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## Crypto crackdown Bitcoin bandit's billion dollar haul

by Benjamin Park

A UKRANIAN man arrested in Playa de San Juan earlier this month was allegedly responsible for stealing more than €800 million from 40 different countries.

Known as Denis K, the 34-year-old, who was arrested at his home in Alicante Province earlier this month, is believed to be one of the world's most notorious hackers and the 'brains' behind a group of cybercriminals allegedly responsible for hundreds of cyber attacks across the world.



Credit: Policía Nacional

**ARRESTED:** The man, known as Denis K. was arrested at his home in Playa de San Juan

Since the group reportedly began operating in 2013, the group allegedly had access to

virtually all banks in Russia as well as those in Belarus, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan,

Ukraine and Taiwan.

According to reports, Denis K, along with three other members of the group, was responsible for infecting banks' computer systems remotely and remaining undetected.

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**Gone with the wind**

HIGH wind overturned a lorry in Calpe and ripped up the Book Fair marquee on a day when firemen had 200 callouts and amber warnings were issued as gales reaching 100kph hit Alicante Province.

**Fire fear**

FLAMES from a burning rubbish container in Agost spread to a parked Mercedes and blinds on the first two floors of an adjoining building whose residents were evacuated while firemen extinguished the blaze.

**Aisle be**

THE Health and Beauty section of the online Wedding Awards 2018 was won by Mireia Costa. Voted the best Bridal Make-up Artist in Spain by brides, grooms and wedding supplies, she comes from Ondara.

**Vulnerable girls targeted for sex**

TEN Algerians were arrested in Alicante City and accused of raping three underage teenagers.

The girls aged 14, 15 and 17 were all in care and had disappeared from the centre where they lived.

The men offered the girls drugs and money to accompany them to an apartment where they were then assaulted and abused. The 14-year-old later told the authorities that she was held captive for 24 hours and repeatedly raped.

She and another of the victims were located by the police but the girl of 17 has not yet been located.

The National Police launched an operation after the director of the young people's centre reported that the three girls were missing.

The force's criminal investigation branch, the Judicial Police, soon discovered that the girls had fallen into the clutches of the 10-strong group, who habitually sought out underage girls in care, plying them with drugs, drink

and money and then demanding sex.

Police searched three properties before arresting the 10 males, two of whom were underage. All are charged with sexual aggression, sexual abuse, corruption of minors, robbery with violence and belonging to a criminal band.

They supported themselves by selling the proceeds of their thefts and when arrested were found with 15 mobile phones, four bicycles as well as electronic items and computer equipment.

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**Frost bites!**

**Valencia region suffers '€35 million in losses' due to weather**

by Benjamin Park

THE region of Valencia has reportedly suffered significant production losses in fruit crops across thousands of hectares of farmland due to the recent poor weather conditions.

According to the State Agency of Meteorology, areas such as Alicante Province have suffered their coldest start to spring since 1949, leading to frosts affecting fruit crops in the region.

And according to the Valencian Farmers Association (AVA-ASAJA), the bad weather has reportedly led to an estimated affected area of 7,500 hectares of farmland leading to a likely loss of more than €35 million.

AVA-ASAJA President Cristóbal Aguado told local media: "The cold arrived at a



Credit: Twitter

**CHILL: Frost has hit the region of Valencia.**

particularly delicate time because after a relatively warm and dry winter many fruits were already in an advanced state of production.

"For many farmers, the season had already begun and this will have very negative repercussions for their

work and towns which rely upon agriculture as their primary source of income."

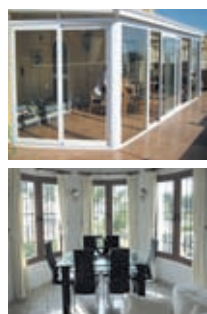
AVA-ASAJA has reportedly also estimated that this year's persimmon harvest could be close to 10 per cent less than last year as a result of the poor weather.

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A HOMELESS man was arrested for starting a forest blaze by lighting a bonfire in a cave where he was sheltering in Ador (Gandia). After the flames spread, two fire brigades and two firefighting aircraft needed more than two hours to extinguish the blaze.

**Weeded out**

AFTER blocking off a road, Guardia Civil officers armed with a court order searched a Pedreguer property where they found marihuana growing in the basement. The large walled house had been completely restored and was recently rented by group of young people, according to neighbours.

**Art class**

THE popular television programme *Aqui la Tierra* (Here's the Land) featured La Nucia's Francisco Martinez and his granddaughter Irene Urosa in a programme to be shown in April. Both will show viewers how they work with esparto grass, an art handed down from generation to generation.

**Charitable act**

CARIDAD (Charity), a large oil painting by Denia-born artist Domingo Llorens that was presented to Queen Isabel II in 1867 when she visited the Valencia Exhibition, is no longer in private hands. It was bought at auction by the Fundacion Esportiva Denia and presented to the municipality.

**On parade**

JULIO CESAR RIOJA, priest at an Elda church, said he is in favour of Holy Week processions, but the presence of Spanish Legion soldiers in the parades was not necessary in Elda. He also reminded the Brotherhoods that their norms obliged them to donate to the poor.

**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 Andalucía 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 Madruga*, 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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# Birthing given bankroll

THE town of Xixona has opened applications for parents of young children to receive a grant to help with the costs of raising children.

Xixona's council has announced that they will subsidise each successful application with €150 for each child born or

adopted between December 1, 2016 and December 31, 2018.

The move comes as the council look to promote birthing rates and child registry in the town, allocating a total of €8,000 for the scheme.

Interested families can submit their re-

quest for the grant to municipal offices, along with any required documentation including birth/adoption certificates, before April 27.

Xixona councillor for Social Services, Maria Teresa Carbonell, underlined the council's commitment to the promotion of

the town's birth rate but also to the improvement of conditions for working families.

She told local media: "We are aware that there is still much work to be done in this regard, but these aids are our grain of sand."

All information on how to apply for the grants is available on the municipal's website at [xixona.es.gre](http://xixona.es.gre).



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# A sophisticated operation

From Front Page

by Benjamin Park

The group would send the banks' employees emails containing malicious attachments and once the employee opened the attached file, the hackers would be able to access and take control of the banks' critical systems.

Once they were in the system, the hackers would then reportedly have control of that bank's ATM system, able to deposit money from the machines to lower level 'mules' as they pleased, obtaining an estimated €1.2 million on average each attack.

When the group attacked Spain in early 2017, they are alleged to have attacked several ATMs located in the centre of Madrid, making fraudulent transactions worth an estimated €500,000.

To avoid detection, it is believed that Denis K's alleged stolen money was transferred into bitcoins, of which he had an estimated 15,000 at the time of his arrest, valued at close to €100 million.

He would then allegedly use financial platforms in Gibraltar and the United Kingdom to load prepaid cards with the cryptocurrency and in turn use those cards in Spain to purchase different goods and services.

He was eventually arrested

after Spanish National Police collaborated with both the FBI and Interpol in a complex operation that spanned more than three years.

At the time of his arrest, police seized a number of different items from his high-end home, including computer equipment, an estimated €500,000 worth of jewellery and two high-end vehicles, while officers also found documentation for several bank accounts and two other homes, valued at close to €1 million.




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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.

## 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.



Photo credit You Tube

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**SILKY SKILL:** Pammie hits the red carpet in Madrid.

## On-off stars TOWIE-gether for good



Photo credit OK! Magazine

**ARGIE BARGIE:** 'The GC' and James.

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."

## Band of brothers



Photo credit Ayuntamiento de Malaga

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

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.

## 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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STAFF recently had to extinguish four fires deliberately started by prisoners in the Alicante II prison in Villena.

The most recent occurred in the Isolation Wing where 34 of its 35 cells are occupied by conflictive First Category prisoners.

According to the Acaip trade

## Firefighting not in the job description

union, which represents prison staff, a prisoner set fire to his mattress and although this was fireproof, the cell filled with smoke, making it impossible to breathe or see through

the dense clouds.

The staff reacted quickly to stem the fire, but the prisoner became violent when they tried to take him from the cell, attacking the first of the

guards who were trying to save him.

Once immobilised he was taken to the infirmary with respiratory problems and minor burns.

An Acaip spokesman praised the

rapid action of the Isolation Wing staff. Despite having practically no training in fire-extinction or prevention we must often become "firefighters for a day."



Credit: Twitter

**CAUGHT:** The loggerhead turtle was reportedly uninjured.

## Shell shocked! Turtle rescued from fishing nets

THE Javea Verge Loreto Segona fishery has accidentally caught a loggerhead turtle in one of its fishing nets.

The loggerhead turtle, believed to weigh approximately 40 kilos, was accidentally caught by fisherman a reported two and a half miles out from Cap de la Nau.

It was found among their nets, which can reach up to 60 metres deep, when the fishermen were retrieving their gear from the water. After checking that the animal was alive

and breathing, the loggerhead was taken back to shore in order to make sure that it was not injured.

When they arrived at the shore, the fishermen placed it into a large bucket and called the Oceanographic vets to come and check the animal over.

And after undergoing a number of tests, it was ruled that the animal was unharmed and is now expected to be returned to the sea as soon as possible.

## Airport roads ready for upgrade

THE Development Commission of Spain's Congress of Deputies has passed a measure calling on the government to improve road access to Alicante-Elche airport.

The non-binding proposal, which was passed with 28 votes and eight abstentions, was put forward by members of the conservative Partido Popular (PP) on the commission.

Joaquin Albaladejo, a PP deputy, said the airport would be connected by more than 80 routes by next

winter if the proposal received government backing.

Rita Bosaho, a deputy for Alicante from the leftist Partido Unidos Podemos, criticised the government for what she said was Spain's fifth most important airport not having adequate road connections.

Herick Campos, a deputy from the left-leaning Partido Socialista, said more works should be undertaken instead of visits from Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

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CALLOSA Town Hall's archive of documents relating to the period between 1908 and 1950 has been moved to the OMAC-AMIC offices.

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The councillor thanked Archive department's Ursula Ferrando who has classified and listed all the papers ready for storage in the same box files that are bought in bulk and used in all town hall departments.

# Local jobs for local residents

LA NUCIA opened a job bank for residents hoping to work in one of the three local hotels now under construction.

The Hotel Residencia de Deportistas is currently being built at the municipal sports complex, and there will be two hotels - one with four stars and another with five - in front of Super La Nucia.

Applicants for one of the 400 jobs generated by the hotels should be registered on the La Nucia padron as previously agreed by the promoters and the local town hall. They should leave their CVs, indicating which of the hotels' sections they wish to work in, at the Punto de Empleo Municipal in the Urbanismo Building in Avenida Porvilla, adjoining the Health Centre.



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall

## THREE HOTELS: CVs invited for La Nucia residents.

This is open from Monday to Friday between 8am and 3pm, as well as between 4.30 and 7pm only on Thursdays.

"After laying the first foundation stone at the Hotel Residencia de Deportistas many people wanted to know where they could leave their

CVs for the new hotels," said La Nucia mayor Bernabe Cano.

"That is why we created this local job bank for registered residents, demonstrating once again our commitment to stimulating work in the town."

## 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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With only one year to go until Britain officially leaves the EU, we explore how things stand for expatriates under the proposed Brexit deal.

#### Residency: What we know

Although Brexit is scheduled for 29th March 2019, a proposed 21-month transition period is expected to maintain existing residency rules and benefits until the end of 2020.

Britons "lawfully residing" in an EU member state before the 31st December 2020 cut-off date will retain the right to remain and access existing benefits in that country after full Brexit takes effect. Existing partners and close family members can join settled residents in an EU country, even after Brexit.

However, residency rights expire if you are absent from the country for five continuous years or more.

#### Residency: What we don't know

What counts as 'lawfully residing' is unclear. Permanent residents will qualify, but expatriates living in a country for under five years may need to prove their settled status.

If you have not already, make sure you have registered with the local authorities and secured any supporting paperwork. The residency process

# One year until the Brexit due date: What we know and don't know



By **Robert Croizat**,  
Partner,  
Blevins Franks

takes time, so take action soon to avoid missing the cut-off date.

Beyond Brexit, we do not know how acquiring residency, visas and permits will work, but we can expect it to be much less straightforward than today.

A key unresolved issue is onward freedom of movement - whether you can automatically relocate to another EU country after Brexit.

#### Healthcare and pensions: What we know

The deal on the table preserves existing access to pensions and healthcare for residents legally settled in the EU before Brexit.

British expatriates remain eligible for annual increases in the State Pension. As things stand, Brexit will not affect how you can withdraw or transfer UK pension funds.

#### Pensions: What we don't know

Post-Brexit, the UK no longer has to follow EU rules on freedom of movement for capital; this could lead to increased taxation of UK pension withdrawals and transfers.

Last year, the UK introduced a 25% tax on transfers to Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes (QROPS) located outside the EU/EEA. Some speculate that this could be extended to within the EU once Britain sheds its obligations to the bloc.

As such, there may be limited time to transfer without tax penalties. Take personalised, regulated advice before taking any action with your pensions.

#### Taxation: What we know

Each country sets their tax rules, not the EU, and tax treatment depends on residence, not nationality. Brexit itself therefore has no effect on how Britons are taxed in Spain. However, under current rules, some non-EU/EEA assets are taxed differently.

A financial planning review can ensure your wealth and assets are structured tax-efficiently and prepare you for any Brexit implications.

#### Taxation: What we don't know

Tax rules are always subject to change, even without Brexit. The main threat here comes from the UK; as the government loses its EU commitments it gains more freedom to tax nationals living in Europe. Pensions could be a key target; another could be tax relief rules for expatriates. For example, in

recent years the government has threatened to remove the personal income tax allowance from non-resident British nationals.

With a limited period of certainty left, do what you can now to secure your position in Spain. A locally-based adviser can help you understand the cross-border implications and prepare appropriately for the post-Brexit world.

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ENTREPEÑAS RESERVOIR: Dangerously low last January.

# More strife in water war

GROWERS who need the Tajo-Segura water for crop irrigation hit back at criticism from Castillo-La Mancha.

Earlier the regional government had voiced its opposition to the national government's decision to reopen the Tajo-Segura pipeline on April 1 following heavy rain and the prospect of more to come.

Jose Andujar, who is president of the Valencia Region's Federation Comunitat de Regantes and vice-president of the Irrigators of the Acueducto Tajo Segura accused Castilla-La Mancha's regional government of squandering the €400 million that Alicante and Murcia growers had paid them for water over the last 30 years.

This money was destined

to provide infrastructure that would guarantee a regular water supply for the 12,800 people living in 28 municipalities bordering the Entrepeñas and Buendia reservoirs that are fed by the Tajo.

In periods of drought, taps in these towns and villages often run dry and water has to be brought in by cistern lorries.

"Alicante growers aren't

to blame if they don't have water. We are the first to be supportive," Andujar maintained.

"We paid €400 million for water - which belongs to us all - to finance projects that never happened.

The growers can expect to receive 20 cubic hectometres. "It's not a solution, but it's great news in our present situation," he said.

# Woman facing jail after 'fake' kidnap

by Benjamin Park

A 23-YEAR-OLD woman has been arrested in Calpe after she allegedly simulated a kidnapping.

According to reports, the Guardia Civil in El Verger were first called by a man claiming that his wife had disappeared the day before having left the house in the

morning to go to work but she had not returned.

He reportedly told police that he could not get through to her phone and could not get in touch with her workplace as she had only just started a new job and he wasn't really aware of where her new office was.

Police then began investigating; interviewing neighbours, work colleagues and even family members, but just a day after her husband had reported her missing she went to the Guardia Civil offices in Benissa claiming she had been kidnapped.

She claimed that she had been taken after work while waiting at a bus stop, by three men who pulled up in a white SUV and forced her inside.

The woman also went on to state that after her kidnapping she was taken to a stone house in an open field, the kidnapers took her purse and made her drink

drugged water, which made her numb, before putting her back in the car and leaving her on the side of the road the following day.

After hearing the woman's story, she was taken to a local hospital to undergo tests to see if she had been drugged or sexually assaulted, but was allegedly found to have no drugs in her system and there was also no sign of sexual aggression.

And following further investigations, police now reportedly believe that the woman had left her house with friends voluntarily on the day of her alleged 'disappearance' and her outing with friends extended over a two-day period so she devised the story so that her husband didn't find out the truth.

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# Deaths confirmed after poisonings

TWELVE dogs have died in Benissa after suspected poisonings.

President of Protective Adoptra Bernia-Benissa, Andres Muñoz, told Spanish media that at the current moment in time, they had evidence that a total of 18 dogs had suffered from ingesting 'poison'; 12 of which had already died.

According to reports, the animals have been poisoned by either ingesting or inhaling different poisoned 'baits' thrown in the gutters of rural roads.

Local Police, Seprona and the Guardia Civil have begun 'coordinated actions' to find those responsible, but have recommended pet owners in the region take 'extreme caution' to avoid further deaths, while the Benissa Town Hall has also warned not to touch or move any poisoned ani-



**DEADLY:** Eighteen cases of poisoning have been registered so far.

mals. In a statement they said: "The City Council of Benissa wishes to transmit its most severe condemnation of the new cases of dog poisoning.

"In the event that any person finds a poisoned wildlife or domestic animal, it is important to know that you should not touch or move the animal, and should call immediately the toll-free number of Seprona (062) the Guardia Civil in Benissa."

The news comes as local animal charity, Akira Sanctuary, held a demonstration on Tuesday asking for the town hall to find 'immediate solu-

tions' for the recent poisonings. They claim that 27 dogs also passed away last year in similar circumstances and have asked for more help from the Benissa Town Hall.

Prior to the demonstration, AKIRA wrote on their Facebook page: "Having a dog and living in Benissa is a nightmare right now, you can't let them run free and many of them carry a muzzle.

"We can't live like this just because of an insane person.

"The town hall is saying that the Guardia Civil is working on it but we don't think it's enough."

## NEWS EXTRA

### Town hall all paid up

LA NUCIA Town Hall finished 2017 with €4.546 million credit balance and a Treasury surplus amounting to €3.319 million, the sixth consecutive year that the local government has not been in the red.

### On charge

VILLENA Town Hall plans to install a second electric vehicle charging station in Calle Ferriz to promote the use of sustainable energy and reduce air polluting greenhouse gases in the municipality.

### Back tracking

AFTER deciding to leave the almost extinct UPyD party, Novelda's mayor Armando Esteve has decided to rejoin Ciudadanos after a 10-year interval, ignoring overtures from the Partido Popular and the PSOE socialists.

### Ticket to ride

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### Take heart

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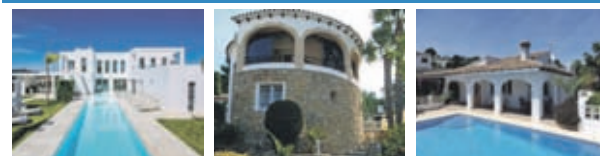
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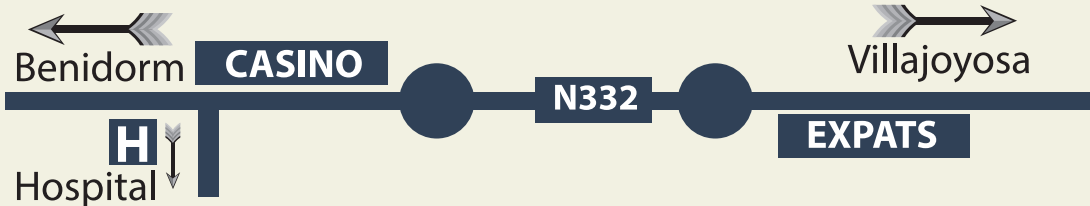
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ANFORA SITE: Soon to be a public lookout spot.

## Two problems solved

WORK on the site of the old Anfora site in La Cala de Finestrat is nearing completion.

This should be finished in less than a month, said Finestrat mayor Juan Francisco Perez who recently accompanied the national government's Delegate Juan Carlos Moragues and the Alicante sub-Delegate Jose Miguel Saval as they inspected the €2.4 million project.

Edificio Anfora, the skeleton of a building with a priv-

ileged view of La Cala beach that was begun in the late 60's and never completed, was finally demolished last year.

"We have at last reclaimed an open space for residents and visitors to enjoy," Perez said.

"This has been a deep-rooted problem for many years but within four weeks we are hoping the site will be open to the public while enabling our coast to recover all its splendour," the mayor added.

All that remained was to link

this to the Paseo Marítimo promenade, which Finestrat hoped to do with help from the public Administrations.

Perez thanked the government authorities for visiting the Anfora site as well as the Barranco de La Cala project which is channelling the usually dry stream that becomes a treacherous torrent during heavy rain and has claimed three lives.

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# Squatter leaves chaos

FRANCISCO LOPEZ recently returned to his Polop home after an absence of two years to find a squatter there.

As reported in the *Euro Weekly News* Francisco had to sleep in his van for six days.

Since then a friend heard about his case and offered Francisco a place to stay while the matter was in the hands of the courts.

A lawyer had advised him that removing the squatter was

likely to take months but instead the usurper unexpectedly returned the keys and finally departed.


None of this was his fault, he insisted and he was leaving the ground floor property in the same state that he claimed he found it. In other words, empty.

Francisco entered his home once more to find only some kitchen cupboards, a broken hob, an old television on the floor in the sitting room and one chair. All the domestic appliances were missing, the furniture had been removed and the flat was filthy.

Rubbish was piled up everywhere, Francisco told the Spanish media. "It means starting all over again," he exclaimed on entering his home for the first time.

As the house needs to be cleaned, painted and furnished, he will remain in his friend's house until his own is habitable once more, he said.

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# Tribute gets good turnout

THE Municipal Cemetery has hosted the 11th Act of Historical Memory in tribute to the victims of the Civil War and Franco's dictatorship.

The event featured performances by local musicians alongside the Muixeranga group from Marina Baixa and muixerangers from El Campello.

Several people turned out for this year's event, organised by the Collective for the Recovery of the Historical Memory of Callosa d'en Sarrià.

The mayor of Callosa, Josep Saval, and the councillors of the government team Lumi Puigcerver, Alfonso Puigcerver, Rosa Mari Savall and Francesc Guardiola were also in attendance.

As part of the weekend's events, the Casa de Cultura also held a screening on Fri-



**PERFORMANCE:** The performances were in tribute to victims of both the Civil War and Franco's dictatorship.

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## Some very fine old wine



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### BENIMAQUIA SITE: Once a winery.

EXCAVATIONS at the seventh century BC l'Alt de Benimaquia site on Montgo have revealed thousands of grape pips.

Grape-growing and winemaking was brought to Spain by the Phoenicians and Benimaquia was probably one of the Iberian Peninsula's first wineries, archaeologists believe. It is also likely that it was amongst the earliest in the Western Mediterranean, they said.

Conducted tours organised by La Xara Council and Denia's Culture delegation began earlier this week, continuing on Saturday and April 8.

The conducted tours are accompanied by a leaflet with a compilation of articles by archaeologists who have excavated l'Alt de Benimaquia as well as Josep A Gisbert, director of

Denia's Archaeological Museum.

Drawings and diagrams help to recreate the site and give another dimension to the stone remains as they would have been when it was a walled Iberian fortification, with towers and a grape-treading lager.

There are plans to install information columns at the foot of the two paths to l'Alt de Benimaquia. One begins in La Xara and the other adjoining the Marquesa VI urbanisation and it is hoped eventually to link the site to those of Coll de Pous and Peña de l'Aguila.

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**SMART MOVE:** Internet is vital on holiday, too.

## Get connected on the beach

THE regional government's Tourist Board (AVT) will offer apps and free wi-fi on the beaches of Alicante, Valencia and Castellon.

Despite the cost the AVT will be the principal winner as apps will give the department insight into what the wi-fi users want to eat, where they want to sleep and exactly what they are planning to do in their spare time.

The AVT is backing smart beaches as a future tourist

draw, providing not only the tangible services that tourists want, but also the options that technology offers, said the Generalitat's Tourism chief Francesc Colomer.

Speaking at a meeting in the Benidorm-based Valencian Institute of Tourist Technology (Invattur), Colomer said that his department intended to use the wi-fi connection as an element not provided by all tourist destinations.

"There are many different

indicators like Blue Flags, Qualitur or Sicted that demonstrate the quality of beaches, but now we must move a step closer to providing infrastructure for smart beaches," Colomer announced.

The AVT also want the Valencia region's beaches to provide facilities that were in harmony with demand, he said. "But our intention is also to make them more inclusive, integrated, accessible and sustainable while offering advanced services."

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## Working towards water plan

MUNICIPAL water company Amjasa has held its first participatory workshop to coincide with International Water Day, in order to help develop a drought risk management plan for Javea.

According to reports, some 40 people, representing different social groups, met in the desalination plant to analyse the municipality's strengths and weaknesses when it comes to water issues, as well as discussing different alternatives, measures



Photo credit: Javea Town Hall

**GATHERING:** Forty people attended the workshop.

and proposals on how to address those weaknesses.

During the workshop, a presentation was made by the mayor, Jose Chulvi, Manager of Amjasa, Josep Lluís, and Co-ordinator of the New Culture of Water Foundations' SeGuia project, Nuria Hernandez-Mora.

Javea is one of three municipalities to be part of the new SeGuia Project, designed to help develop a new methodological guide for in-house drought risk management plans.

## Landfill no longer in the fertiliser

FERROVIAL is investing €3.5 million in improvements to the Piedra Negra landfill site in Jijona.

Changes were already in the pipeline when Piedra Negra made unfavourable headlines last January after it emerged that huge amounts of rubbish arriving at the plant were being buried unsorted. Items included sofas, mattresses and cupboards as well as garden waste and tree prunings.

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Piedra Negra, which is owned by Ferrrovial, has begun modernising the plant and a shredder arrived recently to process tree prunings as well as bulky household items. This will be housed in its own 581-square-metre shed.

This will no longer be interred in the landfill pits but can be reused, principally for mulching and fertiliser.

As the sorting shed where newly-arrived refuse is graded is being dismantled for modernisation, the organic

rubbish that is usually separated for processing will be confined until the new composting equipment arrives in April after Easter

This is the first time in the 15 years since the Jijona plant opened that Reciclados y Compostaje Piedra Negra have carried out any modernisation or improvements.

Work should be entirely finished by the summer, Piedra Negra sources said.



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**ALMOND HARVEST:** Production could be cut this year.

# Out in the cold

ALMOND growers in the Alcoy area inland fear that cold weather last month has affected next year's almond crop.

Temperatures fell to five degrees below zero in some areas when almond trees were all in blossom, possibly reducing future production by 80 per cent in El Comtat. Trees in the the Medio Vinalopo are expected to yield 50 per cent less than usual.

The first day of spring was the coldest for 69 years, according to Spain's meteorological office, Aemet.

Juan Pastor from the La Unio agricultural union explained that trees at the bottom of valleys, particularly in the Vall de Seta, Planes, Almudaina, Beniarres and Gaianes were the worst-hit.

Trees in blossom were able to withstand the drop in tem-

perature better than those where the fruit had begun to grow.

"The interior is almost entirely water and they have been irredeemably damaged," Pastor said.

Most of the early varieties were affected and only late-flowering trees, especially those not in the valleys will have escaped unscathed, he predicted.

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## Fake workers burgle the elderly

FIVE people who allegedly posed as workers from utility companies in order to gain access to homes and steal from them have been arrested.

Police officers based in Alicante worked with officers in Cartagena and in Madrid on

the case. The group, with ages ranging from 27 to 54, are believed to have stolen from homes in Alicante, Valencia, Castellon, Valladolid and Zamora.

Members of the group all posed as workers for well-

known energy companies. The group would then select their victims through phone books who they would call to arrange a date and time for a visit for electrical inspections.

They typically targeted the elderly, according to police.



Credit: Google maps

HELPING HAND: AKI has provided labour and materials for the project.

## AKI helps those in need

A DIY company in Sant Joan d'Alacant has given help to families without resources.

In collaboration with the Sant Joan d'Alacant Council, the local AKI has provided free work and helped repair a shelter for those who are not able to

live within their own means.

The company has provided free labour and materials to the project which saw the repairing of the toilet and one of its tanks, the inclusion of a smoke extracting device and the reinstallation of the kitchen cabinets that

were 'on the verge of collapse.'

Sant Joan d'Alacant councillor for Social Services, Energy and Water, Juan Ramon Martin stressed his gratitude to the company, thanking the company for their "selfless work" on the project.

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### Who is supposed to lodge an income tax return in Spain?

If you are resident in Spain for 183 days or more, you are considered a Spanish Tax resident. As such, you are required to submit an annual Spanish resident tax return known as a 'Declaración de la Renta'.

Some people however have more complex personal situations and they spend their time between a few countries and / or have property or business interests in other countries. In these cases there are International Double Taxation Treaties stating where the person subject to the tax should declare their income for tax purposes.

### When do I lodge my tax return in Spain?

This needs to be lodged between April and 31st June each year.

The tax year in Spain runs from January 1st – December 31st (for the year previous)

### Are there any tax deductions for living in Spain?

Yes, some of the main deductions are:

- A personal tax-free allowance.
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# Gift of a property in Spain

## Tax and legal tips and advice

WE receive a number of enquiries concerning donations and gifts of real estate proper-

ties in Spain, which are mainly made by parents to children, but also between spouses.

It can be complicated to understand the tax rules with regards to gifts between tax residents, or expatriates and also between non-residents and foreigners in Spain.

The reasons for such gifts and transfers are many, but the most common are:

Sometimes the owners of the property are old and do not want or cannot continue with the care and maintenance of the property, or with the payment of the expenses, and decide to gift it to their relatives.

Another option is that expatriate owners, non-resident in Spain, want to pass the assets to their children to minimise the inheritance tax in their country of origin.

Another possibility that tax residents in the United Kingdom may want to make a gift of a property in Spain to relatives



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*It can be complicated to understand the tax rules with regards to gifts between tax residents.*

living in the United Kingdom prior to Brexit, as because Britain is still a member of the European Union, all the corresponding tax advantages will be applied to them, which probably it will not happen after the United Kingdom leaves the EU.

### Tax aspects

When planning to make a gift or donation, the owner must take into account the value of the property, and what is the minimum tax value that will be accepted by the tax authority.

You have to calculate the gift tax to be paid, which will depend on the amount or value of the gift, the number of beneficiaries, the relationship between donor and recipient (eg children, spouses, cousins, friends etc) as well as their tax residence.

It must also be borne in mind that in addition to the gift tax based on the value of the gift, there may be a liability for capital gains tax and municipal capital gain or plusvalia.

For these reasons, it is important that all aspects of potential tax liability are studied

carefully before any action is taken.

### Legal aspects

Clients who want to make such a donation need to be aware of the legal consequences of the gift, because after it has been made the former owner and donor will no longer own the property and will have no rights on it.

It could be possible for a conditional donation to be made, including a reversion pact, meaning that the property may return to the donor in certain cases.

The information provided in this article is not intended to be legal advice, but merely conveys general information related to legal issues.

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## Fine art

THE Cadiz-born artist José Antonio Hinojos has put his paintings display at the Frax de l'Albir Foundation in an exhibition titled 'Estímulo.' The artwork will be exhibited in the 'Ramón de Soto' room until April 15. Hinojos currently teaches in the art department of Miguel Hernandez de Elche University.

# ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

## Just relax

AROUND 40 young adults from the Educational Mediation Programme in Sevilla visited Alfas del Pi to learn about the different activities developed in the town in this field, such as the European project on school mediation.

The project was presented at an event in Venice by five students from the town who won first prize.

The visitors, aged between 14 and 21 years, also learned about the Johan Galtung seminars held periodically with the support of the Council.

## Keeping roads safe

RENOVATION work to Calle l'Hort will add a pavement to one of Alfas del Pi's central roads.

More than 30 metres of pavement will be added to this public road in the historic centre.

The measure was planned by the Alfas del Pi's town planning department in order to eradicate architectural barriers, and will cost more than €12,700 to complete.

The work impacts one end of Calle l'Hort, a section that currently lacks a pavement for pedestrians, which is both risky for them and the drivers.

The owners of the property that adjoins the public road has yielded the necessary space to create the sidewalk, according to councillor in charge of the neighbourhood, Toni Such, and in exchange for the land, the old wall that separates the house from the road is going to be rebuilt.

"We have succeeded in getting both



Photo credit: Alfas del Pi Council

**IN PROGRESS: The Council are adding a new pavement to Calle l'Hort.**

accessibility and security," said Such.

Around 70 square metres of an old stone wall will be demolished and reconstructed, and a sidewalk with similar characteristics to those existing in the area will be added. Reports claim that the work will take a month to complete.

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**CULTURAL EXCHANGE: The Hamar youth band performing a concert on Raco beach.**

## Music in the air

THE Hamar Youth Band from Norway recently treated Albir locals to a concert at the Raco beach while on a cultural exchange to the town.

Founded in 1961, the band currently has 45 members between the ages of 13 and 19. They have performed in several countries across Europe, and often take part in music competitions across the continent.

The band is led under the direction of Morten Sanner, who is also the music teacher at the Toneheim Folk High School in Hamar, Norway which specialises in musical studies.

The Hamar Youth Band also played at the

Norwegian Costa Blanca Club headquarters and the Hacienda del Sol, in La Villajoyosa, during their stay in the town, to bring the sounds of Norway to the Spanish Costa.

Mayte García and Martine Mertens from the Alfas del Pi Culture Department thanked the young Norwegians for their performance and for entertaining both tourists and locals alike.

Every year Alfas del Pi receives numerous visits from international groups of students who come to the town to get a taste of the local culture and offer residents the chance to experience new customs.

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## Sweet music

ALFAS DEL PI Council has renewed its annual contribution of €53,000 to the Lira Musical Society, thanking it for the social and cultural work that it performs. The society educates 117 boys and girls from the age of three in their music school and also has a band composed of 56 musicians.

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## What an honour

THE actor Gabino Diego received the Pi d'Honor 2018 from the Mostra de Teatre Drama Festival in Alfas del Pi.

More than 3,500 spectators filled the Casa de Culture auditorium to enjoy a quality

programme of entertainment, during which comedy reigned.

The 16th season of the Mostra then ended by awarding the Pi d'Honor 2018 to Gabino Diego, who has been working as an actor

since he was 17 years old.

He started in 1983 with a role in the play *Las bicicletas son para el verano* (Bicycles are for summer) by Jaime Chávarri, and since then he has participated in numerous projects, both in film, theatre and on television.

He also won a Goya for his performance in 'Ay, Carmela,' by Carlos Saura, and has focused his career on theatre roles for the past decade.

Gabino Diego confessed that he had fond memories of Alfas del Pi and his time at the Festival. "I was in the second ever edition with José Sazatornil, and I also took part

**GABINO DIEGO: Was awarded the Pi d'Honor 2018.**



Photo credit: Alfas del Pi Council

another year as a member of the jury for the short film contest which was very pleasant," he said.

The Madrilenian actor was very excited to receive the Pi d'Honor - the award with which the Alfas del Pi Council pays homage to all the Spanish greats

- from the mayor, Vicente Arques and the councillor for Culture, Mayte Garcia.

"I've had my film career, but I've been working in theatre for many years and I'm very excited to be awarded this award and to be given it in Alfas," he said excitedly.



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# Teulada Moraira

**NEWS**

## Footie starts

TEULADA MORAIRA will host the third international junior football tournament, 'Mi Balon International Cup,' this Friday and Saturday. All participants belong to the youth categories of the Santander Liga 132 as well as to national and local football teams, including Valencia CF, Deportivo de la Coruña, Getafe, Villarreal and Valladolid.

## Industrial park extension

AT last week's plenary meeting at the Teulada Moraira Town Hall, councillors approved continuing work on the proposal to revamp a local industrial park.

Thanks to an agreement with the owners of the plot, the construction company and the council will restart the extension of the industrial park.

The green light has finally been given, they can start to fill in the necessary paperwork to complete the renovation.

Construction had stopped in 2011 because of a problem with electricity channels but the approval suggests that construction will finish this year.

## The lions come up trumps

A 'PRIDE' of Lions from the Teulada-Moraira Lions club recently assembled, first in front of the town hall in Teulada and then at Cruz Roja, also in Teulada, to present cheques to the Proteccion Civil and Cruz Roja.

These donations of €10,000 and €3,000 respectively are to help with the purchase of new ambulances which are needed to replace outdated equipment in both organisations.

Lions president, Brian Clarke, stated that "it was with tremendous pride that the Lions were able to make significant contributions for the benefit of the local community, and that it was a reflection on the hard work and dedication of the Lions' members and helpers that raised the funds to allow this."

Further donations are already being planned for the local Alzheimer's Society in Teulada (AFA) and for the St Mary Magdalena School in Benitachell.

The Teulada-Moraira Lions will be present-



**ALL SMILES: The Teulada-Moraira Lions present the cheque to the Cruz.**

ing 'An Evening with Aretha Franklin' featuring the fabulous Shondell Mimms on Saturday April 21.

For tickets or any information on the Teulada-Moraira Lions please call: 966 499 954 or visit their website: [www.tmlions.com](http://www.tmlions.com).

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## NEWS

### Fair fun

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## Time to celebrate



**ALL SMILES:** From left, David McAulay, Morag McAulay, Dave Campbell, Brenda Bates, Chairman Keith Hyde, Elaine Macnab and Gordon Macnab.

COSTA BLANCA 41 Club members and guests celebrated the 32nd anniversary of the club being granted its charter by the Association of Ex-Round Tablers' Clubs in fine style at the Restaurante La Plaza No 6 in Javea.

The guest of honour was national president Dave Campbell who paid the club a flying visit from the UK. David gave an interesting address when he confirmed that the association was in good health and that he was delighted with the support that he had received for his preferred charity for the year, The

Prince's Trust, that incidentally is currently in its 41st year.

The membership of Costa Blanca 41 Club consists of past Round Tablers from various European countries who either live permanently in and around Javea or spend several months each year in the area.

All former Round Tablers are most welcome to attend regular club meetings and further information on the club's activities can be found at [www.costablanca41club.org](http://www.costablanca41club.org) or by emailing: [atmail@costablanca41club.org](mailto:atmail@costablanca41club.org).

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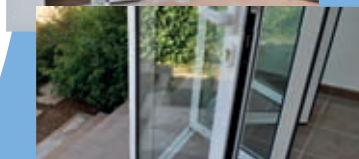


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## Helping hand

THE Original Charity Shop made a donation of €650 to the Council's Department of Equality that will go towards a programme dedicated to providing support to women who are victims of domestic violence. The mayor, Montse Villaverde, thanked them for this important donation, which they raised on International Women's Day.

## 'Warriors' ready to take on The Mirador Challenge

THREE staff members of The Original Charity Shop and Library plus two friends have been busy training for this year's Mirador Challenge which takes place on Sunday April 8.

The challenge involves hiking a very strenuous 29km from Mirador La Granadella to Mirador Los Molines, passing through all 15 of Javea's magnificent view points, a tough test for even the fittest legs and definitely deserving

the name 'Challenge' in places.

After last year's very successful 'Girl Power' effort which raised an astonishing €3,100 this year's team of three ladies and two gents are hoping to raise as much as possible to help support their chosen charities.

This year's beneficiaries are the Raquel Paya School for special needs children and the Javea psychological recovery and support programme for mistreated women.

They are hoping that lots of generous people out there will be willing to sponsor their effort, however small.

Sponsorship forms are available in the Original Charity Shop on Carrer de Nancy 1 and in the Charity Library in Javea Park. The shop and library are open from Monday to Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

For more information please email: [info@charityshoplibrary.com](mailto:info@charityshoplibrary.com).

WHAT a great event Tanamera Dog Rescue had at Inn on the Green, Javea recently.

Thanks go to Marina Pawley and her Fitsteps team who started the day with a demonstration of Ballroom and Latin American dance fitness routines, followed by a 'have a go' session where lots of the

## Strictly for dogs

audience joined in. Then there was a wonderful fashion show by Heaven Boutique, belly dancing from Jane, a raffle, tombola and an amazing 'name the dog' cake donated by Liz Yardley.

Thanks go to everyone for their hard work and everyone for who donated prizes, bought tickets and was part of the fun.

Special thanks also to Jan and her team who provided the

coffee and home-made cakes.

They are delighted to say that an amazing €1,000 was raised for the dogs and put in the bank to pay next month's food and vet bills.

This was a great new charity event with huge success and yes, they will be doing Strictly for Dogs T(w)oo very soon!

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**ASYLUM: Spain rejected around two thirds of all asylum requests in 2017.**

# Door swings shut

AROUND two thirds of all asylum applications submitted to Spanish authorities in 2017 were rejected, according a refugee NGO.

Last year was a record year in terms of the number of requests, with Spain receiving around 31,120 applications.

That is double last year's amount, according to the Spanish Commission of Refugee Aid (CEAR) and European Union data.

Requests for asylum made to the country made up around 4 per cent of the EU total. Applications made to Germany, Italy and France were higher at 222,560, 128,850 and 98,635, respectively.

Almost a third of all applications submitted to Spain came from Venezuelans, at 10,350. Requests from Syrian citizens stood at 4,225, followed by Columbians at 2,460, Ukrainians,

2,265, Palestinians and Algerians both at 1,165, Salvadorans, 1,120, Hondurans, 970, Cameroonians, 750 and Moroccans, 525.

Requests from male applicants made up 58 per cent of the total, while those from women made up 48 per cent.

A total of 595 requests were resolved by granting the applicant refugee status, out of the 13,350 applications resolved.

Around 4,080 applicants were granted subsidiary protection status. That means they were not granted asylum but were allowed to stay in Spain due to the risk of them facing serious harm if they returned to their home country.

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AN easyJet captain and his co-pilot have been suspended after filming Snapchat videos during a flight to Spain.

The pair could be seen interacting with an owl and other animated characters generated by the app whilst in the cockpit and taking selfies.

The captain then posted the images on his social media accounts, which have since been deleted.

According to reports the footage was filmed on a Paris flight to Madrid.

easyJet has said passenger safety was not compromised at any point, but it had been contacted

by passengers who branded their behaviour as 'dangerous' and 'irresponsible.'

A spokeswoman for the airline told news outlets:

"Whilst at no point was the safety of the passengers compromised, this falls well short of the high standards easyJet expects of its pilots.

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# A family life dedicated to restoring value in La Marina's traditional gastronomy

FROM their first family restaurant, Casa Federico, in 1980, the Cervera family have led the gastronomic field in La Marina. They now have eight highly successful traditional restaurants in Denia including a unique gastronomic show house located in central Denia (El Condado).

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

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

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

### - Cuisine based on local tradition

They served rice, stews, salted, preserves, marinades and coupled ingredients... just as they made themselves at home before opening the business.

### - Fresh food prepared daily and at the time of order

#### - Fresh and local products

Fish came from Denia's own lonja, produce and vegetables purchased from local markets.

#### - Food prepared to its 'punto'

A commitment on the part of the chef, a certain risk in the search for the perfect taste.

### - The fusion of gastronomy and environment

In Casa Federico, the family opted for natural materials such as a glassware with traditional fur-

niture of wicker chairs and wooden tables, avoiding the plastic or aluminum that proliferated then.

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#### - A complete menu

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#### - Format 'picaeta' - tapas!

The restaurant opted to share traditional dishes in picaeta version (tapas).

#### - Personalisation

In Casa Federico, a rice was prepared for two, six or 13 people. Every table had its own cauldron.

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Original staple dishes that were traditionally prepared in the home every day of the year were brought to the tables of their restaurant.

#### - Bet on training, a stable staff all year

From the first day they bet both on the training of now 120 staff and on the dissemination of traditional gastronomy. The restaurants have the 'Tourism Quality Commitment' certification from the Tourism Institute of Spain (TurEspana).

#### - Sustainability and ecology

Sustaining the environment, both social and heritage. From the daily purchases from their restaurants, through to the choice of buildings for new openings.

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

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

#### - Casa Federico [www.casafederico.es](http://www.casafederico.es)

Typical dishes of Mediterranean cuisine that include meats, rice, fish and seafood and tapas from La Marina.

#### - Primer Linea

[www.restaurantprimeralinea.com](http://www.restaurantprimeralinea.com)

Located right on the shores of the Mediterranean, Primer Linea is a unique doorway to the marine gastronomy of Denia.

#### - La Seu [www.laseu.es](http://www.laseu.es)

A dynamic and creative space designed on 16th century building, in which the contemporary interpretation of the cuisine of La Marina offers suggestive tapas and surprising dishes based on market products.

#### - Hotel Nou Romà and its restaurant La Senia [www.restaurantelasenia.net](http://www.restaurantelasenia.net)

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#### - Ca Pepa Teresa

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#### - Al Forn [www.alforn.es](http://www.alforn.es)

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#### - El Condado [www.condadodenia.com](http://www.condadodenia.com)

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Credit: VOSmadrid/Twitter

SEARCH: Missing horse rider in river.

# Horse horror

A 45-YEAR-OLD horse rider has died in Spain after falling from his mount and being swept away by the fast-flowing current.

The accident happened in the town of Paracuellos del Jarama, northeast from Madrid and very close to Madrid-Barajas Airport.

Witnesses quickly alerted the emergency services and two helicopters were drafted in to

help in the search for the rider.

Firefighters in an inflatable boat also helped search the river.

The man's lifeless body was eventually found around one kilometre downstream from where he fell in.

The horse managed to get out of the water by itself and did not need attention.

A MAN who attacked a woman from behind while his pal filmed it for a video that went viral has been forced to pay his victim €60,000 in compensation. In the video the 48-year-old woman can be seen falling awkwardly backwards to the ground.

She was unable to work for 75 days after the attack because of cervical pain and injuries to her ankle, knee and wrist.

## Video nasties

Mario Garcia Montealegre, kicked the legs of the woman from under her in

Barcelona in February 2015 while his friend Alvaro Gragera videoed it and then uploaded it to social networks. The attacker presented himself to police when he learned they had issued a public appeal to find him. The prosecutor had called for a jail sentence and fine for both the attacker and the person who recorded it.

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# Man dies following festival fight

A 27-YEAR-OLD man has died after a fight broke out at Spring Festival on the Costa del Sol.

Police believe the man was not directly involved in the fight but took two punches and hit his head on the ground at the party attended by hundreds in Plaza de Martin Carpena in Manilva.

The Spanish man, a town resident, was pronounced dead at the scene by the emergency services.

His body has been transferred to the Institute of

Legal Medicine in Malaga, where an autopsy will determine the exact cause of death.

This afternoon an emergency meeting of the town council was called and all forms of violence were denounced. The council also offered their condolences to the Vargas Morera family and announced three days of mourning.

The mayor of Manilva, Mario Jimenez, also called for a demonstration on Monday to request more security in the municipality.

# Police arrest fake 'doctor'

A MAN who identified himself as a doctor to pa-

tients in a hospital has been arrested on sexual abuse charges in southern Spain.

He is alleged to have wandered around hospital corridors without being challenged.

He would go into patients' rooms claiming he had to perform a medical examination, that's when he committed the abuse.

The man, in his 60's, was eventually arrested by po-

lice in Sevilla in Andalucia.

Police believe the first two incidents took place in January when women in their 80's were targeted.

In February, the husband of a woman patient reported a similar event to hospital staff.

When the fake 'doctor' returned to commit a similar crime in March he was arrested by the Guardia Civil.

# Flaming tragedy

A MAN burned down his own house in Spain in the early hours of last Friday morning while his wife was asleep and trapped inside.

Firefighters fought their way through flames to rescue the 68-year-old woman from the property in Guadalajara, Castilla-La Mancha.

After being rescued the woman received treatment from paramedics at the scene but didn't require hospital treatment. The fire was eventually put out almost two hours after the alarm was first raised.

According to the emergency services the man later committed suicide.

Earlier this week a father set fire to the family home in Getafe with his two children inside. He had drowned the children in a bathtub first.

He then ended his own life by throwing himself under a train.

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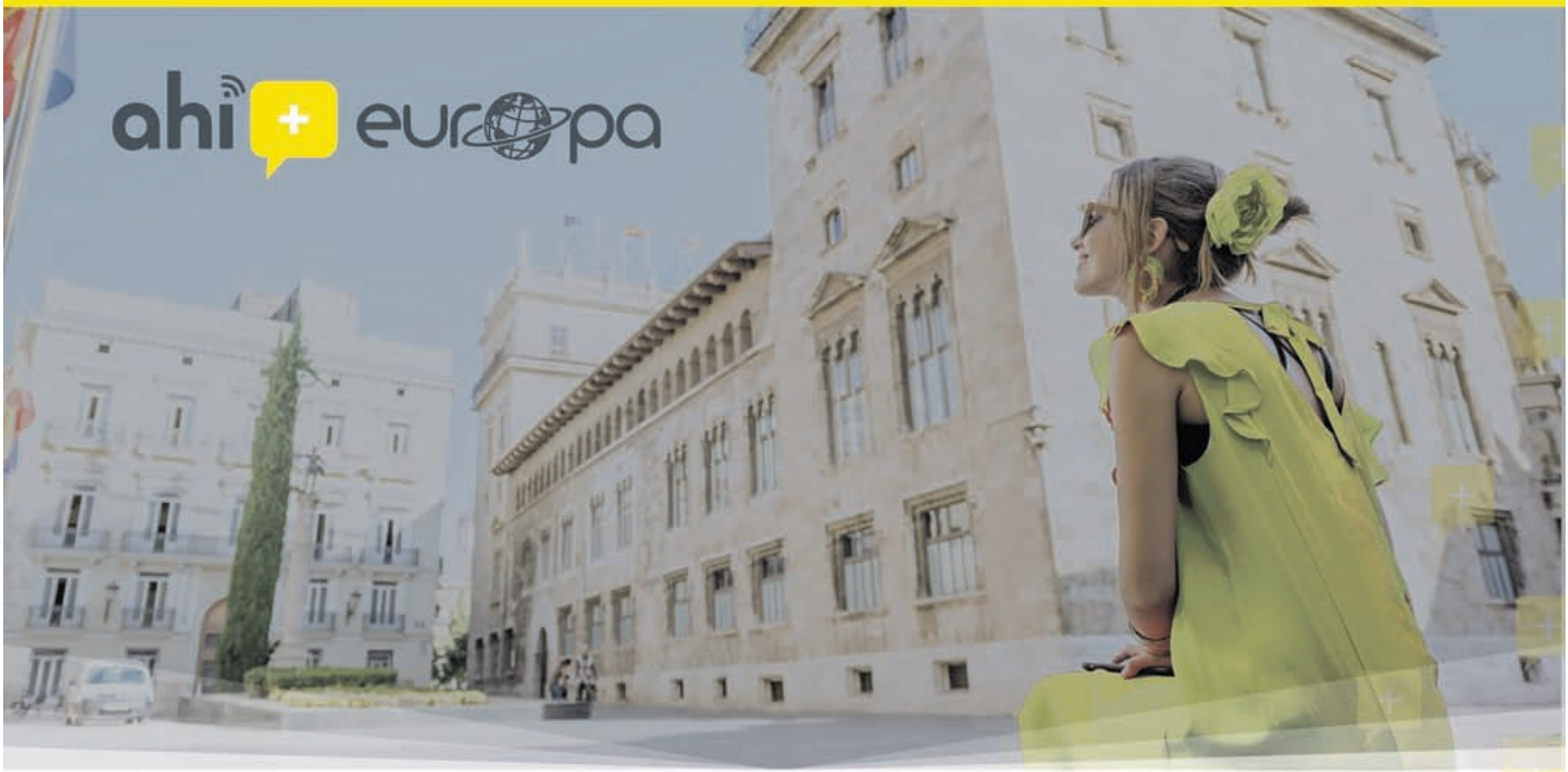


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## U3A enjoys a Persian evening

DINING out evenings are so popular with members of Moraira-Teulada U3A that there has to be at least two evenings each month organised at one of the local restaurants to accommodate everyone.

For the second time in March, the members of Moraira-Teulada U3A dining out group enjoyed an authentic Persian meal prepared by Abi Satari, the chef and owner of the Satari restaurant and the evening was organised by Pat and Bryan Clarke who were the hosts.

The members of the U3A enjoyed a mixed starter combining wild herbs, walnuts and berries into a cake, along with stuffed red pepper and a delicious minced beef and potato ring with yoghurt and cucumber dip.

The main course was a choice of Persian meze, Persian style fish or moussaka and the meal concluded with a selection of home-made baklavas dripping with honey or a deliciously light Persian roulade.

## Jalon Valley Help

ELAINE HORTON, president of Jalon Valley Help, together with some of the charity's hard working volunteers, met with representatives from Orba Salud and eight local villages, in order to express their gratitude for the excellent care and attention that their hard work and dedication provides.

In appreciation, the charity had raised sufficient funds with which to purchase 40 items of

essential medical equipment to be shared within the villages.

Over a glass of cava, staff at Orba Salud, together with doctors and mayors from the local villages, offered a warm welcome to Jalon Valley Help and expressed their sincere thanks for the items donated.

Everyone present recognised that by establishing closer working relationships, they can 'truly make a difference.'



**PUPPY FUN:** The dog walkers on the 6km walk.

# Just giving

AT 11am last Sunday, around 20 dog walkers did a 6km walk for charity.

Giving4giving organised the event in aid of Doggie Angells and Anemona and raised €530.

Giving4giving made it up to €1,000 to be shared between the charities.

They have now donated €94,000 to local charities.

*Giving4giving has four charity shops and a furniture warehouse so always need donations and volunteers and they can collect large items so please call Gary on 603 137 697.*

## Check out the ARC Rastro

ARC is holding its first ever rastro/table top sale on Sunday April 15 from 10am till 2pm.

It will be at the Pensionistas Social Centre in Jalon and it is €5 for a pitch. Some tables will be provided but please bring your own if you can.

Come along with your 'pre-loved and unwanted' goods and earn yourselves some euros. There will be spaces inside and outside and plenty of parking space.

They will also be serving refreshments, so all cake-makers will be very welcome, please bake a cake and donate it to their refreshment stall.

All money taken on the day will be for the support of the animals in ARC's care.

To book your pitch or for further information please contact Carol on: 616 103 167 or call into the ARC shop in Jalon between 10am and 1pm.



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To meet Freya phone Akira shelter 657 689 567 or email [akirashelter@aol.com](mailto:akirashelter@aol.com).



**FREYA: A calm and happy girl.**

## St George's Day Dinner

THE Royal Society of St George Costa Blanca is holding a St George's Day Dinner on April 26 at Premium Plus Restaurant, Moraira. The price of the dinner is €25 per person.

This will include a cava cocktail with

canapé, a three-course meal, half a bottle of wine and mineral water.

All are welcome, join them to celebrate!

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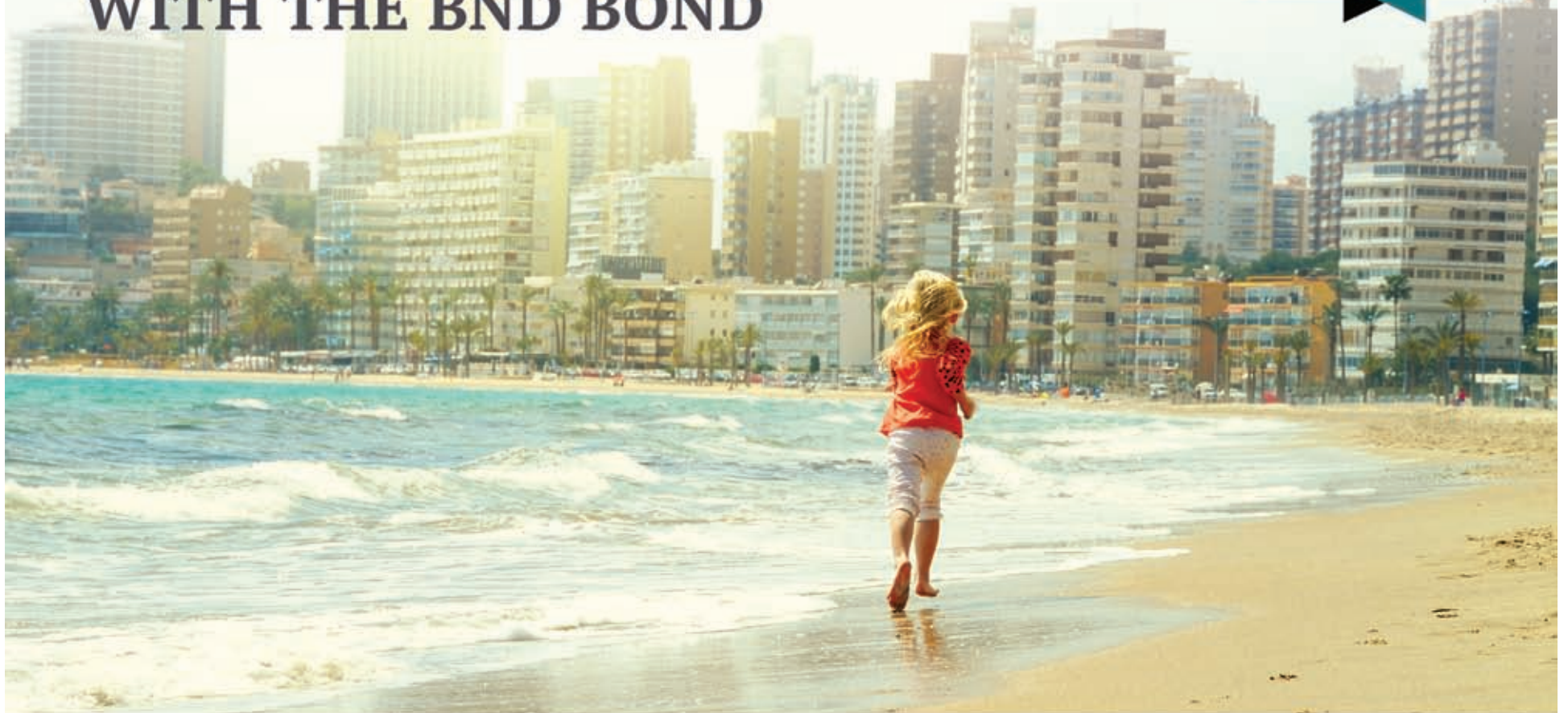


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**VICTORIOUS:** Incumbent President Vladimir Putin is set to serve for another six years following the vote.

# Putin winner of presidential election

■ CURRENT Russian President Vladimir Putin was re-elected to a fourth term with almost 77 per cent of the vote after the poll on March 18. Central Election Commission head Ella Pamfilova said the vote was “free, competitive and transparent” amidst allegations of ballot papers being stuffed into boxes and election monitors being denied entry into some polling stations.

## EU poison response

■ EUROPEAN UNION member states have begun preparing measures against Russia in response to the country’s alleged involvement in the Salisbury nerve agent attack. Representatives of the member states jointly condemned Russia, with Moscow denying involvement and claiming the EU was joining an anti-Russia hate campaign driven by Britain.

## ‘Anger’ over comments

■ UNITED RUSSIA, the country’s ruling party, has distanced itself from remarks made by one of its State Duma deputies likening journalists to ser-

vants. Fatikh Sibagatullin reportedly also said: “Female journalists should tuck their tails between their legs a bit,” following accusations from five reporters claiming they were sexually harassed.

## Official sacked

■ THE head of the Volokolamsk district, outside Moscow, has reportedly been ousted following protests over 50 schoolchildren being poisoned by toxic gases from a landfill site. Yevgeny Gavrilov was also attacked by locals demonstrating outside the town’s hospital after the children sought medical help for nausea and dizziness.

## Trade warning

■ METAL makers could face losses of around €2.4 billion in the wake of import tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump, according to a senior Russian trade official. Viktor Yevtukhov said Moscow planned to dispute the import taxes at the World Trade Organisation and added that it may limit US imports in retaliation.

## Dusty yellow

■ THE skies over the Krasnodar region of southern Russia were turned a shade of hazy yellow after dust from the Sahara in Africa swept through the area. Locals took to social media to capture the phenomenon, which reportedly caused coloured rain to fall but posed no health risk.

**NO FILTER:** Yellow skies were visible over southern Russia as well as Crete and Britain.





## 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 attracted almost 71,000.

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## 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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CRH	2,379.00	-0.15	-0.01	20,080.56
DCC	6,540.00	0.00	0.00	5,902.03
Diageo	2,375.00	16.00	0.68	58,465.72
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.50	7.20	1.92	5,269.00
Evrax	386.00	-52.10	-11.89	6,243.75
Experian	1,545.00	4.50	0.29	14,317.48
easyJet	1,637.50	45.00	2.83	6,333.48
Ferguson	5,183.00	-33.00	-0.63	12,963.19
Fresnillo	1,277.50	69.50	5.75	8,544.28
G4S	242.25	2.25	0.94	3,699.00
GKN	427.50	-1.50	-0.35	7,389.30
Glencore	364.00	5.50	1.53	51,813.67
GlaxoSmithKline	1,320.00	4.40	0.33	63,166.04
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,662.50	0.00	0.00	8,015.99
Halma	1,176.00	23.00	1.99	4,403.84
HSBC Holdings	668.00	1.40	0.21	135,655.19
International Consolidated Airlines Group	620.00	21.00	3.51	12,566.08
InterContinental Hotels Group	4,425.00	106.00	2.45	8,410.45
3i Group	855.70	-5.70	-0.66	8,477.78
Imperial Brands	2,353.50	-20.50	-0.86	22,508.19
Informa	712.20	0.00	0.00	5,921.30
Intertek Group	4,778.50	71.50	1.52	7,787.09
ITV	145.50	0.10	0.07	5,826.78
Just Eat	703.00	0.82	0.12	4,880.00
Johnson Matthey	3,105.00	19.00	0.62	6,001.47
Kingfisher	293.15	-3.55	-1.20	6,323.20
Land Securities Group	935.00	10.30	1.11	6,902.99

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	259.00	4.80	1.89	15,397.17
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.40	1.64	2.53	47,588.01
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,124.00	0.00	0.00	14,504.00
Micro Focus International	1,439.50	483.50	50.58	3,975.81
Mediclinic International	679.70	119.50	21.33	4,184.60
Marks & Spencer Group	270.00	1.60	0.60	4,310.46
Mondi	1,885.50	-16.00	-0.84	7,010.63
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	227.80	22.00	10.69	4,860.09
National Grid	772.50	17.20	2.28	25,426.44
NMC Health	3,251.00	-101.00	-3.01	6,945.79
Next	4,780.00	-204.00	-4.09	6,641.64
Old Mutual Group	214.75	-24.25	-10.15	12,179.03
Paddy Power Betfair	7,155.00	-220.00	-2.98	6,294.72
Prudential	1,875.00	49.00	2.68	47,929.43
Persimmon	2,721.00	226.00	9.06	7,730.13
Pearson	761.80	1.00	0.13	5,945.44
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,900.00	35.00	0.60	41,512.88
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	252.50	-2.10	-0.82	30,908.15
Royal Dutch Shell	2,257.50	58.50	2.66	101,320.88
RELX	1,450.00	12.50	0.87	15,346.63
Rio Tinto	3,555.00	-11.50	-0.32	48,029.94
Royal Mail	491.30	-37.90	-7.16	5,254.00
Rolls-Royce Group	851.50	-9.70	-1.13	16,396.37
Randgold Resources	5,824.00	-108.00	-1.82	5,432.41
RSA Insurance Group	627.50	2.90	0.46	6,450.11
Rentokil Initial	250.50	-17.70	-6.60	5,010.41
Sainsbury (J)	227.00	-0.50	-0.22	5,015.87
Schroders	3,439.50	221.50	6.88	7,366.07
Sage Group (The)	650.00	4.00	0.62	7,037.71
Segro	587.00	-2.40	-0.41	5,953.37
Shire	3,060.00	79.50	2.67	27,285.49
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,182.00	124.00	4.05	7,200.72
Sky	1,336.50	28.50	2.18	22,587.89
Standard Life Aberdeen	400.25	33.05	9.00	11,091.34
Smith (DS)	474.80	0.00	0.00	5,121.67
Smiths Group	1,508.50	40.00	2.72	6,078.75
Scottish Mortgage Invst Trst	447.50	10.70	2.45	6,192.62
Smith & Nephew	1,332.50	33.50	2.58	11,458.93
SSE	1,224.00	-7.50	-0.61	12,312.65
Standard Chartered	735.00	21.50	3.01	23,971.94
St James's Place	1,255.00	163.50	14.98	5,864.86
Severn Trent	1,853.00	148.00	8.68	4,043.81
Tesco	204.15	1.25	0.62	19,766.41
TUI AG	1,625.00	113.50	7.51	8,966.46
Taylor Wimpey	183.20	-1.35	-0.73	6,015.24
Unilever	3,737.50	3.00	0.08	46,172.79
United Utilities Group	691.00	26.20	3.94	4,564.56
Vodafone Group	195.50	1.88	0.97	51,313.19
WPP Group	1,080.00	-15.00	-1.37	13,899.94
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	215,360	-3.50%	-7,810	128,330,25
AMERICAN EXPRESS	90,4500	-1.05%	-0,9600	77,782,88
APPLE	164,940	-2.32%	-3,910	837,567,33
BOEING CO	321,000	+0.43%	1,390	188,748,60
CATERPILLAR	144,290	-1.78%	-2,610	86,315,09
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
INTEL CORP	49,3600	-2.89%	-1,4700	231,004,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	107,0100	-2.67%	-2,9400	367,219,56
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	125,1000	-1.79%	-2,2800	335,437,26
MC DONALD'S CORP	154,9800	-1.31%	-2,0600	123,234,57
MERCK AND CO. NEW	53,41	-1.31%	-0,71	144,111,38
MICROSOFT	87,180	-2.91%	-2,610	672,557,96
NIKE	64,63	+0.33%	0,21	83,881,65
PFIZER	34,4900	-3.12%	-1,1100	205,285,70
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	75,910	-0.65%	-0,500	191,495,44
TRAVELERS CIES	134,90	-2.35%	-3,25	36,634,63
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,31	-1.42%	-1,76	97,962,55
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	212,55	-1.24%	-2,66	205,831,58
VERIZON COMMS	46,29	-1.26%	-0,59	191,157,05
VISA	117,00	-2.49%	-2,99	210,871,02
WAL-MART STORES	85,4200	-1.97%	-1,7200	253,283,61
WALT DISNEY CO	98,5400	-2.05%	-2,0600	148,202,26

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# NASDAQ

CLOSING PRICES MARCH 26

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
CareDx, Inc.	\$ 7.52	1.54 ▲ 25.75%
Odonate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 24.01	2.85 ▲ 13.47%
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%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
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%
Progenics Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 7.54	0.82 ▼ 9.81%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.45	0.90 ▼ 9.63%

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# Dram good performance

## BOTTOMS UP AS WHISKY SALES SKYROCKET

SPANIARDS' favourite tittle 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 Basmmom, 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.



**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.

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# 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-



**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."

## 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.

## 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

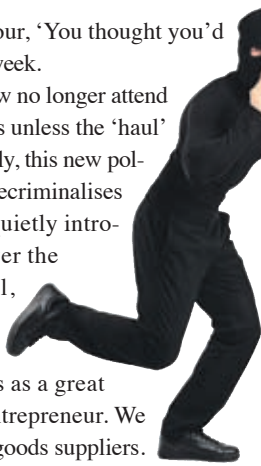


GREAT contender for our, 'You thought you'd heard it all' trophy this week.

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



**GRENFELL 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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## I'm now a convert to BA

**Mike Senker**  
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.

There is more information on the process available at our website, [n332.es](http://n332.es), as well as links to find your local traffic office and the information required to complete the process.

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

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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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'Acta de Presencia', this should serve as the basis to request a judge to order the release of the minutes book.

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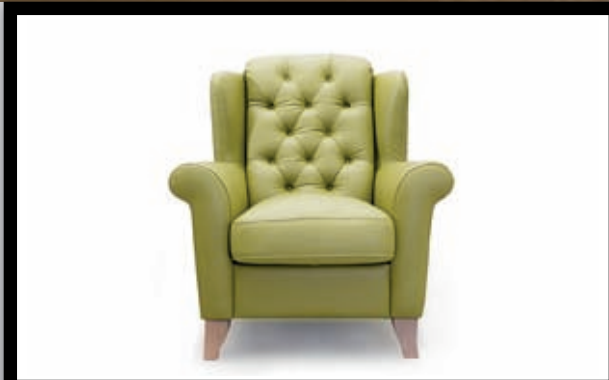


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7:00pm BBC News at Six  
7:30pm BBC London News  
8:00pm The One Show  
8:30pm EastEnders  
9:00pm MasterChef  
10:00pm Not Going Out  
10:30pm Still Game  
11:00pm BBC News at Ten  
11:30pm BBC London News  
11:45pm Unsolved  
12:45am This Week

**BBC TWO**

7:00am The Repair Shop  
7:25am Money for Nothing  
8:15am Coast  
9:00am DIY SOS the Big Build  
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire  
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live  
1:00pm The Daily Politics  
2:00pm Black Narcissus  
3:40pm Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape  
4:40pm Blitz Cities  
5:10pm Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF  
6:10pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is  
7:00pm Eggheads  
7:30pm The Repair Shop  
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9:00pm Big Cats  
10:00pm Civilisations  
11:00pm Match of the Day  
11:30pm Newsnight  
12:15am Top Gear  
1:15am MasterChef

**BBC FOUR**

5:00am This is BBC Four  
8:00pm Beyond 100 Days  
*The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective*  
8:30pm Top of the Pops  
9:00pm Hurricanes and Heatwaves: The Highs and Lows of British Weather  
10:00pm The Secret Science of Pop  
11:00pm Britpop at the BBC  
12:00am ... Sings the Great American Songbook  
1:00am Top of the Pops  
1:30am Treasures of Ancient Egypt  
2:30am Hurricanes and Heatwaves: The Highs and Lows of British Weather  
3:30am The Beauty of Anatomy

**CHANNEL 4**

6:10am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures  
6:30am Streetmate  
7:00am Countdown  
7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun  
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond  
9:30am Frasier  
11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen  
Nightmares USA  
12:00pm Undercover Boss USA  
1:00pm Channel 4 News  
1:05pm Come Dine with Me  
2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers  
3:10pm Countdown  
4:00pm A Place in the Sun  
5:00pm A New Life in the Sun  
6:00pm Four in a Bed  
6:30pm Star Boot Sale  
7:00pm The Simpsons  
7:30pm Hollyoaks  
8:00pm Channel 4 News  
9:00pm Location, Location, Location  
10:00pm Indian Summer School  
11:00pm 20 Kids and Counting  
12:05am Gogglebox  
1:05am One Born Every Minute

**CHANNEL 5**

10:15am The Wright Stuff  
12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime  
1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors  
2:15pm Home and Away  
2:45pm Neighbours  
3:15pm NCIS  
4:15pm Buried Secrets  
6:00pm 5 News at 5  
6:30pm Neighbours  
7:00pm Home and Away  
7:30pm 5 News Tonight  
8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet  
Casebook  
9:00pm Goodbye Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun  
10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!  
11:00pm Do the Right Thing with Eamonn and Ruth  
12:05am Undercover Benefits Cheat  
1:00am Super Casino

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8:00am Rules of Engagement  
9:00am How I Met Your Mother  
10:00am New Girl  
11:00am 2 Broke Girls  
12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
1:00pm The Goldbergs  
2:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
3:00pm How I Met Your Mother  
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8:00pm Hollyoaks  
8:30pm Extreme Cake Makers  
9:00pm The Big Bang Theory  
9:30pm Young Sheldon  
10:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine  
10:30pm Derry Girls  
11:00pm Five Star Hotel  
12:05am The Big Bang Theory  
12:35am The Big Bang Theory  
1:05am First Dates  
2:10am Five Star Hotel  
3:10am Tattoo Fixers

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7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize  
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans  
10:00am Rugby League  
12:45pm My Icon  
1:00pm Sky Sports News  
*All the news from the Premier League and beyond.*  
2:00pm Sky Sports News  
2:30pm Live PGA Tour  
Featured Groups  
Live LPGA Golf  
8:30pm Football  
10:45pm Live Premier League Darts  
*The Unibet Premier League Darts heads to the SSE Arena in Belfast for Judgement Night*  
11:30pm Jd Ringside: The Countdown  
12:00am Cricket

**itv**

6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
7:00am Good Morning Britain  
9:30am Lorraine  
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show  
11:30am This Morning  
1:30pm Loose Women  
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News  
2:55pm ITV News London  
3:00pm Judge Rinder  
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5:00pm Tipping Point  
6:00pm The Chase  
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8:00pm Emmerdale  
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9:00pm Emmerdale  
9:30pm Coronation Street  
10:00pm The Real Full Monty  
11:30pm ITV News at Ten and Weather  
12:00am ITV News London  
12:15am Kingpin  
2:15am Jackpot247  
4:00am Tonight  
4:25am ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?  
8:55am Emmerdale  
9:20am Coronation Street  
10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show  
11:15am Totally Bonkers  
Guinness World Records  
11:30am Spy Kids 3: Game Over  
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9:00pm Two and a Half Men  
10:00pm Family Guy  
10:30pm Family Guy  
11:00pm Celebrity Juice  
11:50pm Family Guy  
12:20am Family Guy

**itv3**

7:25am Coronation Street  
*Vera asks Mike for her job back now Ida has confessed but he refuses.*  
7:50am Heartbeat  
8:55am The Royal  
9:55am Judge Judy  
10:20am Judge Judy  
10:50am Judge Judy  
11:15am Inspector Morse  
1:35pm The Royal  
2:35pm Heartbeat  
*Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village.*  
3:40pm Coronation Street  
4:15pm Coronation Street  
4:45pm On the Buses  
5:15pm On the Buses  
5:50pm You're Only Young Twice  
6:25pm Rising Damp  
6:55pm Heartbeat  
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote  
9:00pm Vera  
11:00pm Unforgotten  
12:00am Unforgotten  
1:05am DCI Banks  
2:05am DCI Banks  
3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen  
3:30am Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am The Chase  
7:45am Pawn Stars  
8:10am Pawn Stars  
8:30am Ironside  
9:30am Quincy, M.E.  
10:35am Minder  
11:40am The Saint  
12:45pm The Avengers  
1:50pm Ironside  
2:50pm Quincy, M.E.  
3:55pm Minder  
5:00pm The Saint  
6:05pm The Avengers  
7:10pm Storage Wars  
7:40pm Storage Wars  
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10:00pm Transformers: The Last Knight  
12:40am The Great Wall

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11:10am Calendar Girls  
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3:25pm Hot Tub Time Machine  
5:15pm High Anxiety  
7:00pm Nine to Five  
9:00pm Why Him?  
11:00pm Hot Tub Time Machine  
12:45am Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping  
2:20am The Heartbreak Kid  
4:20am White Island

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

5:20am My Feral Heart  
7:00am The Beguiled  
8:40am Whisky Galore!  
10:30am Despicable Me 3  
12:10pm Going in Style  
1:55pm Chokeslam  
3:45pm Gadget Gang in Outer Space  
5:25pm Whisky Galore!  
7:15pm Despicable Me 3  
*Dismissed from the Anti-Villain League after botching a mission, Gru sets off to meet his long-lost twin brother.*  
9:00pm Going in Style  
*When their pension pots disappear overnight, a trio of cash-strapped retirees decide to rob a Brooklyn bank.*  
10:45pm Chokeslam  
12:45am The Beguiled  
2:35am Pawno  
4:20am Monster Family: Special

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10:30am La Liga Greatest Games  
11:00am Championship Season Review  
12:00pm One2eleven  
12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games  
12:45pm SPFL Greatest Games  
1:00pm Championship Season Review  
2:00pm La Liga Icons  
2:45pm La Liga Icons: Falcao  
3:00pm Championship Season Review  
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams  
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams  
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games  
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games  
6:00pm Football Years  
6:30pm Football Countdowns  
7:00pm EFL Rivalries  
8:30pm Football  
11:00pm The Debate - Live  
12:00am La Liga Show  
12:30am La Liga Icons  
12:45am La Liga Icons  
1:00am Football  
3:30am La Liga Show



# 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!)

Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers *'The Girl in the Red Dress'*, *'No Way Back'*, *'Landscape of Lies'*, *'Retribution'*, *'Soul Stealer'*, *'The De Clerambault Code'* ([www.nora-johnson.net](http://www.nora-johnson.net)) available from Amazon in paperback (£0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

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10:00pm	MasterChef
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:20pm	BBC London News
11:30pm	Spooks: The Greater Good
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Money for Nothing
7:45am	Escape to the Country
8:30am	Nature's Weirdest Events
9:30am	Tinker Bell and the Secret of the Wings
10:40am	Muppets Most Wanted
12:15pm	Six Puppies and Us
1:15pm	Growing Up Wild
2:15pm	Coast
2:50pm	Canterbury Cathedral
3:50pm	Talking Pictures
4:35pm	The Robe
6:45pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	The Repair Shop
8:30pm	Mastermind
9:30pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
12:25am	The Way

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	The Kate Bush Story: Running Up That Hill
10:00pm	Johnny Cash: The Man, His World, His Music
11:00pm	Arena <i>In 1979, Bob Dylan released Slow Train Coming, an album of strictly devotional songs.</i>
12:00am	...Sings Dylan II
1:00am	Top of the Pops
1:30am	Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie
2:30am	Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie
3:30am	Music for Misfits: The Story of Indie <i>Documentary series exploring British indie music.</i>
4:30am	Top of the Pops
5:00am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

## CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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8:50am	Animals United
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11:05am	The Big Bang Theory
11:35am	The Simpsons
12:05pm	The Simpsons
12:35pm	The Simpsons
1:05pm	Romancing the Stone
3:10pm	Countdown
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7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Food Unwrapped
9:00pm	Britain's Favourite Food
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Lee and Dean
11:30pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:15am	Rob Beckett's Playing for Time

## CHANNEL 5

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2:10pm	Shenandoah
4:15pm	The Searchers
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:25pm	5 News Tonight
7:35pm	Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess
9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Jane McDonald and Friends
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Football on 5
12:30am	Football on 5
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	The X Files
5:45am	House Doctor

## 4

9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
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12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	Fantastic Four
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

## sky sports main event

12:00am	Cricket <i>Day one of the second Test as New Zealand take on England in Christchurch.</i>
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
8:30am	Rugby Union <i>Chiefs meet Highlanders at FMG Stadium Waikato in Super Rugby.</i>
10:30am	Cricket <i>Day one of the fourth Test between South Africa and Australia in Johannesburg</i>
1:45pm	Live Super League
4:00pm	Live Super League
6:30pm	Football
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	Jd Ringside: The Weigh in
11:45pm	Cricket

## itv

8:20am	Horrid Henry
8:35am	Horrid Henry
9:20am	Wishfart
9:35am	Wishfart
9:50am	Scrambled! Sketch Show
10:20am	Mission Employable
10:25am	K-9
12:15pm	King Ralph
2:15pm	Countrywise
2:40pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:50pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	ITV News London
7:45pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Furious 7
12:30am	ITV News at Ten and Weather
12:50am	Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua

## itv2

10:55am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
11:05am	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
12:05pm	FYI Daily
12:10pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
1:15pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
3:10pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:20pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:30pm	Hop
6:30pm	FYI Daily
6:35pm	Hop
7:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
10:00pm	Bridesmaids
12:30am	Family Guy
1:00am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!

## itv3

7:00am	Judge Judy <i>Enduring British sitcom. Blakey discovers that Stan and Jack are biting the hand that feeds them.</i>
7:20am	Lewis
9:30am	Man About the House
11:15am	On the Buses
1:00pm	Are You Being Served?
3:00pm	The Likely Lads
4:50pm	That Riviera Touch
6:50pm	Morecambe and Wise Forever
7:55pm	Morecambe and Wise Forever
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Hattie
1:00am	Morecambe and Wise Forever
2:00am	Morecambe and Wise Forever
3:00am	That Riviera Touch
4:40am	The Likely Lads

## itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:40am	Quincy, M.E.
10:45am	Minder
11:50am	The Saint
12:55pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
2:00pm	FYI Daily
2:05pm	Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure
2:45pm	ITV Racing: Live From Lingfield
6:00pm	Hornblower
8:10pm	The Scorpion King
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	The Scorpion King
10:00pm	When English Football Ruled Europe
11:00pm	Cliffhanger
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	Cliffhanger
1:15am	Driven to Kill
2:15am	FYI Daily
2:20am	Driven to Kill
3:10am	Fifth Gear
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

5:20am	In the Line of Duty: Smoke Jumpers
7:00am	Rocky
9:15am	Rocky II
11:30am	Rocky III
1:15pm	Rocky IV
3:00pm	Rocky V
5:00pm	Rocky Balboa
7:00pm	Central Intelligence
9:00pm	Beverly Hills Cop
11:00pm	Beverly Hills Cop II
1:00am	Beverly Hills Cop III

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:00am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:30am	Police Academy
9:15am	Zoolander
10:55am	The Blues Brothers
1:15pm	Baywatch
3:25pm	Snatched
5:10pm	Zoolander
6:50pm	Bridesmaids
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:05pm	Snatched
12:50am	Bridesmaids
3:00am	The Blues Brothers
5:20am	Turner and Hooch

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space
8:40am	Chokeslam
10:30am	Despicable Me 3
12:05pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
2:25pm	Going in Style
4:05pm	Gadget Gang in Outer Space
5:40pm	Whisky Galore! <i>Remake of the classic wartime comedy about Scottish islanders trying to get their hands on the shipload of booze that washes up on their shores.</i>
7:25pm	Despicable Me 3
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:20pm	Going in Style
1:00am	The Beguiled
2:45am	Chokeslam
4:45am	An

## sky sports football

8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	Football's Greatest
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	La Liga Show
1:00pm	Football's Greatest
1:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Special
6:15pm	Football
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	SPL Matters
11:45pm	La Liga Preview
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	Football
3:15am	Football



**TECH FOR THE TIMID**



# 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



**DIY: 'Do you feel lucky, punk?'**

costing just half that in the local second-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

to even open up our technology, 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

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.

## 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.

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# Take a walk on the wild side, Globelink's got you covered

YOU might be tempted to think that when it comes to our holidays, we are creatures of habit, and you would be right!

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Enter a new generation of travellers demanding ecotourism, archeological explorations, rain forest trails, and every variation of walking tours you can possibly imagine.

It's a funny thing, but the less we have to walk, the more we want to. Typically we live longer, fuller, fitter lives and people taking walking holidays tend to be higher income explorers, or empty nesters enjoying their hard earned freedom and leisure time.

There's no better way to immerse yourself in local culture, history and spectacular scenery than getting up close and personal and walking through your chosen location.

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## BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt
3:00pm	MasterChef
3:30pm	MasterChef
4:00pm	Shrek Forever After
5:25pm	Final Score
6:10pm	A Question of Sport
6:40pm	Doodlebugs
7:00pm	Ready or Not
7:30pm	BBC News
7:40pm	Regional News
7:43pm	Weather
7:45pm	Pointless
8:35pm	Who Dares Wins
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	Troy: Fall of a City
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

## BBC TWO

7:10am	The Wonder of Animals
7:40am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Gordon Buchanan: Elephant Family and Me
12:00pm	Six Puppies and Us
12:55pm	The Ladykillers: Pest Detectives
2:00pm	Cromwell
4:15pm	Canterbury Cathedral
5:15pm	The Secret Helpers
6:15pm	Big Cats About the House
7:15pm	Easter from King's
8:30pm	Dad's Army
9:00pm	Attenborough's Wonder of Eggs
10:00pm	Hamlet
1:15am	Civilisations
2:15am	Therese Desqueyroux
4:00am	This is BBC Two

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
9:00pm	The Silk Road
10:00pm	Below the Surface
10:45pm	Below the Surface
11:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985</i>
12:00am	Top of the Pops
12:30am	The Highwaymen: Friends Till the End
1:25am	The Highwaymen Live
3:25am	Lost Kingdoms of Central America
4:25am	Top of the Pops
4:55am	Sounds of the Seventies Solos <i>Vintage rock, pop and soul performances from the BBC archives</i>

## CHANNEL 4

8:00am	Marathon: Maraton Del Meridiano
8:25am	Triathlon
8:50am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:50am	Frasier
10:20am	Frasier
10:50am	Frasier
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	The Big Bang Theory
12:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:50pm	The Simpsons
1:20pm	The Simpsons
1:50pm	The Simpsons
2:20pm	Come Dine with Me
3:25pm	Coast v Country
4:25pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	A Place in the Sun
6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
9:00pm	Britain at Low Tide
10:00pm	Zoolander 2
12:00am	AVP: Alien vs. Predator
1:45am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm	Police Interceptors
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	Police Interceptors
3:00pm	Traffic Cops
4:00pm	Traffic Cops
5:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	Cruising with Jane McDonald
9:00pm	Inside Windsor Castle
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace
11:00pm	Conspiracy: The Nazi King
12:00am	Secrets of the Nazi Occult
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel
5:00am	The X Files

## 4

5:45am	Rules of Engagement
7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:00am	Made in Chelsea
10:00am	Don't Tell the Bride
11:00am	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:00pm	Young Sheldon
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
6:15pm	Extreme Cake Makers
6:45pm	Extreme Cake Makers
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Watch
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:00am	Naked Attraction
2:05am	Five Star Hotel
3:10am	Five Star Hotel

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Cricket
7:30am	Cricket
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Total Goals
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football
3:55pm	Rugby Union <i>Munster take on Toulon at Thomond Park in the quarter-finals of the European Rugby Champions Cup</i>
6:30pm	Football <i>Hull City take on Aston Villa at the KCOM Stadium in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
8:40pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day three of the Shell Houston Open from the Golf Club of Houston.</i>
12:00am	Cricket <i>Day three of the second Test between New Zealand and England in Christchurch.</i>

## itv

9:10am	The Bagel and Becky Show
9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:05am	Wishfart
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:30pm	Info not available
2:30pm	Britain's Brightest Family
3:00pm	Tenable
4:00pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	Info not available
9:30pm	The Voice UK
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Info not available
1:25am	Goodwood Members' Meeting Highlights

## itv2

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:15am	Emmerdale
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:55pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
1:55pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:55pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
3:55pm	FYI Daily
4:00pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
4:40pm	Nanny McPhee
5:40pm	FYI Daily
5:45pm	Nanny McPhee
6:45pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean
8:30pm	Skyfall
9:35pm	FYI Daily
9:40pm	Skyfall
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

## itv3

6:10am	Rising Damp
6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Evil Under the Sun
8:00am	Man About the House
9:45am	On the Buses
11:35am	Holiday on the Buses
1:20pm	Carry on Cruising <i>British comedy starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams, 1962</i>
3:05pm	Carry on Up the Khyber <i>British comedy starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams, 1968.</i>
5:00pm	Carry On Forever
6:00pm	Carry On Forever
7:00pm	Carry On Forever
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>100th episode of the rural detective drama series.</i>
12:00am	Vera
2:00am	Carry On Forever
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	Hornblower
9:30am	World Superbike Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:35am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	Pawn Stars
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:20pm	The Big Fish Off
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Musselburgh
5:00pm	Dunkirk
6:10pm	FYI Daily
6:15pm	Dunkirk
7:45pm	Diamonds are Forever
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	Diamonds are Forever
10:10pm	Lethal Weapon
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Lethal Weapon
12:20am	Fire Down Below
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Fire Down Below
2:30am	River Monsters
3:30am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:15am	Rocky II
11:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:45am	John Wick: Chapter Two
2:00pm	Spider-Man
4:15pm	Spider-Man 2
6:30pm	Spider-Man 3
9:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
11:15pm	Hancock
1:00am	300

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:10am	Year One
9:00am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
10:50am	Drillbit Taylor
12:40pm	Liar Liar
2:20pm	Here Comes the Boom
4:10pm	Fist Fight
5:50pm	The Waterboy
7:30pm	This is Spinal Tap
9:00pm	Here Comes the Boom
11:00pm	Fist Fight
12:40am	This is Spinal Tap

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Ready Player One: Special
7:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:45am	Cars 3
9:30am	Despicable Me 3
11:15am	Spider-Man: Homecoming
1:35pm	Lou
1:50pm	Cars 3
3:35pm	Going in Style
5:20pm	Despicable Me 3
6:55pm	Lou
7:10pm	Cars 3 <i>Constantly outshined and outraced by a fleet of hi-tech rookies, former champ Lightning McQueen must find a new way to win.</i>
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:20pm	Going in Style
1:00am	Special
1:30am	Chokeslam
3:25am	The Beguiled
5:15am	Cars 3

## sky sports football

7:00am	Football
9:45am	EFL Greatest Games
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
12:55pm	Info not available
3:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	Football
1:05am	EFL Goals: Championship
1:35am	Magical Messi
2:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
3:00am	Football's Greatest
3:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns
5:00am	EFL Greatest Games
5:15am	EFL Greatest Games
5:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
5:45am	SPFL Greatest Games



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## BBC one

8:25am	Match of the Day
10:00am	Painting the Holy Land
11:00am	Live Worship on Easter Sunday
12:00pm	Urbi et Orbi
12:25pm	The Silent Child
12:45pm	Bargain Hunt
1:25pm	BBC News
1:35pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:40pm	Shaun the Sheep Movie
3:00pm	MasterChef
5:30pm	Escape to the Country
6:00pm	Songs of Praise
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	The Generation Game
10:00pm	Ordeal by Innocence
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2

## BBC TWO

8:35am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
9:05am	Gardeners' World
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
12:00pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
12:45pm	Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Info not available
2:15pm	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
3:15pm	Canterbury Cathedral
4:15pm	RAF at 100 with Ewan and Colin Mcgregor
5:45pm	War Horse
8:00pm	Down the Mighty River with Steve Backshall
9:00pm	Top Gear
10:00pm	Unsealed: Conspiracy Files
11:00pm	Mock the Week
11:35pm	Top Gear Extra Gear
12:00am	Selma

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	Painting the Holy Land
10:00pm	Timewatch <i>BC investigative documentary series which takes a new perspective on historical events.</i>
11:00pm	The Battle of Britain
12:40am	Operation Jericho
1:40am	Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet
2:40am	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century
3:40am	Timewatch

## CHANNEL 4

7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	The Simpsons
4:00pm	The Simpsons
4:30pm	Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade
5:00pm	Dumbo
6:15pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Homes by the Med
9:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
10:00pm	Homeland
11:00pm	The Green Mile
2:10am	The Supervet
3:10am	Coastal Walks with My Dog
4:10am	KOTV Boxing Weekly

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
11:50am	Police Interceptors
12:50pm	Police Interceptors
1:45pm	The Cowboys
4:15pm	Joe Kidd
5:50pm	Space Cowboys
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	The Lonely Life of George Michael
12:00am	The Nation's Favourite George Michael Song
1:00am	The Last Days of George Michael
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel
5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant
5:45am	House Doctor

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:30am	Made in Chelsea
10:30am	The Crystal Maze
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	Info not available
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
7:00pm	Young Sheldon
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:55pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Five Star Hotel
2:00am	Five Star Hotel
3:00am	The Inbetweeners
3:30am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
4:30am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

## sky sports main event

12:00am	Cricket
7:00am	Cricket
8:30am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond</i>
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Cricket
1:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Arsenal take on Stoke City at the Emirates Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Chelsea take on Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.</i>
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf <i>Day four of the Shell Houston Open from the Golf Club of Houston.</i>
12:00am	Cricket <i>Day four of the second Test as New Zealand host England in Christchurch.</i>

## itv

8:00am	Share a Story
8:05am	Thunderbirds are Go
8:30am	Scrambled!
8:35am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:50am	Teen Titans Go!
9:10am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:30am	Spy School
10:05am	Adventure Time
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Love Your Garden
10:55am	The Voice UK
12:25pm	Info not available
2:00pm	Free Willy
4:05pm	Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Info not available
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
11:00pm	ITV News
11:15pm	Sherlock Holmes
1:35am	Marcella

## itv2

7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:05am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:15pm	The Voice UK
2:55pm	Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 Golden Buzzers
3:55pm	Happy Feet Two
4:55pm	FYI Daily
5:00pm	Happy Feet Two
5:50pm	Hop
6:50pm	FYI Daily
6:55pm	Hop
7:45pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
10:00pm	Spectre
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Spectre
12:50am	Family Guy
1:25am	Family Guy
1:55am	Family Guy
2:20am	American Dad!
2:50am	American Dad!
3:15am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

## itv3

7:00am	Carry on Cruising <i>British comedy starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams, 1962</i>
8:50am	Holiday on the Buses
10:35am	Mutiny on the Buses <i>British comedy spin-off film from the TV series of the same name.</i>
12:10pm	Carry on Cowboy
2:10pm	Carry on Camping
4:10pm	Carry on Camping
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
7:55pm	Vera <i>Detective drama series based on the novels by Ann Cleeves</i>
10:00pm	Larry Grayson: Shut That Door
12:00am	Are You Being Served?
2:00am	Blue Murder
3:30am	Carry On Forever
4:20am	Carry On Forever
5:10am	Road to Avonlea

## itv4

8:05am	Storage Wars
8:30am	Storage Wars
8:55am	Storage Wars
9:25am	Storage Wars
9:55am	Storage Wars
10:20am	Storage Wars
10:50am	Storage Wars
11:15am	Pawn Stars
11:45am	Pawn Stars
12:10pm	Pawn Stars
12:40pm	Pawn Stars
1:10pm	Aces High
2:10pm	FYI Daily
2:15pm	Aces High
3:25pm	Dunkirk
4:25pm	FYI Daily
4:30pm	Dunkirk
6:10pm	Goodwood Members' Meeting Highlights
7:10pm	The Big Fish Off
8:15pm	The Scorpion King
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	The Scorpion King
10:00pm	Jaws
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Jaws
12:25am	The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

12:15pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End
3:15pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides
5:45pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
8:00pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:30am	Airheads
10:10am	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
11:50am	Stuck on You
1:55pm	Norbit
3:45pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
5:30pm	The Dictator
7:00pm	Dumb and Dumber
9:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
10:45pm	The Dictator
12:15am	Dumb and Dumber
2:10am	Zoolander

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Ready Player One: Special
7:30am	Going in Style
9:10am	Despicable Me 3
10:45am	Lou
11:00am	Cars 3
12:50pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
3:10pm	Unforgettable
4:55pm	Special
5:25pm	Despicable Me 3
7:00pm	Cars 3
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:20pm	Unforgettable
1:10am	Going in Style <i>When their pension pots disappear overnight, a trio of cash-strapped retirees decide to rob a Brooklyn bank.</i>
2:50am	Chokeslam
4:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:05am	Whisky Galore!

## sky sports football

8:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
3:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Info not available
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Info not available
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
12:00am	La Liga Icons



# Bottom of the barrel

**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

ROGER TORRENT, Speaker of Cataluña's parliament called a fast-track investiture to install Jordi Turull as regional president.

Haste was necessary as Supreme Court Judge Pablo Llarena was due the next day to decide whether Turull, former PDeCat spokesman and a member of Carles Puigdemont's government, should be remanded for rebellion.

Turull was remanded as expected and his shot at the presidency scuppered thanks to anti-system party CUP, which punches far above the weight of its four seats and abstained instead of supporting him.

Former Speaker Carme Forcadell, Dolors Bassa and Raul Romeva joined Turull on remand as Llarena said they were likely to flee the country if given the chance.

Marta Rovira, the ERC party's second in command did them no favours in this respect as she bolted to Switzerland to avoid the Supreme Court date. Slightly defensive, she claimed it was easier to 'rise up' against tyranny outside prison.

Unless the separatist parties find a presidential



candidate between now and May 22 there will be another election but the problem now is selecting someone capable of doing the job.

He or she also needs a name and a face recognisable to the masses and capable of charming them into voting for someone who has not been scraped from the bottom of the barrel.

## Two separate things

THE Ciudadanos leader in Cataluña Ines Arrimadas is Andaluza by birth but has lived in the region for the last 18 years.

Her husband Xavier Cima is a former regional MP for the now-defunct CiU party, which he

left "when he saw what it was becoming," Arrimadas told an interviewer.

He was also a nationalist, she added "but I'm trying to wean him off that."

## Crime and punishment

THE Partido Popular and Ciudadanos want to extend the scope for reviewable life sentences.

They cited the deaths of eight-year-old Gabriel, murdered by his father's partner and 18-year-old Diana Quer who was abducted, possibly raped, murdered and hidden in Galicia.

## Truth of the matter

A MANTERO is an unauthorised street vendor who sets out his wares in the street on a blanket. They are usually African and are a static version of the looky-looky men who trawl resorts and cities, inviting the public to look at their wares.

A 35-year-old mantero named Mame Mbaye Ndiaye died not long ago in Lavapiés (Madrid). Its multicultural population automatically believed social media reports that he was killed by the police, who constantly pursue vendors with a heavy hand.

This unleashed a riot ignited by anti-system activists that ended in a baton charge with 18 injured, 15 of them policemen.

In fact Mame Mbaye Ndiaye died naturally of a chronic heart ailment but the false news outlets were never going to let the facts get in the way of a good story.

Meanwhile the PSOE MP Juan Carlos Campos argued during the debate in the national parliament that the State defeated ETA terrorism when life-means-life sentences did not exist.

And, as Campos pointed out, the law introduced by the PP government in 2015 did nothing to prevent Gabriel's or Diana Quer's deaths.

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any questions about the regulations surrounding short term lets.

There is no doubt that the market is steadily improving and despite Brexit, a large number of individuals from all over Europe are purchasing quality properties in the Costa Blanca so if you have a property you would

like to sell, this is a good time to obtain an estimate of the price that you would be likely to achieve.

Equally, with rentals continuing to be popular as far as holidaymakers are concerned, it may be the right time to purchase a property to use for yourself or to

consider renting out as well.

If you fancy a rural setting then a finca may be the answer for you as Vacation Villas specialise in those properties with character which are not set in the middle of a town or urbanisation.

Having said that however, the group offers a whole range of properties from one bedroom apartments to large luxury villas.

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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:15pm	Regional News
2:20pm	Weather
2:25pm	Father Brown
3:10pm	Garden Rescue
3:55pm	Escape to the Country
4:40pm	Money for Nothing
5:25pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:20pm	Regional News
7:25pm	Weather
7:30pm	Celebrity Mastermind
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	MasterChef
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
10:00pm	Lenny Henry: The Commonwealth Kid
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Michael McIntyre
12:30am	Live at the Apollo

**BBC TWO**

7:15am	The Repair Shop
7:45am	Money for Nothing
8:30am	Nature's Weirdest Events
9:30am	Gnomeo and Juliet
10:45am	Rise of the Guardians
12:15pm	The Super League Show
1:00pm	Funny Lady
3:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Vet
4:15pm	Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve
5:15pm	Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Top Gear
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Dave Allen at Peace
11:00pm	The Unique Dave Allen
11:30pm	Z for Zachariah
1:00am	Unsealed: Conspiracy Files
2:00am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
	<i>A visit to arguably the most famous archipelago on Earth, the Galapagos.</i>
9:00pm	Painting the Holy Land
10:00pm	Battlefield Britain
11:00pm	Bomber Boys
12:30am	Britain's Flying Past
	<i>Passionate flying enthusiast and broadcaster John Sergeant celebrates the plane that some believe won the war - the Lancaster.</i>
1:30am	Top of the Pops
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:35am	Battlefield Britain
3:35am	The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story
	<i>Series in which filmmaker Gillian Pachter re-examines the Ruth Ellis case</i>

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	The Big Bang Theory
9:00am	The Big Bang Theory
9:30am	The Big Bang Theory
9:55am	Thunder and the House of Magic
11:35am	The Simpsons
12:05pm	The Simpsons
12:35pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	The Jewel of the Nile
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Star Boot Sale
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	The Million Pound Holiday Club
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	Kiss Me First
12:05am	Greg Davies - The Back of My Mums Head

**CHANNEL 5**

6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:05pm	5 News
1:10pm	Home and Away
1:40pm	Neighbours
2:10pm	Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
4:10pm	Oliver!
7:00pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	Home and Away
7:55pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Police UK: Armed and Deadly
12:05am	Caught on Camera
12:30am	Football on 5
1:30am	Football on 5
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel
5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
8:30am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Step Up 4: Miami Heat
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

12:00am	Cricket
7:00am	Cricket
	<i>Day four of the second Test as New Zealand host England in Christchurch</i>
8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Cricket
	<i>Day four of the fourth Test between South Africa and Australia in Johannesburg.</i>
1:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Live Super League
6:00pm	Football
	<i>Portsmouth play Wigan Athletic at Fratton Park in Sky Bet League 1</i>
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Cricket

**itv**

9:20am	Wishart
9:50am	Record Breakers
10:20am	Mission Employable
10:25am	Dragonheart
12:25pm	Free Willy 3: The Rescue
2:10pm	Info not available
2:40pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	Regional News and Weather
7:45pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	The Kyle Files
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Marcella
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:20pm	The Real Full Monty
12:50am	The Kyle Files
1:15am	Info not available

**itv2**

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
10:25am	You've Been Framed! Gold
11:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
11:15am	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
12:15pm	FYI Daily
12:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
1:25pm	Emmerdale
2:00pm	Coronation Street
3:00pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:15pm	The Smurfs
6:15pm	FYI Daily
6:20pm	The Smurfs
7:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Action Team
11:35pm	Family Guy

**itv3**

5:10am	Road to Avonlea
6:05am	Road to Avonlea
6:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
	<i>Text-based information service.</i>
7:00am	On the Buses
	<i>Enduring British sitcom. Blakey discovers that Stan and Jack are biting the hand that feeds them.</i>
7:30am	On the Buses
8:05am	Carry on Cowboy
9:55am	Carry on Behind
11:45am	Carry on Dick
1:30pm	Carry on at Your Convenience
3:15pm	Carry on Henry
5:00pm	Rising Damp
7:00pm	Rising Damp Forever
8:00pm	Rising Damp Forever
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:05am	Scott and Bailey
3:05am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Protectors
8:15am	Ironsides
9:15am	Quincy, M.E.
10:20am	Minder
11:20am	Hornblower
1:30pm	Aces High
2:30pm	FYI Daily
2:35pm	Aces High
3:45pm	Dunkirk
4:45pm	FYI Daily
4:50pm	Dunkirk
6:30pm	Diamonds are Forever
7:30pm	FYI Daily
7:35pm	Diamonds are Forever
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:25pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	An Audience with Billy Connolly
11:05pm	First Blood
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	First Blood
1:10am	Joey: The Man Who Conquered the TT
3:30am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

9:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
11:45am	Fast and Furious 8
2:15pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
4:30pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
6:45pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:30pm	John Wick: Chapter Two

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:30am	Big
10:25am	Bad Neighbours 2
12:05pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
1:50pm	Snatched
3:30pm	White Chicks
5:30pm	Bad Neighbours 2
7:10pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	White Chicks
12:40am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
2:20am	T2: Trainspotting

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	Unforgettable
8:45am	Despicable Me 3
10:20am	Lou
10:35am	Cars 3
12:25pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
2:45pm	Despicable Me 3
4:30pm	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
6:15pm	Lou
6:30pm	Cars 3
8:30pm	Special
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
	<i>Tom Holland is Peter Parker - an average teen with a web-slinging alter ego who must protect New York City from a menacing new villain</i>
11:20pm	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
1:05am	Unforgettable
2:50am	Special
3:20am	Chokeslam
5:15am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space

**sky sports football**

8:30am	EFL Rivalries
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest
10:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
11:00am	EFL Rivalries
11:30am	EFL Rivalries
12:00pm	Stars of Russia: Mane
12:15pm	Stars of Russia: Firmino
12:30pm	EFL Goals: Championship
1:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
1:30pm	Football
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Special
6:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
6:15pm	Football
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons





**TV COUCH  
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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.

# 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*.**

If the chap cleaning and the lady covering 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 every-



**HATS OFF: The Real Full Monty Live.**

thing off in front of a live audience in 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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**BBC one**

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Moving On
3:30pm	Escape to the Continent
4:30pm	Money for Nothing
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Come Home
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	This Country
12:15am	R Kelly: Sex, Girls and Videotapes
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:15am	BBC News

**BBC TWO**

7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	Bargain Hunt
9:00am	Hugh's Wild West
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	Westminster in Review
1:00pm	Golf
2:00pm	The Super League Show
2:45pm	Plan it, Build it
3:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Vet
4:15pm	Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve
5:15pm	Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Attenborough's Wonder of Eggs
9:00pm	Great Indian Railway Journeys
10:00pm	Hospital
11:00pm	Cunk on Britain
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
1:15am	Great British Railway Journeys
1:45am	MasterChef

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
9:00pm	<i>Nature series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems.</i>
9:00pm	BBC Young Musician: Forty Years Young
10:00pm	The Story of the Jews
11:00pm	Jonathan Meades on Jargon
12:00am	Time Shift
1:00am	Francesco's Italy
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:40am	Top of the Pops
3:10am	What Do Artists Do All Day?
3:40am	The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story

**CHANNEL 4**

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Star Boot Sale
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Great Celebrity Seven Year Switch
10:15pm	Gogglebox
11:20pm	Indian Summer School
12:20am	Indian Summer School
1:20am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPS: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Abducting Zoe
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh
10:00pm	Everest: World's Greatest Mountain
11:00pm	Sabotage
1:10am	Police Interceptors
2:10am	Super Casino
4:10am	Inside Manchester's Midland Hotel
5:00am	The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant
5:45am	House Doctor

**4**

7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
8:30am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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11:10pm	Tattoo Fixers
12:15am	The Big Bang Theory
12:45am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Cricket
3:00pm	Info not available
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	The Masters Countdown
7:30pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	100 Year Old Driving School
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	The Real Full Monty
1:15am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
2:10am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Smurfs 2
12:10pm	FYI Daily
12:15pm	Smurfs 2
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	Judge Rinder
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Bridesmaids
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Bridesmaids
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:35am	American Dad!
2:05am	American Dad!

**itv3**

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Judge Judy
5:10pm	Man About the House
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Football's Foreign Legion
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Lethal Weapon
12:15am	Crank
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Crank
2:00am	Minder
3:05am	Ax Men
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

5:00am	Twister
7:00am	Armageddon
9:35am	Behind Enemy Lines
11:25am	Twister
1:25pm	Fearless
3:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
5:00pm	Behind Enemy Lines
7:00pm	Twister
9:00pm	Fearless
11:00pm	Birth of the Dragon
12:45am	Kiss of the Dragon
2:35am	Bloodsport

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

4:30am	O Brother, Where Art Thou?
6:30am	I-Spy
8:15am	Norbit
10:05am	The Nutty Professor
11:50am	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
1:45pm	Beverly Hills Cop
3:35pm	Beverly Hills Cop II
5:25pm	Beverly Hills Cop III
7:15pm	Bowfinger
9:00pm	Trading Places
11:00pm	Coming to America
1:00am	48 Hrs
2:45am	Another 48 Hrs
4:30am	Eddie Murphy: Raw

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

5:15am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space
7:00am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
8:55am	Whisky Galore! Remake of the classic wartime comedy about Scottish islanders trying to get their hands on the shipload of booze that washes up on their shores.
10:50am	Cars 3
12:45pm	Run the Tide
2:35pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
5:00pm	Cars 3
6:50pm	Special
7:20pm	Run the Tide
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:20pm	Unforgettable
1:05am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
2:55am	The Beguiled
4:45am	Special
5:15am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space

**sky sports football**

12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons



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1:15am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
11:30am	Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony
2:30pm	BBC News
3:00pm	Regional News
3:15pm	Moving On
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Money for Nothing
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Patrick Kielty Doc
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Lenny Henry: The Commonwealth Kid

**BBC TWO**

9:00am	See Hear
9:30am	Classic Mary Berry
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	Street Auction
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:15pm	The Hairy Bikers' Comfort Food
3:00pm	Trust Me, I'm a Vet
4:00pm	Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve
5:00pm	Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise
6:00pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	The Secret Helpers
10:00pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
10:50pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Golf

**BBC FOUR**

8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
9:00pm	Metalworks!
10:00pm	Make! Craft Britain
11:00pm	Martin Luther King: The Assassination Tapes
11:45pm	Martin Luther King and the March on Washington
12:45am	Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork
1:45am	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983</i>
2:25am	Top of the Pops
2:55am	Metalworks!
3:55am	The Ruth Ellis Files: A Very British Crime Story

**CHANNEL 4**

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Frasier
9:30am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
11:05am	The Simpsons
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	Channel 4 News
1:00pm	Come Dine with Me
1:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
2:05pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Star Boot Sale
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	The Supervet
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Gogglebox
1:05am	Live From Abbey Road Classics
1:35am	Seven Year Switch

**CHANNEL 5**

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	First Class Fear
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Housing Yorkshire: Somewhere to Call Home
11:00pm	Why Do Men Earn More Than Women?
12:05am	Murder on the Internet
1:05am	When Kids Kill

**4**

7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Timeless
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Live Masters - On the Range
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Masters - Par 3 Live
11:30pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:35am	Info not available
2:30am	Jackpot247

**itv2**

9:20am	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:50am	Totally Bonkers
10:05am	Guinness World Records
10:05am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:00am	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
12:00pm	FYI Daily
12:05pm	St. Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:40pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy

**itv3**

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
	<i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village</i>
8:55am	The Royal
	<i>In the final episode, Susie makes a decision about her future.</i>
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	Judge Judy
5:10pm	Carry on Up the Khyber
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:05am	Unforgotten
2:10am	Unforgotten
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	British Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	The Motorbike Show
11:00pm	The Americans
12:00am	Red Heat
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Red Heat
2:10am	The Big Fish Off
3:10am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	True Lies
9:25am	Smokey and the Bandit
11:15am	Ghost Rider
1:15pm	Hancock
3:00pm	Central Intelligence
5:00pm	Kill Zone 2
7:05pm	Ghost Rider
9:00pm	Hancock
10:45pm	Central Intelligence
12:45am	Kill Zone 2
3:00am	True Lies

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

11:50am	Here Comes the Boom
1:40pm	The Ugly Truth
3:25pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:40pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
5:30pm	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
7:00pm	Hitch
9:00pm	Here Comes the Boom
11:00pm	The Ugly Truth
12:45am	Keeping up with the Joneses
2:35am	Knocked Up

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

5:15am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space
7:00am	Whisky Galore!
8:55am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
10:50am	Cars 3
12:50pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
3:15pm	Chokeslam
5:00pm	Special
5:30pm	Run the Tide
7:10pm	Cars 3
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
	<i>Tom Holland is Peter Parker - an average teen with a web-slinging alter ego who must protect New York City from a menacing new villain</i>
11:20pm	Insyriated
1:00am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
2:50am	Unforgettable
4:50am	Special
5:20am	Gadget Gang in Outer Space

**sky sports football**

9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	Info not available
8:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	Info not available
11:30pm	Info not available



# 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](http://www.museodelprado.es/en), Madrid.
- Ichizawa Shinzaburo Hanpu [www.ichizawa.co.jp](http://www.ichizawa.co.jp), Kyoto, Japan.
- Trunk Clothiers [www.trunkclothiers.com](http://www.trunkclothiers.com), London.
- James Purdey & Sons [www.purdey.com](http://www.purdey.com), London.
- Dunhill London [www.dunhill.com](http://www.dunhill.com), London, global.
- Berluti [www.berluti.com](http://www.berluti.com), France, global.
- Ermenegildo Zegna [www.zegna.co.uk](http://www.zegna.co.uk), Italy, global
- Connolly [www.connollyengland.com](http://www.connollyengland.com), London.
- LL Bean [www.llbean.com](http://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.

## Advertising Feature

# The key to getting back on the road

COVERING the northern Costa Blanca from Valencia to Alicante, KeyGo car key specialists provide all your auto-locksmith services.

Their fully trained and professional engineers are experts in vehicle entry, replacement car keys, car remotes and car key transponder programming. KeyGo's engineers are equipped with the latest auto locksmith tools and diagnostic equipment to provide services for all major manufacturers, new or old, at the roadside.

Car security has dramatically improved over the years but even with the most modern and secure cars, KeyGo car key specialists can gain entry, cut and program a new key or key remote on the roadside while you wait; getting you back on the road.

Of course, not all customers require roadside emergency assistance; you may simply require a spare set of keys for your car or have a remote that's stopped working. Their mobile car locksmith services cover all of the northern Costa Blanca and they can come to your

home or workplace and provide you with a spare key or provide repairs to existing remotes.

So many people think it won't happen to them...but locking your key in the car, snapping the key in the lock or just simply losing the key are all extremely frustrating. You start to panic as you don't know what to do.

Thanks to KeyGo car key specialists, help is now at hand. Simply pick up the telephone and speak to a helpful member of staff who will provide a time that they can dispatch an engineer to deal with the problem, usually within an hour.

When people lose their car keys, the first thing a driver assumes is that new keys can only be provided by the main dealer. However, more drivers are now discovering that specialists like KeyGo car key specialists can step in and save the day.

Once the lock is picked and decoded - without causing any damage to the lock - they can cut a new key using this code; if it's not possible to get the code from picking, they then dismantle the lock

to ascertain the key code to enable the new key to be cut there and then at the roadside. Yes, some cars may prove more troublesome than others, but as a rule most drivers are back behind the wheel after waiting no longer than an hour.

If you have lost or broken your car key or

for some reason it simply doesn't work, you have two options. Option 1 - You have a problem. Option 2 - call KeyGo car key specialists on 634 348 658. Option 2 is the key to getting you and your vehicle back on the road.

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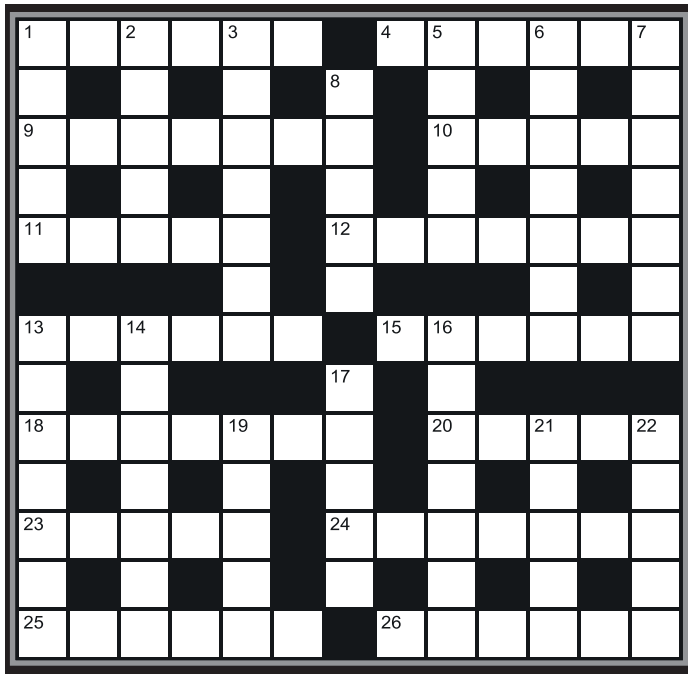


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**Cryptic**

**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**

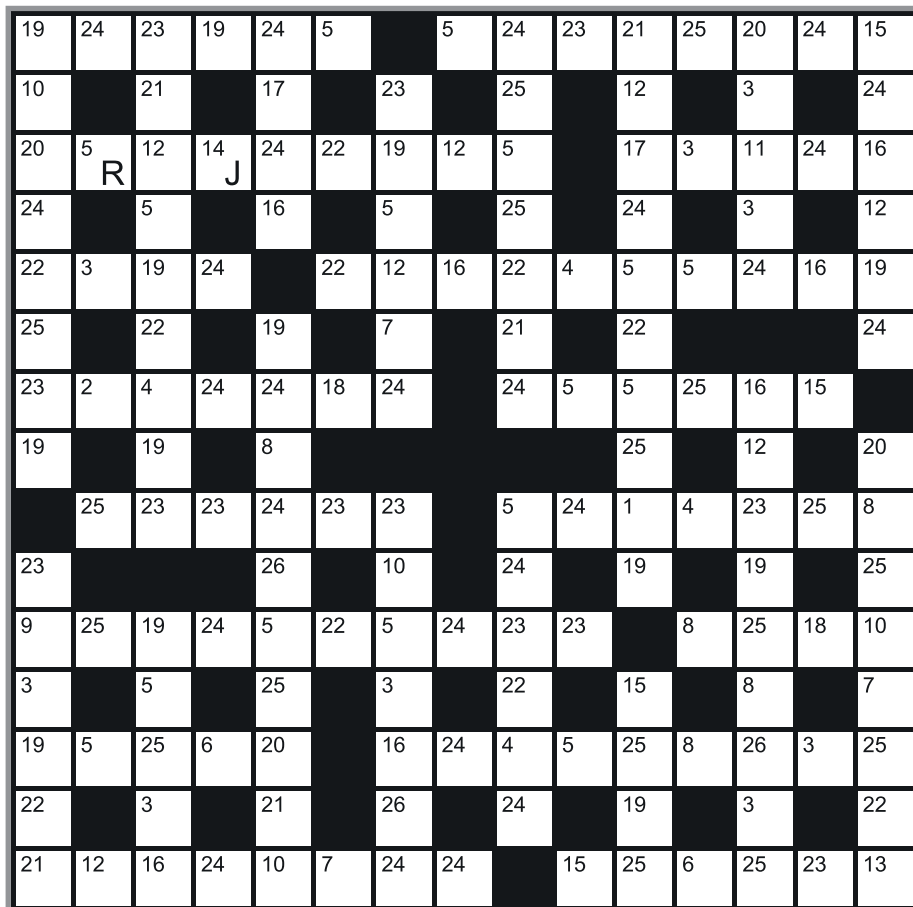
- 1 Spare recipe for fruit (5)
- 2 Additional piece of text rarely seen (5)
- 3 Cultivated chap served fish (7)
- 5 Group of monks giving command (5)

- 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)

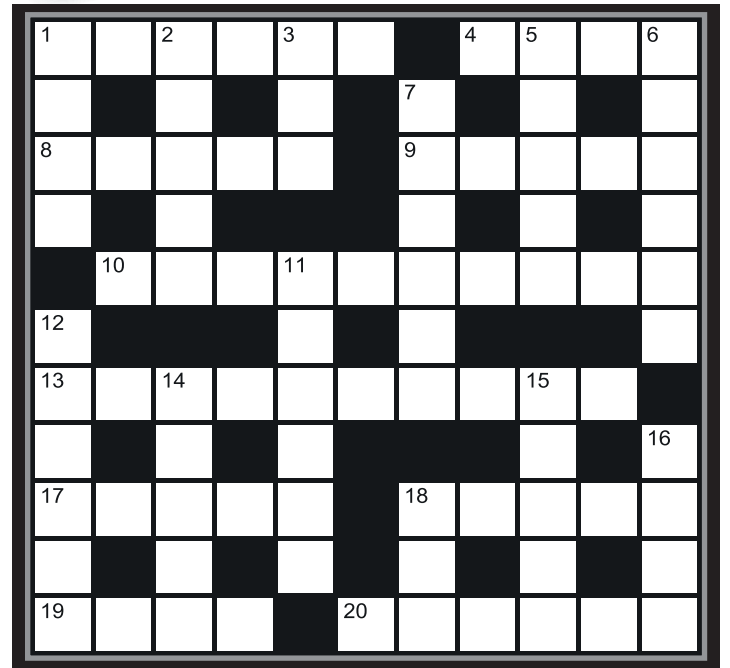
**Code Breaker**

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

**Quick**



**Across**

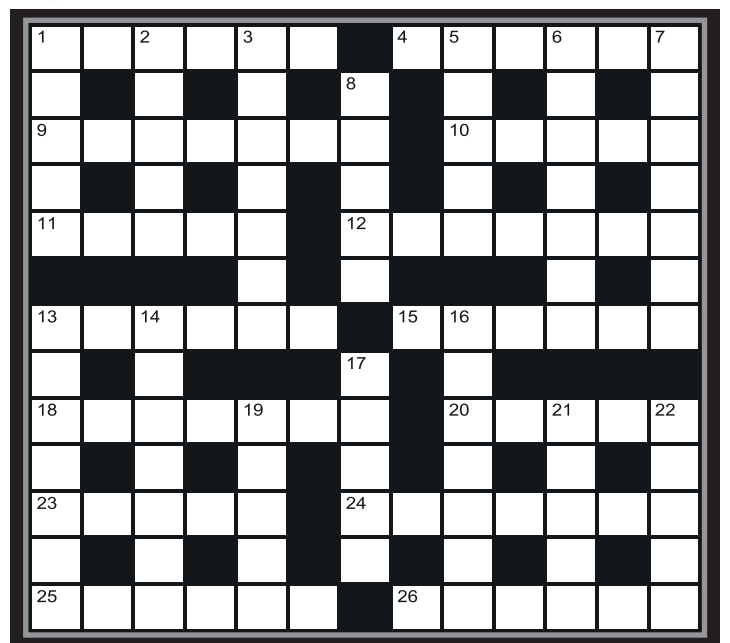
- 1 Stout, strong and sturdy (6)
- 4 Strong wind (4)
- 8 Cause fear in (5)
- 9 Loud cry (5)
- 10 Harmonica (5,5)
- 13 Workplace for the conduct of scientific research (10)
- 17 To yearn or long for (5)
- 18 Reddish (5)
- 19 Outbuilding (4)
- 20 Unequivocally detestable (6)

**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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**'I'M A FACE IN THE FANTASTIC PICASSO SERIES - DO YOU WANT SALT ON YOUR CHIPS?'**

**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 tine 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 education 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				

**LOTTERY**

**UK NATIONAL LOTTERY**

Saturday March 24



**IRISH LOTTO**

Saturday March 24



**EURO MILLIONS**

Tuesday March 20



Friday March 23



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Thursday March 22



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Saturday March 24



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Sunday March 25



**YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS**



**AQUARIUS**  
(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.



**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.



**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!'



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.

**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 Tiddy, 5 Range, 6 Farfetched, 7 Leprechaun, 12 Facile, 14 Voila, 16 Infer, 17 Fret.

**CODE BREAKER**

1	G	N	Z	I	L	U	X	W	K	R	B	T	J
14	V	Y	D	A	Q	E	O	M	F	H	P	C	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		

**QUIZ: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE**

- 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?"
- Stars of the famous US comedy TV show *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In*, what were the first names of Rowan and Martin?
- In which decade did the comedian Charles Penrose record the famous music hall song *The Laughing Policeman*?
- Name any two of the four original presenters of the television light entertainment programme *Game for a Laugh*?
- Which 17th century Dutch artist painted the oil on canvas work known as *The Laughing Cavalier*?

- Which chemical compound used as an anaesthetic in dentistry and surgery is also known as laughing gas?
- Which five words complete this phrase from the poem *Solitude* by Ella Wheeler Wilcox: "laugh and the world laughs with you, ---- -- -- -- --"?
- Which member of the kingfisher family is also known as the laughing jackass?
- 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"?
- 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**.

**Answers:**

- SHYLOCK
- DAN Rowan and DICK Martin, 3, 1920s - recorded June 1922 released April 1926
- JEREMY BEADLE, MATTHEW KELLY, HENRY KELLY and SARAH KENNEDY
- FRANK HALS
- NITROUS OXIDE
- WEEEP AND YOU WEEEP ALONE
- KOOKABURRA
- IG NOBLE AWARDS
- DAVID BOWIE



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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.

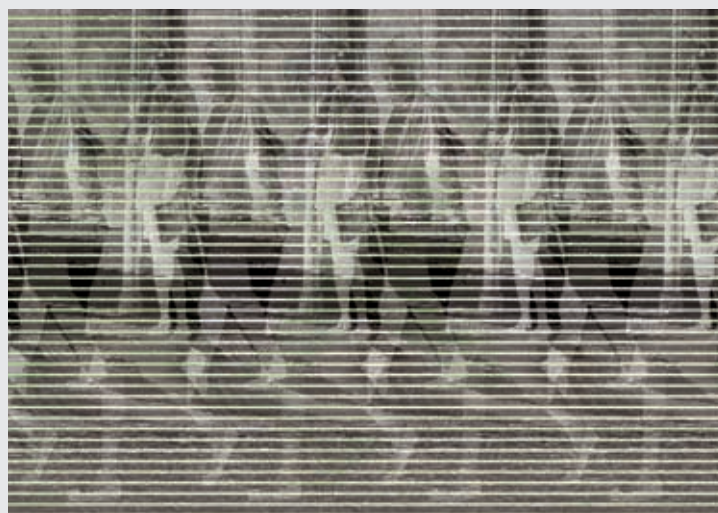


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### UNAWARE: Phone zombies.

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

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 sappy 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

### HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

Readers who have missed correspondence can see all letters - which can be edited before publication - posted on: [www.euoweeklynews.com](http://www.euoweeklynews.com).

## 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



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# Importance of good hearing for good well-being

PEOPLE can help themselves maintain their memory, reasoning skills and ability to focus by engaging in such brain-stimulating activities as learning a new language, volunteering in the community, taking a class or choosing a new hobby.

When you are over 65 it is recommended that you do 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity. Cycling or walking are good examples. Bowling is very popular in Spain. You need to be able to hear your colleagues / teammates at the other end of the green which can be up to 40 metres away. You don't want to have to rely on hand signals.

Regular exercise can reduce the risk of chron-

ic illnesses such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes and stroke. It can also boost your mood and keep your weight under control.

When you are out exercising you must be aware of your surrounding and being able to hear correctly is essential. Safety is essential. When cycling make sure you do everything you can to be aware of your environment. Traffic noise when cycling, you don't want car drivers honking their horn because you didn't hear that they were near you.

Every day, we are surrounded by different sounds. It can be the birds singing, radio playing, the phone ringing, or the voice of our friends and family. And hearing is a very impor-

tant part in enjoying all those things. Good hearing is essential to life and the enjoyment of it.

Good hearing also helps others around you, you often hear something before you see it. The sound of a police car, ambulance, helicopter or aeroplane overhead.

People like to feel at ease in their environment, so hearing is an important medium for socialising, working and relaxing.

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your morning routine could quickly make all the difference.

Although it's incredibly tempting to reach for the tea or coffee, try drinking a cup of hot water and lemon which will help to start your digestion, get your liver up and running, as well as rehydrating you. If you

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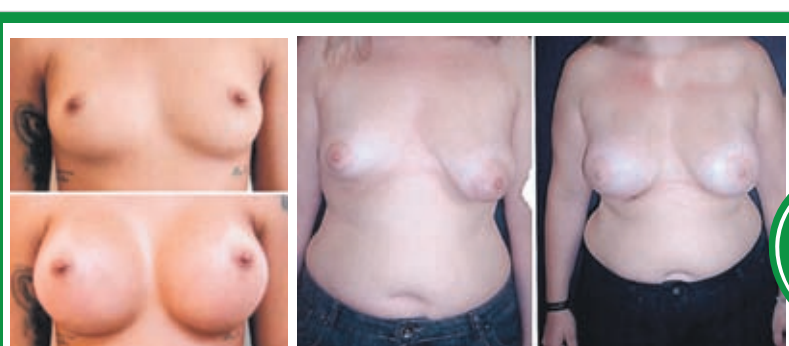
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## Could veganism harm your hair?

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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.

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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.

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At first being irritated by the five, she tries in vain to escape and abandon them. Gradually, however, she finds that she warms to the stories of their varied and interesting lives told through humour and, occasionally, pathos. The ladies realise that in order to survive, they are going to have to do what they have done for their entire lives - do it themselves!

Silver Lining will be performed at the Unión Musical de Gata from April 16 to 20 at 8pm. Tickets cost €12.50 from [www.javeaplayers.com](http://www.javeaplayers.com) and you can choose your own seats.

If you have a problem please e-mail [boxoffice@javeaplayers.com](mailto:boxoffice@javeaplayers.com) or call 634 330 915. Groups of 10 booked together will receive a free pre-show drink.

# Disney characters and parade audition

AS part of a promotion by the Spanish government organisation Eures, young people around Costa Blanca are being advised of an open audition in Madrid on April 13.

Disneyland Paris is looking for enthusiastic and highly energetic people for their characters and parade department

So if you dream of performing as a famous Disney character, participating in their parade and cavalcades (a basic dance level required) or want to appear as a Disney Princess or Prince then here is an opportunity to apply.

There are 50 full-time and part-time (May to November 2018) positions available for people measuring from 137 to 192 cm and candidates must speak English or French and be a minimum of 18 years old.

Those attending the audition which may last until 6pm should wear comfortable clothing as they will need to participate in a combination of movement and dance and must not wear any make-up.

All applicants should bring a pen and



**WANTED: Disney princesses and princes.**

CV (which will be kept) with them and all transportation costs to attend the audition will be for the attendees account and no financial reimbursement will be made, although those who are successful may be

assisted with accommodation once they start work.

The audition will be start at 10am at Teatros del Canal, C/ Cea Bermúdez 1, 28003 Madrid.

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## An unnatural fizz

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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.

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**SPANISH CULTURE:** A young woman preparing to take part in the parade.

# Semana Santa in Alicante City

WHEREVER you are in Alicante City this Easter there will be the traditional Semana Santa parades with some starting in the morning and the bulk taking place in the evening.

Today (Thursday) sees no less than five processions with the first setting out at 7.15pm and the last at 11.30pm.

Good Friday sees four processions starting at 10.30am then at 6pm, 7.45pm and 8.30pm.

Easter Sunday attracts just two brotherhoods with an 11am and 11.30am start, but these will take several hours to complete and will include church services.

The brotherhoods are groups of people associated to various churches with their own brand of clothing (often surprising visitors as many look similar to the robes worn by the Ku Klux Klan) but in fact they hark back to the days of the Inquisition when penitents were required to wear the Capirote (cone-shaped hat) but with their faces visible.

Each colour represented the sin for which they were atoning for and slowly the hoods became longer until they covered the faces of the penitents.

Nowadays the colour is chosen by the brotherhood and not every group wears the Capirote so that a number still cover their faces but using flat head coverings, whilst women tend to dress in black with a mantilla or lace veil over their heads.

Every procession needs three bands who play a range of different tunes (some better than

others) and due to the enormous weight of the statues being carried, a bell ringer walks in front of the parade, regularly indicating when rests are required so that the parade stops and the statues are taken off the shoulders of those carrying them.

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Players who succeed on the ATP Challenger Tour can earn enough ranking points to become eligible for the ATP World Tour tournaments. Players on the Challenger Tour are either young players, those who fail to qualify for ATP events, or former ATP winners looking to get back into the main tournaments.

One such player is Australian Bernard Tomic who at one time was ranked 17th

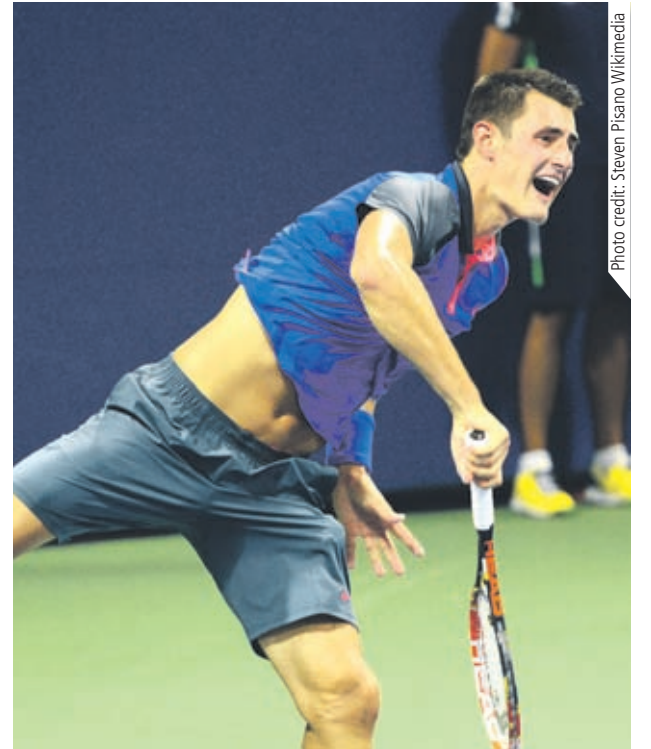


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**BERNARD TOMIC: Hopes to see a return to form.**

in the world and participated in a number of major

tournaments, but the last two years have seen him slip to number 169 and participate in Australia's I'm a Celebrity, lasting just three days.

There will be a number of established Spanish professionals including Tommy Robredo, Nicolas Almagro, Marcel Granollers and Roberto Carballes Baena as well as up and coming youngsters Carlos Taberner and Jaume Munar.

This inaugural Ferrero Challenger Open is named for former World No 1 and local Juan Carlos Ferrero at whose Tennis Academy the competition will take place.

There are two practice days with free entry to the Academy at Casas de Menor, 44, 03400 Villena, Alicante on Saturday and Sunday, with tickets for the competition proper costing €22 each day, although there are discounts for those under 14 and those who belong to a tennis federation.

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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-crisis levels of property in Barcelona.

Another option is Madrid where residential property is currently about 13

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.

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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

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# Caring for orchids

KNOWN for their exotic looks and luminous petals; orchids are an increasingly popular indoor plant that require some extra care if you want to keep yours blooming for as long as possible.

You would think it would be tricky to identify what kind of orchid you have as there are around 30,000 species of orchids in the wild, and reportedly more than 100,000 hybrids.

However, most orchids commonly available for sale are either Phalaenopsis, (also known as moth orchids) or Dendrobium (cane orchids).

Your orchid will likely be in bloom when you first get it, and there are several things you can do to keep it that way.

Many orchids given as gifts are potted in the wrong conditions to

promote long-term growth.

They are often put in plastic pots with moss packed around the roots. Their roots need a good flow of fresh air to be healthy, as orchids with damp roots are vulnerable to root rot, as well as various other problems.

However, repotting the plant while in bloom could cause it to wilt, so instead water it less frequently.

Also make sure you don't keep it in a spot where it is exposed to direct sunlight or cool draughts.

The flowers will last longer if the plant is in a warm, mild and humid environment.



**BLOOMING LOVELY:**  
Orchids make the perfect house plant.

## Growing up

WALL gardens are an increasingly popular alternative for city-dwellers who have limited horizontal space.

They are particularly suited to the small balconies seen throughout the coast. These vertical gardens offer frustrated green fingers the chance to grow their own vegetables or simply cover an unattractive wall with cascading flowers.

The beauty of these wall gardens is the ease with which they can be created. The structure can be as basic as an upturned pallet, covered with a decent liner and filled with soil and plants. Here's what you'll need:

- A pallet
- Landscaping fabric
- Staple gun
- Potting soil

To build your garden, cover the back, bottom and sides of the pallet with landscaping fabric, using the stapler to secure this in place. Take care to fold the fabric in at the corners so no soil will spill out. Then lay the pallet flat and fill it entirely with soil.

Once the structure is ready, tightly pack the plants in starting at the bottom of the pallet and working your way to the top; add more soil as needed. Water your wall garden thoroughly and leave it for one to two weeks lying horizontally to allow the plants to take root. After this, you can lean it against your wall or hang it up and enjoy!

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WITH the clocks going forward last weekend and the arrival of the long summer months, now is the perfect time to brighten up your garden or terrace with some container plants.

Whether you have a large patio or a small balcony there's no limit to the colour and scent that can burst out from your containers, window boxes and hanging baskets. However, before you begin, take a note of your sunniest corners and of those that mostly live in shade and plant accordingly.

For your most sun-drenched spots why not pot some scented Geraniums. These show-stopping plants offer a rainbow of large clusters of red, pink, rose, salmon, orange, lavender, violet or white blossoms.

For those spots that can bake in the mid-summer sun, consider heat-tolerant types, such as Eclipse or Fidelity. Geraniums also offer a huge variety of fragrances, including chocolate!

Another sun-soaking plant is Gazania. This little favourite will produce striking flower heads in shades of yellow and orange all summer long.

Planting some Sweet Alyssum will add depth and fragrance to your containers as their tiny blooms cascade down. Of course, lavender must be the favourite for scent and colour, this will also offer a soothing and re-



**COLOUR AND SCENTS: Never a dull corner.**

laxing fragrance that can introduce a calm and relaxing feeling into your surroundings.

For those dark crevices where the sun doesn't shine, why not plant

some Bromeliad. The glossy leaves of this tropical plant boast a variety of deep rusty red to orange colours and will offer an exotic touch to your home. Orchids offer further colour

and come in a wide variety of smells, including jasmine, citrus and vanilla.

Another easy-to-grow option is the Hosta Fragrant Bouquet. This

can create depth and abundance to your planting with its broad green leaves and dense foliage.

Of course, there are plants that enjoy a happy medium of sun and shade. In these locations try and plant some New Guinea Impatiens whose vigorous, upright plants will produce large flowers and offer a subtle smell.

Or some Ligularia, whose bright mustard yellow spikes will create a focal point and draw the nose with its light sweet fragrance. For something with a stronger scent, these locations are perfect to grow Rosemary, Rue, Savory, Mint or Oregano.

Don't forget, that in addition to colour and fragrance, there are plants which can offer you protection from those pesky flies. Some of the most common insect-repellent plants include Petunias, Basil, Marigolds and Chrysanthemums. One, in particular, which has been used for hundreds of years, is Tansy Tanacetum Vulgare.

After all your hard work, you won't want to see your plants wither away so be sure to have a good saucer under each pot to allow them to sit in water for a bit or to use a slow drip system on your window boxes and hanging plants.

Also don't forget to dead flower your plants so you can enjoy them all summer through as they offer you bloom after bloom!

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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.

# Growing the Sun Parasol or Mandevilla



**Peach Mandevilla.**

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They will thrive in a 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 further 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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# Dogs' instinct

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.



**INSTINCTIVE: Dogs are wild at heart.**

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 associ-

ates 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.

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THERE has been a fair amount of controversy recently when it comes to travelling with pets on aircraft.

A puppy recently died after a flight attendant on a United Airlines flight to New York allegedly forced a passenger to put their puppy in the overhead bin.

Then a family discovered that their German Shepherd had been accidentally flown to Japan instead of Kansas City when they were greeted with a Great Dane instead.

This has sparked a debate as to what rights passengers have when it comes to flying with their pets and whether airlines are responsible for making sure the animal arrives safely.

The British Airways website states 'It is your responsibility to take care of your dog's needs, cabin crew won't be able to offer any assistance to the dog during the flight' and only allows assistance dogs recognised by certain organisations free of charge in the cabin.

While BA also transports pets in the hold for a cost, neither Ryanair nor easyJet have this policy.

Although several US airlines also allow passengers to have emotional support animals on board, this trend has

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If you plan to bring your pet on a flight, get a sizeable, sturdy crate that is well-ventilated, with a waterproof bottom and spring-locked door to make sure it travels safely in the hold.

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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



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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.

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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 road-works, 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.

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**TEMPERS:** Spanish players lost their heads and confronted the referee following the final whistle.

## Rugby Europe's decision on qualifier imminent

By Benjamin Park

RUGBY EUROPE is set to make a decision later today (Thursday) on whether the Spain vs Belgium Rugby World Cup Qualifier should be replayed.

In a game full of controversy, Spain lost to bottom side Belgium 18-10 in a game refereed by Romanian Vlad Iordachescu and two Romanian assistants; with the result meaning that Romania automatically qualified for next year's World Cup instead of Spain.

The Spanish Rugby Federation (FER) had asked for the referees to be changed prior to the match and is believed to feel aggrieved by an estimated 19 different decisions against them and have since asked for the game to be replayed.

Following the match, Rugby Europe's referees' selection committee had an initial meeting in Poznan on Friday with the information then given to a conference call between the Board of Directors on Monday, at which FER President Alfonso Feijoo was present.

And in a statement following Monday's meeting, Rugby Europe confirmed that

the board needed 'additional information' before taking an 'accurate decision' on the matter.

The statement read: 'Rugby Europe Board of Directors held a conference call this evening (Monday) to share and discuss the elements related to the Spain / Belgium game, Rugby World Cup 2019 Qualifier.'

'Rugby Europe General Secretary recalled the facts

and submitted the reports of the different people and groups who have been consulted.

'Board members unanimously requested additional information (in particular those provided straight ahead of the meeting to World Rugby) before taking an accurate decision.'

'A new meeting has been planned for Thursday March 29 in the afternoon.'



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# 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'Equipe*: "I want to travel to Russia without this con-

cern.

"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."



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