA MOTORS has announced that its new TY-E electric trial bike will compete for the first time in the 2018 FIM Trial-E Cup.

Designed to optimise the unique advantages of electrical power, the TY-E is scheduled to race at Auron in France on July 14-15, and at Comblain au Pont in Belgium on July 21-22.

Featuring advanced new technology, the TY-E has come straight from Yamaha's 'Evolving R&D' programme, where employees have the opportunity to work outside conventional frameworks.

They can devote up to 5 per cent of their working hours developing new concepts, and a beneficiary of that has been the development of a trial model for competition that can overcome typical EV obstacles.

Key progress in the design can be seen in the harnessing of high torque output from small



Credit: Yamaha Group

ROCKING RIDE: The Yamaha TY-E combines power and style.

sized and lightweight components, creating an easy, responsive and controllable riding character.

The high rotation electric motor achieves strong off-road performance with powerful low speed torque and extended acceleration.

Sophisticated motor control technology achieves an excellent response and the optimised flywheel ensures top class traction.

There is a newly designed high output battery pack and a light monocoque frame that adds to the dynamic rider experience.

The FIM Trial E-Cup is the only sanctioned event where electric trial machines alone can compete.

Kenichi Kuroyama, who is currently competing in the IA Super class of the All Japan Trial Championship, will represent the Yamaha Factory Racing Team in 2018.

Volkswagen Touareg is the wheel deal

VOLKSWAGEN has unveiled its brand new €57,000 SUV, and the Touareg is the most technologically impressive model ever.

Its kit list might be expected on a military grade tank and includes two giant displays and advanced safety systems that use thermal imaging and night vision cams.

Infrared beams will pick out animals, pedestrians and cyclists, and the hi-tech LED lights will flash to alert drivers to hazards.

The Touareg is also packed with other driver assistance systems for traffic jams, parking and roadworks, while the highlight of the new interior is the 'Innovision' cockpit.

It has a 12-inch instrument panel behind the steering wheel twinned to a 15-inch touchscreen on the

dash.

The glass covered HD screens have a customisable 'home' screen to display sat nav, radio, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

A luxurious interior - covered in leather and wood - also has a four zone climate control, eight-mode massage seats and mood lighting with a 30 colour choice.

The car also has four USB ports, wifi hotspots, a head-up display, as well as 810 litres of boot space and a metre long retractable panoramic roof.

This model is longer and wider than its predecessor but sits lower to the road and features a bold chrome-covered front.

Volkswagen will offer the Touareg with a plug-in hybrid as well as V6 and V8 petrol and diesel engines, while the matrix tech will convert to left hand drive.



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LIONEL MESSI has admitted this summer's World Cup could be his last. He told Fox Sports: "After this (World Cup), an important generation is going to leave and many players are going to change."

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TO READ MORE

Griezmann on the move?

Striker seeks summer solution

By Benjamin Park

ATLETICO MADRID forward Antoine Griezmann has admitted that he wants his future resolved before he travels to the World Cup with France in the summer.

The French international has been continuously linked with a move away from Madrid over the past few seasons, with runaway La Liga leaders Barcelona reportedly favourites to secure his signature in the

summer transfer window.

However, some outlets maintain that the 27-year-old will be offered a bumper new contract in a last-ditch effort to keep him at the Wanda Metropolitano.

And the forward himself has now confirmed that he wants his future sorted, one way or another, before he boards the plane for this summer's World Cup in Russia.

Griezmann told L'E-

quipe: "I want to travel to Russia without this concern.

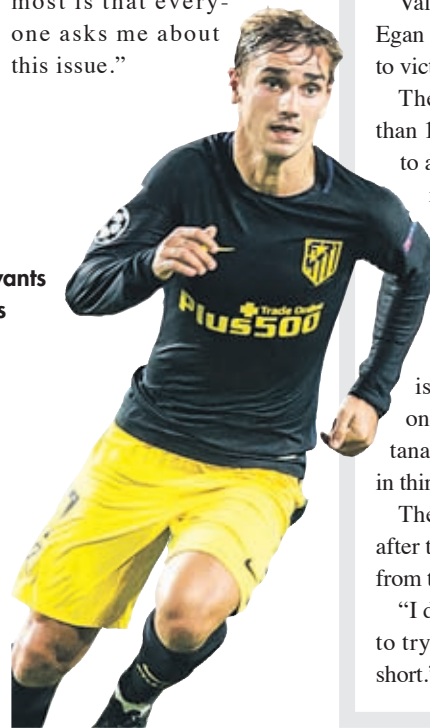
"It's not about knowing where I'll play, but about having the peace of mind if I'm still in one place or another.

"It may be boring, but I have told my sister that, whether I stay or not, this

will have to be resolved beforehand.

"What bothers me the most is that everyone asks me about this issue."

RESOLVED: The Frenchman wants his future resolved before this summer's World Cup.



Valverde cruises to Cataluña title

SPANIARD Alejandro Valverde has won his second consecutive Tour of Cataluña after his closest competitor crashed out in the final stages.

Valverde held a 16-second advantage over Colombian Egan Bernal heading in to Sunday's final stage but cruised to victory when Bernal fell towards the end of the race.

The Colombian landed awkwardly after falling less than 10 kilometres from the finish line, as he was unable to avoid contact with another rider who had fallen just in front of him.

He was unable to continue following medical treatment on the track of the 155-kilometre stage and was later taken away by an ambulance for treatment on a nasty looking shoulder injury.

Thirty-seven-year-old Valverde eventually finished ninth on Sunday, managing to secure a 29-second overall lead over Movistar teammate Nairo Quintana and 47 seconds ahead of Frenchman Pierre Latour in third.

The final stage was won by Briton, Simon Yates, and after the race, he told British media: "It was very difficult from the beginning.

"I decided to try and go early, and it paid off. I wanted to try to get on the (final) podium but I fell a little bit short."

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