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Sex slave arrests

Suspects from Alicante and the UK held

by Joe Gerrard

ARRESTS have been made in Alicante Province, across Spain and in Britain, in connection with an international human trafficking ring allegedly responsible for forcing Nigerian women into prostitution.

Guardia Civil officers collaborated with Britain's National Crime Agency and Nigeria's National Agency for the Prohibition of People Trafficking for the operation which saw 89 people arrested.

A total of 58 of those have been charged with organised crime, human trafficking and money laundering offences. Forty three of these have been remanded in custody.

A woman was also arrested in Middleton, Greater Manchester, on suspicion of being a 'madame' in the group which is known as Eiye Confraternity.

The operation also saw 39 women, allegedly trafficked from Africa and across Europe to Spain, freed from 'cave houses' in Cuevas del Almanzora in Almeria.

Police said the women were found to be living in 'extremely' unstable conditions. A total



Credit: Guardia Civil

ARRESTS: A total of 89 were detained in the operation which spanned Spain and Britain.

of 18 of the alleged victims reported 'voodoo' rites were used in their home country of Nigeria to force them into the sex trafficking ring.

The investigation began in Torrevieja, Alicante, after officers received a complaint from

one of the alleged victims, a girl reportedly underage.

The girl claimed she had been captured in Nigeria and subjected to voodoo-juju rites before being trafficked to Spain via the Libya to Italy migration route.

The complaint resulted in an investigation which led to arrests in January, with information on the operation withheld until last week for security reasons.

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Mother and son beaten to death

A WOMAN and her 26-year-old son have been found dead in their home in Las Torres de Cotillas in Murcia.

Guardia Civil officers have since opened an investigation into the death. Police said the older brother who discovered the bodies was visibly upset and that his hands were covered

in blood when they arrived at the single-teraced family house at around 6.50am.

A court ordered the removal of the bodies which showed clear signs of having being hit with a blunt object, the Guardia Civil said in a statement. The implement used has not been found, they added.

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GDP rise

MURCIA was among nine other regions in Spain to register a growth of more than 3 per cent in its GDP in 2017, which rose by 3.3 per cent after Aragon, 3.6, and Madrid, 3.4.

Man held

A POLISH man who allegedly falsified a National Identity document and a driver's licence was arrested by Local Police officers at Alicante-Elche airport at around 4.50pm on Sunday.

Chase fall

TWO police officers were left with minor injuries after falling down a ravine while chasing the alleged robbers of a restaurant in Mazarron, with one arrested while the other managed to escape.

Ten quizzed over 'kidnap and rape'

TEN men accused of giving three escaped girls from a juvenile centre drink, drugs and money before taking them to an Alicante apartment and sexually assaulting them have been arrested.

Those arrested, which included two youths, allegedly locked one 14-year-old girl in the building for more than 24 hours. She was repeatedly assaulted and raped during that time, according to National Police.

Officers have located two of the alleged victims but were reportedly tracing a 17-year-old last week.

Police began their investigation after being informed by officers in Alicante that the three girls had left the juvenile institution they were at and had not returned.

Their inquiries allegedly led them to believe that the 14, 15 and 17-year-olds had all been offered alcohol, drugs and money to lure them to the apartment.

Officers from Alicante's Central District Police station, along with members

of the Family Assistance Unit and the Response Operative Group later raided three homes allegedly used by the group.

They reportedly found several stolen goods in the properties, including 15 mobile phones, four bicycles, electronics and computers. Police believe these were sold on the back market to fund the group's lifestyle.

The accused were then arrested in connection with sexual assault, abuse, robbery, organised crime and corruption of minors. Their proceedings have been sent to a Magistrate's Court.

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RAID: Police reportedly seized thousands in their investigation.

The journey into prostitution

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Police investigating the complaint claimed the group had several women under their control who were forcibly transported across thousands of kilometres to Spain.

The women's journey began in Nigeria in western Africa, where they were transported to Libya in preparation for crossing the Mediterranean into Europe after undergoing voodoo rites.

The women, several of who were underage, were regarded as property by the group as they travelled from their home country to Lampedusa Island, Italy.

It was from an immigration camp there that members of Eiyé Confraternity in Europe picked up the women and sent them to countries across the continent, including Spain.

When the 39 women arrived in Cuevas del Almanzora they were put under the control of 'madames.' Many of these women had been forced into prostitution themselves in similar circumstances.

Those held were saddled with debts of around €30,000 for the journey which they were forced to pay off with sex work, according to the Guardia Civil.

Domestic abuse rap

A MAN has been sentenced to nine months in jail for assaulting his wife and mother-in-law in Elda.

The incident occurred after a heated argument between the detainee and his youngest daughter at their home.

Living on the top floor of the house, the maternal grandmother came downstairs to try to calm the situation but was thrown to the ground by the defendant.

He then threw a construction fence on her, breaking one of her fingers and toes which took 40 days to heal.

The following morning and again in the presence of the daughter, the man argued with his wife before pushing her to the ground.

In a fit of rage he grabbed a pair of scissors and put them to her neck, threatening to kill her.

The detainee has also been fined €1,950 for the abuse, has lost the right to vote and is banned from approaching within 200 metres of his wife for 18 months.

The Provincial Court of Alicante has dismissed his appeal.

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Holy Week backup

STAFF numbers at the 112 emergency services line's operations room in Murcia are set to increase by 17.4 per cent, to 27, for the region's Holy Week celebrations. Additional firefighters and beach patrols will also be on hand, with reinforcements also available through the spring.

Storm damage

TWO people were left with minor injuries from falling objects in the Valencia region as a result of Storm Hugo. Fallen trees and fences, as well as vehicle damage as a result of winds from the storm, were among 60 incidents reported in Alicante Province.

Plant charges

ANOTHER 11 people have been charged in connection with corruption allegations surrounding payments for the Escombreras water treatment plant in Murcia. Miguel Sanchez, a Ciudadanos spokesperson, said his party valued the plant at €111 million but added it could cost the region some €600 million.

Road request

AUTHORITIES in Elche have appealed to the Ministry of Development to designate the AP-7 'Mediterranean Highway' road as being under public management. The classification would mean the motorway, which is currently funded by tolls, would be free to use as it passes through the area.

White palms

WORKSHOPS in Elche have shipped their traditional Palm Sunday White Palms to Pope Francis, King Felipe, Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and Valencia Generalitat President Ximo Puig. The palms, measuring between three and 3.5 metres, have been commissioned by the town to show its craft offering.

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

to cover the faces of penitents.

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

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

thousands of spectators and serving up some stunning images.

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

In Malaga the cofradias 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 Fran-
co's troops launched a brutal nationalist military
uprising against the democratically elected Repub-
lican 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 re-
ceived 'little to no' information about the civil war
in school history classes. War memorials that ap-
peared 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 na-
tion. 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 so-
cialist 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 pre-
viously have been unthinkable, as the city of Teru-
el, 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.

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Toxic turn of events

Drink-driving mayor refuses to buy police breathalysers

MANUEL ROS registered on a breathalyser as being three times over the legal alcohol limit when he was stopped by police while driving through Benijofar at around 5am in January.

He was later convicted of driving whilst drunk, lost his licence and had to pay a €720 fine. He also had to attend a meeting to apologise in order to keep his job.

Ros is currently the Partido Socialista (PSOE) mayor of Algorfa. As the town's mayor he has reportedly refused requests from a police union to buy breathalysers for traffic officers in the area on five separate occasions.

The council reportedly declared a budget surplus of around €800,000 when it closed its accounts for 2017 this year.

The CSI-F union said local police officers in Algorfa, a



Credit: Algorfa Council

REFUSAL: Convicted drunk driver Manuel Ros has refused requests to buy breathalysers for police.

town of more than 3,200 people, had to borrow breathalysers from neighbouring forces for their work.

The Partido Popular (PP)

requested that Ros be removed from his post as mayor or after he was convicted. Ros apologised but claimed his position was not affected by the ruling.

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Glam Pam's carpet stroll

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIZZLING DISPLAY:
Danielle Sellers.

Photo credit Twitter



SILKY SKILL:
Pammie hits the red carpet in Madrid.



Photo credit You Tube

Back to her breast!

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

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

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

Celeb focus

Band of brothers

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



Photo credit Ayuntamiento de Malaga

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

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.

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."



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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.

And that should trigger alarm bells in leavers and remainers alike.

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PENSIONERS in Elche have set up a group which aims to defend and advocate for their retirement payments, with the new group condemning the national government's proposed increase of 0.25 per cent.

Hotel stays

THERE were more than 194,530 overnight stays in hotels in Murcia registered in February, with 153,000 of those Spanish people and 41,530 from abroad.

Action plan

MARIA JOSE SALVADOR, Valencia's regional government's housing and public works minister, has announced that they will draw up a plan which will aim to prove decision making and guarantee sustainable growth.

Seriously injured motorcyclist in crash

by Benjamin Park

A MAN has been left seriously injured after being involved in a collision between his motorbike and a car in Torreagüera.

Police received multiple calls informing them of a crash, believed to have involved two vehicles, on the road that links Beniajan and Torreagüera.

Witnesses have allegedly reported that the accident occurred when a bridge came down in a road, causing a collision between a car and the motorcyclist.

When emergency services arrived on the scene, they reportedly found the man unconscious and seriously injured.

Following the accident, the man has allegedly been left with a traumatic brain injury and was transferred to the UME at the Virgen de la Arrixaca.



CRASH: The bike after the incident.

San Isidro mayor resigns

THE mayor of San Isidro presented his resignation to a session of the town's council last Thursday in order to retire.

Francisco Damian Sabateria Culiñez said in a statement that he had fulfilled his commitments to education and sports while in office. He added that he now wanted to retire.

"I am 65 years old now. I told my colleagues that I had complied with expectations and that I no longer had any to fulfil," he said.

The former Partido Socialista (PSOE) mayor added the council had managed to fix the school, fix sports and put fire into the industrial estate while he was in office.

They were also finishing fixing the playground and Sabateria's statement said the authority had spent some €800,000 on improvements to school playing fields.

"I could have sailed through the next year and a half until the elections of June 2019, but you have an electoral platform to do a series of things. To say I have fulfilled all of them would be claiming a utopia," he said.

"I do not care about being mayor, the important thing is to do things and that the people enjoy what you have done."

Sabateria's political career began in 2011 when he became a councillor for San Isidro. He replaced former Mayor Fernando Morales after he left the post of mayor for personal reasons in 2013.

The town's council formally accepted Sabateria's resignation on Thursday at around 9am. He was replaced by Manuel Gil Gomez Cases at a session the following Saturday.



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ARRESTED: Police allege the group of being responsible for around 40 robberies.

Bling ring detained

SEVEN men suspected of being part of a gang responsible for some 40 robberies have been arrested in Barcelona, Cantabria and Vega Baja.

The group, reportedly made up of Albanian nationals with ages ranging from 17 to 34, were allegedly responsible for stealing jewellery, money and vehicles worth a total of around €350,000. They are also suspected of falsifying car regis-

tration plates, according to the Guardia Civil.

Police believe the group had no fixed base of operations and frequently moved around Spain to commit the alleged robberies. They also reportedly moved between regions and provinces to evade the authorities.

Police arrested the group's members after they had tracked and located all of those they believe were part of the ring.

Three were picked up in Torrevieja, Los Montesinos and Orihuela Costa.

Officers seized six vehicles, jewellery reportedly worth around €10,000 and various tools allegedly used in the robberies.

The 17-year-old suspect has had his case sent to juvenile authorities while two members have been remanded in custody and three have been bailed pending their appearance in court.

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Ex-president on trial over fraud allegations

THE former President of Murcia has appeared in court in connection with alleged irregularities in contact tendering.

Pedro Antonio Sanchez arrived at the court in Lorca last Friday morning and reportedly left two hours later without making a statement to the press.

Sanchez was called before the court to answer for alleged irregularities in the awarding of a contract for works to bridges spanning the Nogalte ravine to the architect Martin Lejarraga.

Prosecutors claimed the projects were awarded without being put out for public tender by dividing the €54,500 fee into five €12,020 contracts so that they qualified as minor works.

The latest investigation is



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ON TRIAL: Pedro Antonio Sanchez has been called to testify in court for the third time in a year.

the third in a year for the former president, who was brought before a judge on six charges in the so-called Auditorio and Punica cases. The courts are currently awaiting

the opening of the trials for those two cases.

The Auditorio case sees Sanchez accused of fraud, perverting the course of justice, embezzlement and falsi-

fying documents while overseeing the building of an auditorium in Puerto Lumbreras in 2011.

The project received a grant of €6 million from regional authorities.

The Punica case concerns accusations against Sanchez for alleged fraud, bribery and the disclosure of confidential information said to have taken place in 2014.

The former president was a councillor serving in Murcia's government at the time and was preparing to run for regional elections.

Sanchez is accused of adding fees from companies working for his campaign to budgets for his work as a councillor.

He denies the charges claiming the contracts did not materialise. The trials continue.

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UK inheritance tax to be simplified?

If you struggle to navigate the UK's Inheritance Tax (IHT) regime you are not alone. Whether you are setting up your estate planning or sorting out the estate of a departed family member, the system can be hard to follow. Getting your planning wrong may mean your family are faced with unexpected high inheritance tax bills.

Now Chancellor Philip Hammond has acknowledged that the rules are "particularly complex" and has asked for a review. While this will not necessarily mean lower tax bills, hopefully the system will be simplified.

UK IHT follows expatriates around the world, since it is based on domicile rather than residence. While long-term expatriates can adopt a 'domicile of choice' outside the UK, this takes time and is a complex area, so specialist advice and careful planning are essential. Assets situated in the UK are always liable to IHT.

Expatriates should continue to



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follow changes to the UK IHT rules, and understand how it interacts with Spanish succession and gift tax. Cross-border estate planning can be challenging, particularly if you have assets in different countries or complex family situations.

IHT is charged at 40% on your total worldwide estate in excess of the current threshold of £325,000 (potentially £650,000 for a couple). This nil-rate band has not increased since April 2009.

A new Residential Nil Rate Band (RNRB) came into effect in April 2017: estates above the basic IHT threshold may be entitled to an 'additional threshold' before any IHT becomes due.

Starting at £100,000 for the 2017/18 tax year, it increases by £25,000 each year until reaching £175,000 in 2020/21 (and then rises with inflation).

It only applies to qualifying residential property which is left to direct descendants. Estates worth over £2 million receive a smaller allowance or nothing at all, depending on the value.

While a higher threshold is of course welcome, this new 'family home allowance' has added extra complication. It has also been criticised for discriminating against those who do not have children or property.

In January Chancellor Philip Hammond wrote to the Treasury's Office of Tax Simplification:

"Inheritance tax, and the system

within which it operates, is particularly complex and I would like to request that the OTS carry out a review. I would be most interested to hear any proposals you may have for simplification, to ensure that the system is fit for the purpose and makes the experience of those who interact with it as smooth as possible."

The letter suggests the OTS look at how the current gift rules interact with the wider IHT system and if the current system causes any distortions to taxpayers' decisions.

The OTS has since confirmed that it will carry out a review of a range of aspects of IHT and how it functions today. The overall aim is to identify opportunities and develop recommendations for simplifying IHT, from a tax technical and administrative standpoint.

IHT is a good earner for the government. Receipts for the 2016/17 tax year hit a record high

of £4.84 billion - more than double 2009/10's revenue. HM Treasury expects to raise £5.3 billion in 2017/18 and £6.5 billion by 2022/23.

All this illustrates how important it is to take professional advice for your estate planning, if you want to make sure you are up to date on the rules, are navigating them correctly, and shielding your family from paying any more tax than necessary.

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Couple jailed after €300,000 council scam

AN electrician who swindled almost €300,000 from Castro Council has been sentenced to one year and nine months in prison for his scam, along with his complicit wife.

The Provincial Court of Cantabria made the judgement after the trial revealed that the couple had been falsifying commercial invoices to the council, among other fraudulent actions.

These fake invoices were used by the defendant who took advantage of his position as a

municipal employee to sell electrical equipment and keep the revenues.

They have also been handed a fine of €1,620 at a rate of €6 a day for nine months, while the electrician has to pay a separate €900 fine for being involved in activities prohibited to public workers.

Before the trial concluded the lawyer for the defendants requested a suspension of the sentence, on bail, which has been granted.

€45 million for water superfactory

MURCIA'S Ministry of Agriculture has announced that it will invest €45 million to increase the capacity of the desalination plant in Torrevieja.

The works will double the factory's size from 40 cubic hectometres to 120, and will be carried out once the current electricity line works have been completed.

Current schedules foresee the project completed by July and Water Minister Francisco Jodar said: "This is a key policy to give great relief to irrigators as we seek a definitive solution to allow farmers not to depend on cycles."

The measure follows a €10 million investment to open new drought wells.

Child strangled by curtain in tragic accident

A 10-YEAR-OLD boy has been asphyxiated while playing with a curtain in an accident at his home in southern Spain.

Emergency services tried unsuccessfully for almost two hours to resuscitate the child.

The tragic accident happened at Caravaca de la Cruz in Murcia when the boy was at home with his mother.

The child was playing with a curtain in the kitchen when the mother realised she couldn't hear him anymore.

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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?

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Defendant to appeal false doctor status sentence

A MAN sentenced to two years in prison for allegedly trying to gain medical accreditation with falsified documents is set to appeal the criminal court in Elche's ruling.

The court heard that the defendant tried to obtain medicine qualifications from the Miguel Hernandez University in the city with an academic document from Tokyo Medical University.

The university at first granted accreditation for three modules in its medicine degree programme when the defendant presented the documentation in 2012. Prosecutors said concerns were raised when the man attempted to validate the remaining modules the following year.

The vice-dean of the university's medical department realised the names of the modules in the documentation from the Japanese university were the same as those at Miguel Hernandez.

The University said in a statement that it would be 'implausible' that the degrees were so similar in their curriculums. The medical department asked the defendant to authenticate and translate the documents and to provide his original degree certificate and transcript.



Credit: Wikimedia Commons

APPEAL: The defendant has been in court over trying to gain accreditation from the medical school.

Everything on the documents provided were false, including the university's stamp, the curriculum and the names of the subjects.

The defendant also had an average grade of 9.3, which would warrant an honours licence, making the documents more suspicious according to the court's ruling. The man later appealed the decision not to grant him the status with authorities. A subsequent police investiga-

tion found Tokyo Medical University had never issued him with the documents and that the defendant had not studied there, the court heard.

The case has now been sent to the Provincial Court of Alicante, based in Elche, which is set to hear the defendant's appeal. Prosecutors have requested his immediate entry into prison to serve his sentence if the court upholds the ruling.

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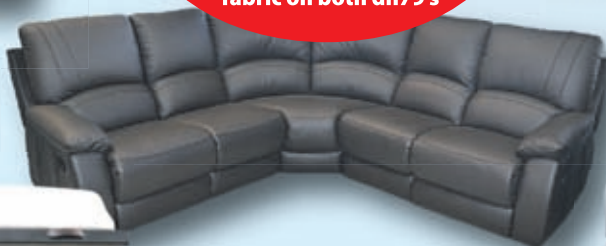


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NEWS EXTRA**Industrial prices fall**

PRICES for manufacturing fell by 1.6 per cent in Murcia during February from the previous month's level, with prices in Spain rising by 0.1 per cent according to data.

Free books

THOUSANDS of students in Murcia are set to get access to free textbooks in public schools after a proposal to create universal access to the books was passed by the region's assembly on Thursday.

Sea project

THREE marine protection areas have been created off the coast of Lebanon following a United Nations and European Union initiative inspired by the Tabarca island reserve off the coast of Alicante.



SEIZED: Members of the group allegedly wore uniforms of well-known energy companies and falsified documents.

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.

National Police based in Cartagena worked with officers in Alicante and in Madrid on the case. The group, with ages ranging from 27 to 54, are believed to have stolen from homes in Murcia, Valencia, Alicante, Castellon, Valladolid and Zamora.

Officers began investigating the group after receiving a complaint from a woman in Cartagena who alleged two people had come to her house claiming to be from her electricity supplier.

She alleged they stole around €13,400

worth of jewellery from her home after she let them inside in October of last year.

Police made further inquiries based on the complaint and found similar incidents were alleged to have taken place elsewhere in Spain.

Members of the group all posed as workers for well-known energy companies. They obtained supporting documents, specific tools and uniforms from the firms they claimed to be from in order to convince homeowners they could be trusted.

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 target-

ed the elderly, according to police.

Two members of the group would usually go to the homes, with one allegedly there to distract the victim while the other stole from their home. They would then sell the stolen goods to a gold trade-in store.

Police arrested the five members of the group, which included three men and two women, in the Alicante and Madrid areas following an investigation which lasted several months. They are believed to have committed around a dozen thefts.

Officers seized computer equipment, falsified documents, uniforms and the mobile phones they used to contact one another, according to reports. The case continues.

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.



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Good business

THE president of the Orihuela Chamber of Commerce, Mario Martinez, recently attended a meeting in Valencia with the Spanish Ambassador to the United States, Pedro Morenes, in order to help create new trade agreements that will benefit local exports.

Martinez said "it is important that we attend these meetings so our businesses are recognised and can take advantage of the contacts introduced in these kinds of get-togethers."

Therefore, he explained, the owners of the businesses will also learn about the commercial trade agreements that are developed overseas.

"Morenes has provided companies in the Valencia region with contacts to both the Embassy in Washington and the various commercial entities that Spain has in the United



Credit: Guardia Civil

OFFICIALS: Promoting local businesses in a meeting with the Spanish Ambassador to the US.

States, which serves to link our companies with American institutions, both on a national and state level," he said.

The meeting was attended by various other representatives of the Valencia Chambers of Commerce, as well as those from various businesses, who expressed their concern about several

protectionist policies in the United States.

"We cannot forget that the United States is the most important economy in the world, and we must take advantage of the opportunities offered by its market, even if it is difficult to access," said the head of the Orihuela Chamber of Commerce.




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deadline**

REGISTRATION for one of the 300 places in seven public nurseries in Murcia has opened with a deadline set for May 11 for babies born between January 1, 2016 and May 11, 2018.

Port head

THE Port Authority of Cartagena's new president, Joaquin Segado Martinez, took office in a ceremony in the city on Monday and said he plans to make it more sustainable, modern and competitive.

Birth figures

THERE were 1,323 babies born in the Unified General Hospital of Elche in 2017, with 707 boys being delivered and 616 girls, and the total figure falling from 2016 by 26.

Thieves use sneaky sheets to snoop

ROBBERS in Murcia City have recently been fitting small plastic sheets to the doors of houses that indicate the residents are out, according to police.

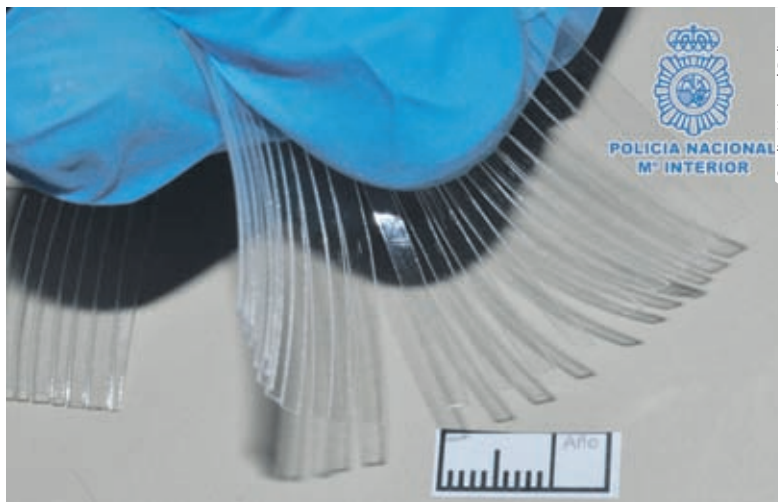
The sheets are small, see-through and are a few centimetres wide. Thieves reportedly attach them to house doors and return later to check if they are still there.

If they are still on the door then this means it has not been opened. Would-be robbers then know there is no one in and that they can break in to a home undetected, National Police said.

The news comes as police issued Murcia residents with advice on how to protect their houses from robberies during Holy Week and the spring festival season.

Police said homeowners should check their doors and windows are closed both in outside and inside courtyards, especially in properties on the ground or first floors.

Money and other valuables should not be left at home and residents who leave



Credit: National Police

PLANNING THEFTS: Police said the plastic sheets were used to show if residents had left their homes.

their houses should not say they have left on social media, the authorities added.

Police have also recommended that homeowners leave washing on their clothes line or the radio on if they leave the house to make it look as though someone is inside.

Serial numbers for electronics should be recorded to make them easier to trace if stolen. When out of the house, valuables should be kept in a safe place and out of sight and vehicles should not be parked in a poorly lit area, National Police added.

Escape Room riddle

THE Unit of Scientific Culture and Innovation of Murcia University has introduced a new initiative which hopes to promote interest in science through strange stories and enigmatic experiences.

Called 'Escape Room,' and in collaboration with Mystery Motel Murcia, the concept already has many followers around the world.

It began in 2006 when a group of computer scientists from Silicon Valley developed a computer game based on solving a case in a limited timeframe.

A new challenge will see people put into a real life escape room, and their way out will be by passing a series of tests whose solutions are science based.

Sessions will last 45 minutes and will be held throughout this year. "It is a physical and mental adventure in which a group of players must escape from a room by solving different riddles and puzzles," says the organiser, Jose Manuel Lopez Nicolas.

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NEWS EXTRA**Asbestos removal**

THE Partido Popular group on Elche's council have tabled a motion calling on Alicante provincial authorities to remove asbestos fibre from some 40 schools in the town and others elsewhere.

File expires

A CASE opened by Los Alcazares' council against a company awarded the contract to tend to the area's green spaces has expired, meaning the authority can take no further action.

Bin money

THE Partido Popular has called on authorities in Rojales to claim back more than €813,500 from a rubbish collection firm, with claims reportedly being made for 2014 and 2015.

European leader in water treatment

AROUND 98 per cent of the Murcia region's purified wastewater is reused, according to the region's Water Ministry.

The figure is higher than that of Spain's at 15 per cent and the European average of 9 per cent. About 99.2 per cent of people living in the region's urban areas have access to wastewater treatment systems.

The ministry said in a statement marking World Water Day that the region's farmers now had access to the most innovative irrigation systems which were capable of controlling fertiliser levels.

"We are the first community to implement a system to avoid evaporation of water in irrigation ponds. We also capture rainwater and make it available to irrigators by collecting rafts of urban waters or runoff from the ravines," the statement said.

The 105 billion litres drawn from the treatment process supplies some 20,000 irrigators across 80,000 hectares of farmland, around half of all the water



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PLANT LIFE: The Edar Murcia treatment plant in full flow.

used to hydrate crops.

Murcia has some 93 wastewater treatment plants, more than 5,700 kilometres of collectors and 470 pumping stations, according to the ministry.

The levels of water reuse are report-

edly due to the region's General Sanitation and Purification plan, which ran from 2001 to 2010. The scheme saw an investment into Murcia's water infrastructure of €645 million, which came from government and European funds.

Murcia falls short of deficit target

MURCIA is among six regions who failed to meet their spending targets last year, according to data from Spain's Treasury Minister.

Murcia's budget deficit stood at around 1.5 per cent of GDP at the close of its accounts for 2017. It was joined by Aragon, with a deficit of 0.9 per cent, Castilla y Leon at 0.9, Castilla-La Mancha ,0.7, Extremadura, almost 0.9 and Valencia at more than 0.7.

Spain's other autonomous communities met the deficit target set for last year, which was 0.6 per cent of GDP.

Four regions, the Canary Islands, the Balearic Islands, Navarra and Pais Vasco achieved surpluses of more than 0.6 per cent, almost 0.5, 1.2 and 1.5 respectively.

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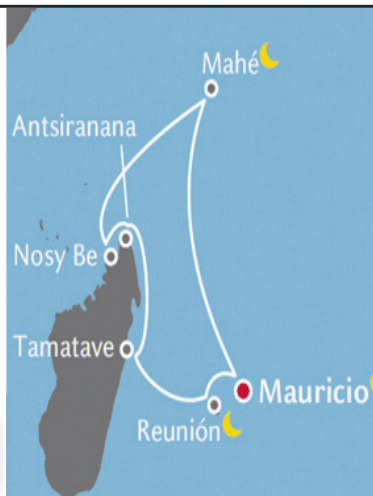


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Man hurt after car falls off road

A MAN was taken to hospital after being injured by his car coming off the road and landing upside down in a ravine near Lorca.

Firefighters and other emergency services personnel were called out after several calls were made to the 112 emergency services line at around 2.50pm on Monday.

They reported the car had come off the RM-711 motorway in the direction of Caravaca de la Cruz near the junction to Zarcilla de Totana.

Witnesses said one person was in the vehicle when it came off the road and that he was conscious but was trapped inside. The reasons for the car coming off the road are still unknown, according to reports.



Credit: 112 Murcia

OVERTURNED: Firefighters helped to get the trapped man out of his vehicle after the accident.

An ambulance arrived at the scene from La Paca and Guardia Civil officers were also dispatched.

A nurse who had finished

her shift reportedly treated the man at the scene before he was taken to Rafael Mendez de Lorca Hospital.

Teacher taken down

A 70-YEAR-OLD teacher has been arrested in Torrevieja after allegedly sexually abusing one of his students.

According to reports, police became aware of a potential situation when the

mother of a girl attending made a complaint to police about the behaviour of one of her daughter's teachers.

She claimed that the teacher had been "very affectionate" towards the girl,

"stroking her hair and face while teaching her in the company of other classmates."

The woman also reportedly went on to state that the man "decided to separate her from her class in order to give her a more personal treatment" before "caressing and massaging her back" while also allegedly once trying for more "intimate areas."

Following the final incident, the girl then told everything to her mother who went immediately to the police and the 70-year-old was subsequently arrested.

Investigations into the man are continuing to reportedly find out if there are any more victims who have suffered abuse from the professor who been a teacher for more than 20 years.

Police have since seized the man's phone, believing that it may contain images of recordings related to the alleged crimes.

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Europe basks in cultural history



Credit: Diputación de Murcia

CULTURE CLUB: Murcia is ready to join the celebration of heritage.

THE Diputación de Murcia will organise a variety of activities for 2018 to mark the celebration of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Ministry of tourism councillor, Javier Celdran, has chaired a meeting of a group to plan "these promotional activities with which we want to celebrate the region's heritage for those inside and outside Spain.

"Our vision is for a living legacy for our community that becomes a benchmark of cultural tourism, and whose recovery, conservation and enhancement work is done by the regional government."

A number of conferences have been scheduled that will draw attention to buildings of cultural heritage (BIC) ie Roman architecture, as well as

films, documents, and photos.

For example, the International Public Baths Congress of Hispania will take place from April 19 to 21, while the Cinema and Heritage Days will take place from May 2 to 4.

Scheduled events include the International Cultural Heritage and Catastrophes Congress, the International Congress of Art, amongst other events.

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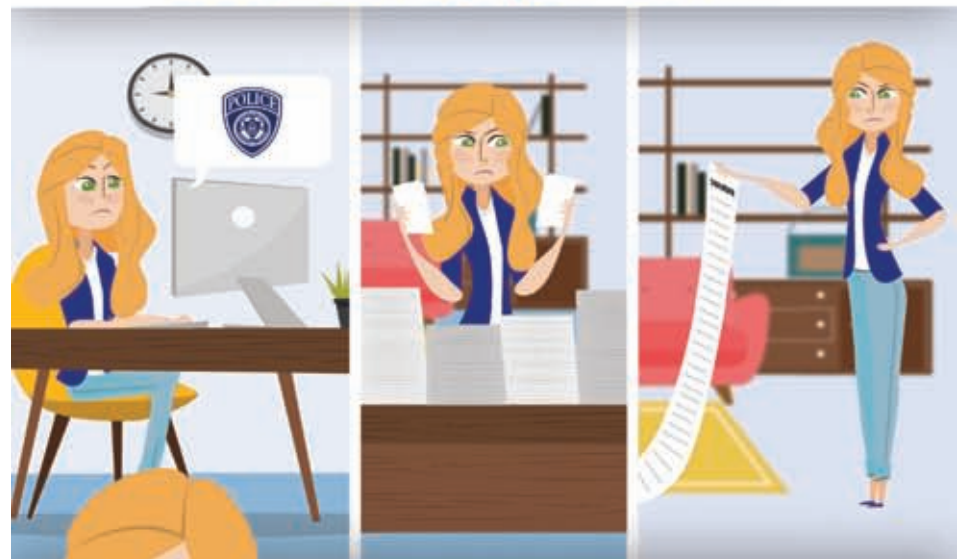
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Frost bites!

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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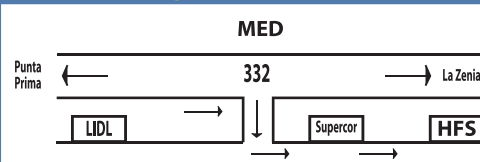
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Ryanair slams 'claim chasers'

A HIGH COURT judge in the UK has rejected a case against Irish low-cost airline Ryanair by a firm of solicitors over flight delay compensation claims.

Cheshire-based Bott & Co had sought to recover their fees in compensation cases where Ryanair had settled directly with their customers.

In court the firm said they handle around 25,000 compensation claims a year and the average payout is €325 (£285) of which the legal firm takes one third.

They said that in most cas-

es airlines pay the firm, which deducts its fee and passes the remainder of the compensation to the client.

But the company revealed that in 2016 Ryanair began to settle directly with passengers.

Bott & Co said it had tried to recoup their fees from the passenger, but 30 per cent did not pay so they sought to recover it from Ryanair.

Judge Edward Murray threw out their claim and ruled, "Ryanair has established a straightforward and easy to use process for its

passengers to make their flight delay compensation claims, either online or by correspondence, without the assistance of a third party."

David Bott of Bott & Co said, "We are very disappointed in the judgment in our case against Ryanair as we believe it is wrong and we will be appealing the decision.

"For over five years we have worked tirelessly to bring airlines to account under Regulation EC261/2004 and in doing so, to improve the rights of millions of air passengers flying in or out of the UK each year.

"This latest judgment is of course a setback for the freedom of choice of passengers in getting help on their compensation claims in an area of law that is not without its complexity.

"We have always offered the 'direct to airline' approach for our customers and provide free letters of



Credit: Ryanair

RYANAIR: 'Avoid these excessive claims chasers deductions.'

claim on our website with a free flight delay checker for passengers to check their eligibility under the Regulation.

"Despite this, thousands of passengers choose to use our paid service rather than having the hassle and additional delays of dealing directly with the airline.

Ryanair's Kenny Jacobs said, "We welcome this London High Court ruling upholding Ryanair's policy of communicating with, and

paying EU261 compensation directly to, our consumers.

This will help prevent 'claims chaser' firms like Bott & Co, Fairplane, Hayward Baker, Sky Legal, Flightright, and Flight Heroes, deliberately and needlessly dragging consumers through the courts so they can grab more than 40 per cent of customers' compensation, for providing no useful service.

"Where customers have a

valid claim for compensation, they can make their claim directly on the *Ryanair.com* website and avoid these excessive 'claims chasers' deductions.

"As part of our 2018 'always getting better' customer plan, Ryanair has established a dedicated claims team to process these valid claims within 10 working days and to make it as straightforward as possible for our customers."

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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.

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.

According to the emergency services the man later committed suicide.

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

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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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NGO slams weapons aid

by Joe Gerrard

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL has said that Spain, along with Britain, the US and others, could be contributing to atrocities in Yemen by supplying arms to Saudi Arabia.

The international human rights NGO made the claim as Saudi's involvement in the country's civil war enters its third year.

The country has been conducting air strikes against the Huthi armed group since March, 2015.

Amnesty International said the Saudi air force was using weapons manufactured by several countries, including Spain, in strikes on the group and on civilians.

Lynn Maalouf, from the NGO's Middle East division, said there was 'extensive' evidence that the sale of arms to the Saudi-led coalition was causing great harm to Yemeni civilians.

"This has not deterred the

USA, the UK and other states, including France, Spain and Italy, from continuing transfers of billions of dollars' worth of such arms," she said.

"As well as devastating civilian lives, this makes a mockery of the global Arms Trade Treaty."

Among the cases cited by the group was that of a bombing raid on January 27 in a Rakab which left six civilians dead.

Amnesty International claimed the strike was conducted using a GBU-12 laser-guided 500-pound bomb, made by Lockheed Martin in the US.

Spain was the third largest arms exporter to Saudi Arabia after the UK and the US in 2017, according to Greenpeace.

Weapons sold to the Saudis included mortar shells, aircraft and various kinds of ammunition.

Between late 2016 and August, 2017 the country delivered more than 310

containers of explosives to Saudi Arabia, according to reports.

A 2015 report on the sale of Spanish arms stated that all weapons licences for Saudi Arabia were made with a strict clause prohibiting re-export or use outside home territory.

The Yemeni Civil War began after Houthi fighters seized control of Sana'a, the country's capital, following the controversial election of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi.

Hadi fled the capital and the conflict has since escalated, leading to the involvement of both Saudi Arabia and Iran.

The conflict has claimed the lives of more than 5,974 civilians and has wounded more than 9,493, according to the latest statistics from the UN's High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The body also said more than 20 million people, 80 per cent of the country's population, are in need of humanitarian aid.

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Snapchat cockpit shock

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.

"It is not acceptable and is not representative of the thousands of highly professional pilots who work for the airline.

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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.



SEARCH: Missing horse rider in river.

A MAN who identified himself as a doctor to patients 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

Fake 'doctor' held

ed by police in Sevilla in Andalusia.

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.



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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 Martín 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.

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.

Mario Garcia Montealegre, kicked the legs

Video nasties

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.

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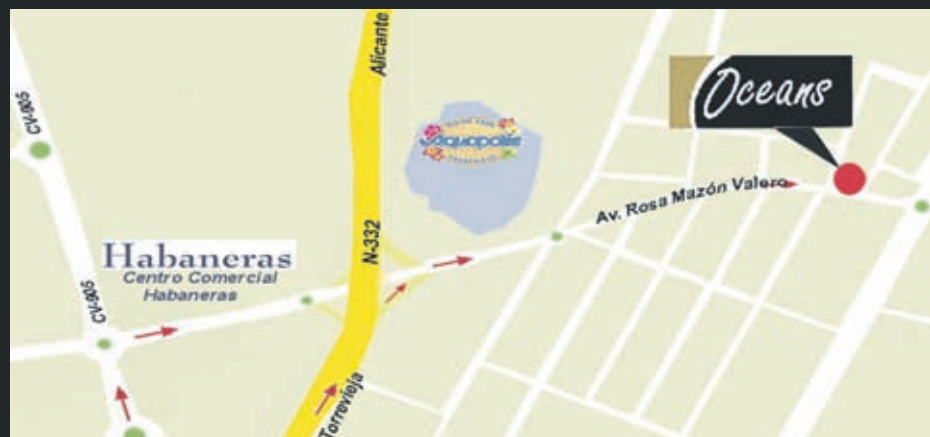
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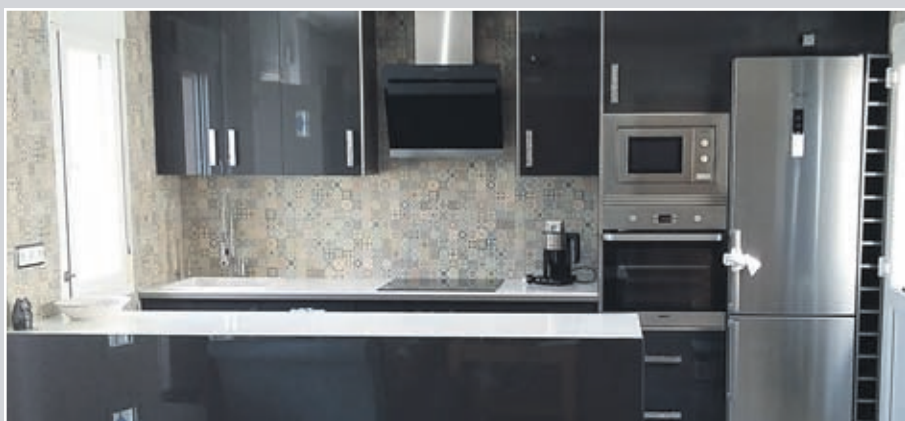
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Freemasons support local charities

THE local Freemasons Lodge, Dama de Elche recently held their annual ladies night.

This took place at Salones Brindis, Catral and was very well attended with over 100 Masons, wives and guests putting in an appearance.

It turned out to be a fantastic night with great food, great company, great music and much dancing to the sound of 'It Takes Two,' a fabulous duo consisting of Paul and Linda Randall who entertained the assembled guests and were very much enjoyed by all.

The Master of the Lodge, WBro Nigel Sanders, much assisted by his lady Lynne and

the rest of the Brethren of the Lodge are, this year, supporting two local charities.

The first being the Elche Children's Home and the other, is the Paul Cunningham Nurses for Cancer, two very important charities and both well deserving of their support.

A fantastic amount of over €500 was raised for the two charities. Many thanks for the very strong support to everyone who attended.

If you are interested in Freemasonry and would like to ask any questions regarding their work or how you might join, please contact the following email address: prensa@glpvalencia.com.



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Razzle Dazzle 'em!

STUDIO32 are preparing to thrill audiences with their latest musical theatre venture. Their summer show is the Broadway spectacular 'Chicago,' the stage version of the film starring Richard Gere, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Renee Zellweger.

The role of Billy Flynn is being played by experienced actor Bill Nicholson. Bill has been with Studio32 for some time and has played

many lead roles over the years both here and in the UK.

As with the film version the stage show does contain content of an adult nature, and the company advise that it is not recommended for children under the age of 12.

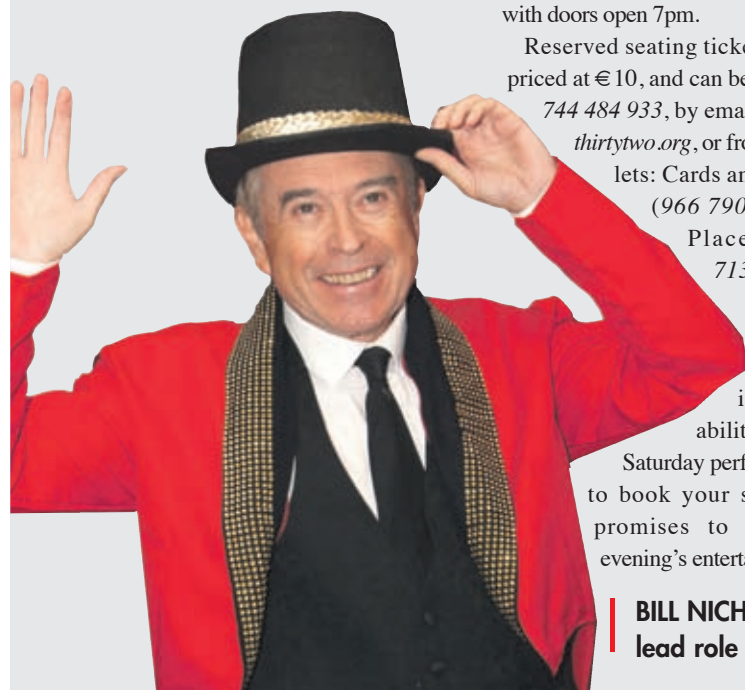
Show dates are Wednesday May 30 to Saturday June 2 at the Cardenal Belluga Theatre in San Fulgencio, all performances start at 7.30pm with doors open 7pm.

Reserved seating tickets are now on sale, priced at €10, and can be obtained by calling 744 484 933, by emailing tickets@studiothirtytwo.org, or from the following outlets: Cards and More, La Marina (966 790 954) or The Card Place, Benijofar (966 713 266).

Tickets are in great demand for this show, already there is only limited availability for the Friday and

Saturday performances, so be sure to book your seat now for what promises to be a spectacular evening's entertainment.

BILL NICHOLSON: In the lead role of Billy Flynn.



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Happy Monday

THE 'Almoradi Monday Club' meet every first and third Monday of the month at 4pm.

The meeting place is in the 'Centro Social Rooms,' Plaza San Andres, Calle Antimo Illescas, off Calle Comunidad Valenciana, in Almoradi.

The idea of this modern and progressive club is that people who speak English and live in Almoradi or the surrounding area can meet one another on a regular but informal basis to talk together and enjoy life in this Spanish community.

The club activities will include social events, club lunches and evening meals in and around

the local area, with guest speakers at meetings and entertainment when possible.

They will also try to join up with other local clubs that hold events including coach trips and anything that may be of interest to members.

If you are interested and would like to have a wider circle of friends then come along to one of the meetings.

For more information contact: davedanie@gmail.com or on Facebook under *Almoradi Monday Club*.

There are no meetings in July and August and no meetings on bank holidays if they fall on a Monday.

Exercise and meet people!

A NEW English Country Dancing Class is opening soon at 'Everybody's Dance, Fitness, Hair and Beauty Centre' at Campoamor.

Organiser, Pip Shail, said the idea is to have a drop-in class where people can exercise, have fun and meet people.

"The dances are very easy

and there are no steps to learn as I give instructions all the way through, all you need is a pair of comfortable, soft-soled shoes to dance in."

Live music for the dances will be provided by Pip's husband, Mike, who plays the melodeon, and other friends. In between dances, refreshments are available such as

tea, coffee, soft drinks, cake and snacks at reception.

The charge is €2 per session and the first class will be from 3pm - 4.30pm on Thursday April 12.

For more details of this class contact Pip on 633 084 406 or Jean on 634 375 072 or e-mail mikeshail45@googlemail.com.



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NORWAY



Ski success

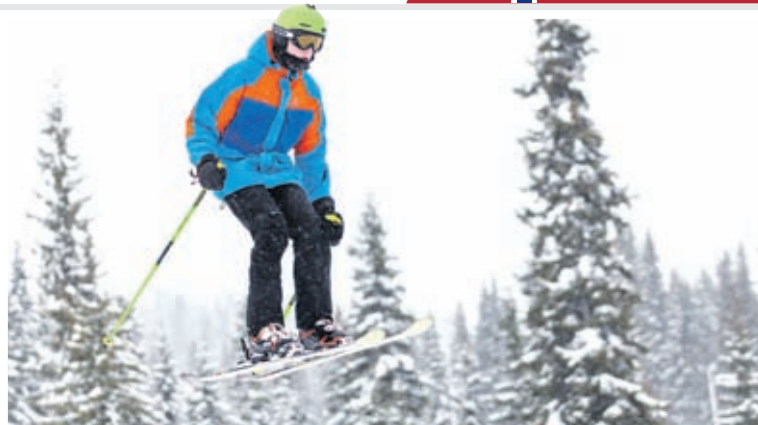
SALES of Norwegian ski lift passes have reportedly increased by 15 per cent after a snowy winter, according to industry interest organisation Alpinanleggenes Landsforening.

New market

THE opening of a new multiplex owned by Odeon sees the end of a law enforcing privately-owned cinemas that has been in place in Norway's capital since 1918.

Burka ban

THREE Norwegian ministers have presented a proposal banning face-covering garments at schools, day-cares and other educational institutions, to ensure



STAY COOL: Winter sports enthusiasts are flocking to Norway's slopes.

'good communication in educational contexts.'

Ironic role

PER SANDBERG, a 58-year-old mem-

ber of the anti-immigration Progress Party who was once charged with hitting an asylum seeker from the former Yugoslavia, is replacing Sylvi Listhaug as Norway's Minister of Justice, Public Security and Immigration.

GERMANY



No tolerance

GERMANY'S new interior minister Horst Seehofer laid down a 'zero tolerance' policy in his first speech to parliament, claiming the country needs a 'strong state' to protect its citizens.

Justice served

HUSSEIN KHAVARI, whose age is unknown, has been jailed for life after

admitting to the rape and murder of student Maria Ladenburger in the city of Freiburg in October 2016.

Runaway crane

A LARGE mobile crane that was stolen in Stuttgart has remained incognito from German police and is believed to have been driven for hun-

dreds of miles without being caught.

Tense relations

GERMANY has expressed concern about sharing intelligence information with Austria after their new government gave the green light to controversial raids on the homes and offices of domestic security officials.

FRANCE



Terror attack

POLICE killed suspected terrorist 26-year-old Redouane Lakdim, after he shot three people dead and injured 16 others in a series of attacks in the town of Trèbes.

Country strikes

TENS of thousands of people who work in the public sector went on strike across France to protest against President Emmanuel Macron's plans for change, causing around 30 per cent of flights to Paris to be cancelled.

Time's up

FRENCH ministers are proposing a bill, which is backed by President Macron, which would charge sexual offenders on-the-spot fines of up to €750 for public sexual harassment.

A load of ham

CLAIMS that the American beefburger is now outselling the classic French ham baguette have been scoffed at by many French nationals, despite hamburger sales reaching 1.4 billion in the last year.

BELGIUM



Taxi tips

BELGIUM'S Uber users are reportedly now able to tip their driver using the Uber app if they are especially pleased with the service they had.

Not so dope

NEW statistics produced by 15 scientists claim the current cannabis policy in Belgium is having a harmful impact on society, with violence and health problems on the rise.

Rapist held

POLICE in Antwerp have questioned four suspects and charged one of them over the alleged gang-rape of two Dutch women who were drugged and sexually abused while on a night out.

Air secrets

BELGIAN media sources have reported that the Belgian Air Force perhaps concealed information regarding the purchase of new drones, as was the case when it purchased the F-16s.

NETHERLANDS



Royal visit

KING ABDULLAH and Queen Rania of Jordan paid an official two-day state visit to the Netherlands, meeting King Willem-Alexander and members of the Dutch Parliament, after they had been forced to postpone the trip in November.

Spying vetoed

DUTCH voters have rejected the motion that intelligence agencies in the Netherlands be given the right to install wire taps on whole areas, instead of just individuals, and share this information with other spy agencies.

Wheely upset

A RETIRED lawyer has lost his case against Amsterdam's mayor for not doing enough to crack down on poor cycling habits, but claimed he had not lost because he had more than 10,000 messages of support.

Killer week

ACCORDING to Statistics Netherlands, the week from February 26 to March 4 was the deadliest in the country since the Second World War as 3,887 people passed away, more than half of who were over 80 years old.

SWEDEN



Making amends

SWEDEN has offered compensation to transgender people forced to undergo sterilisation in order to get official recognition for their sex change, becoming the first country in the world to do so.

Energy struggle

GAS giant Gazprom has appealed a Swedish court ruling that demanded it pay more than €2 billion to Ukraine's gas firm Naftogaz after Gazprom cut its deliveries to the country in the middle of the winter in 2009.

Snow tragedy

A 45-YEAR-OLD man has died in an avalanche in Harjedalen just north of the Ojon Lake, but his three friends were able to escape uninjured.

On track

SWEDEN'S transport agency, Transport Analysis, claimed more than 90 per cent of trains arrived on time in 2017 but trains were delayed by 47,000 hours last year in total.

DENMARK



Pork protection

DANISH conservative parties have supported a motion that involves erecting a 70-kilometre-long fence along the border with Germany to prevent the country's large pig population from being infected by the African swine fever virus.

Towering high

SEVERAL neighbourhoods in Copenhagen are constructing housing blocks of up to 32 storeys tall, according to radio station DR P4 København, to meet the demand of people who want to live in the capital.

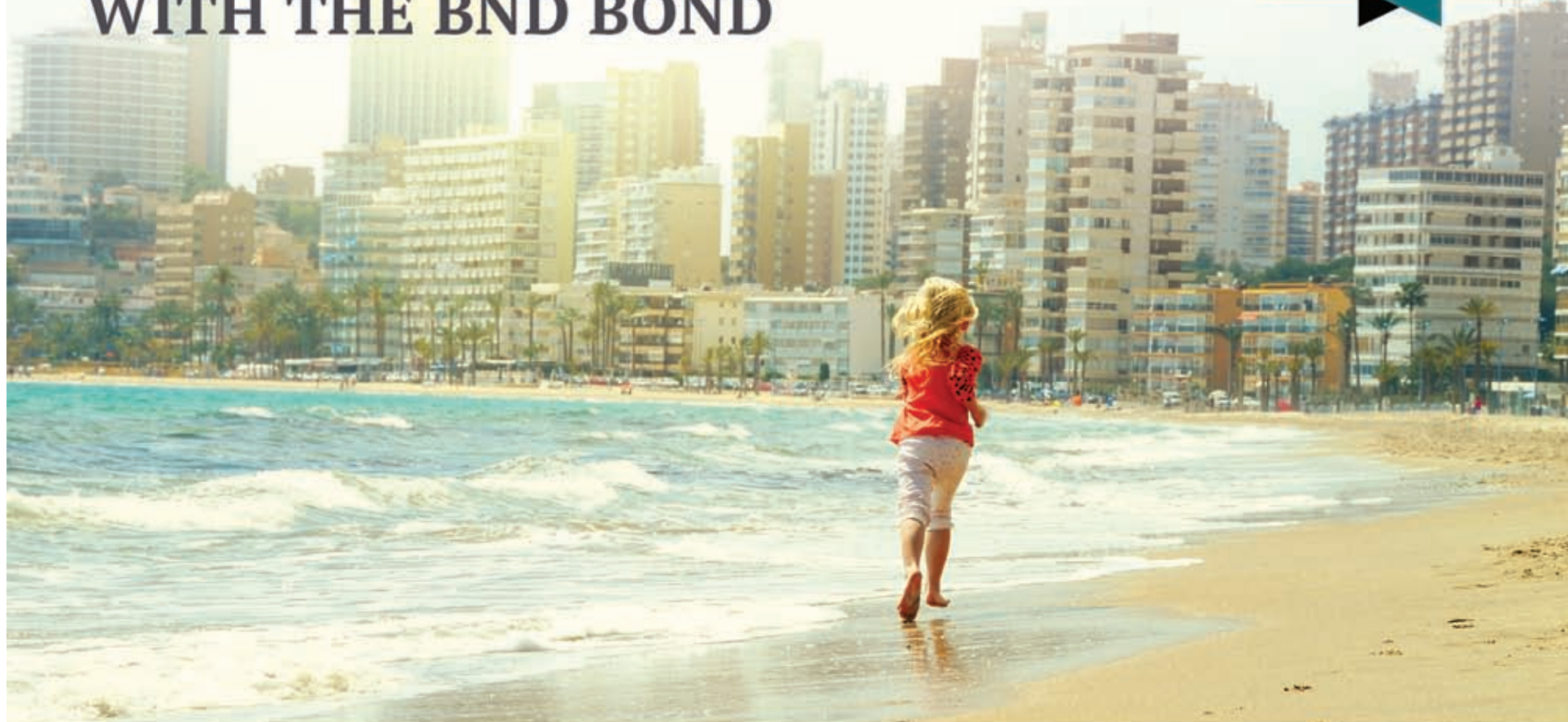
Solid evidence

A CORONER told the Copenhagen district court that Swedish journalist Kim Wall did not die in an accident as Danish inventor Peter Madsen, who has been accused of strangling her, has claimed.

Job high

MORE than 2,728,800 people were in employment in January, according to figures from Statistics Denmark, marking the highest ever employment figures for the country.

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Spain lodges FB complaint

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

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

Handshake boosts budget

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

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

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

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

By Matt Ford

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

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

Rajoy must now appeal to other par-

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

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

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

Exec rakes in €20m salary

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

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

Quote of the Week

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



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

Rise in audiences boosts gig profits

SPAIN'S live music industry is booming.

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

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

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

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

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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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Imperial Brands	2,353.50	-20.50	-0.86	22,508.19	Severn Trent	1,853.00	148.00	8.68	4,043.81
Informa	712.20	0.00	0.00	5,921.30	Tesco	204.15	1.25	0.62	19,766.41
Intertek Group	4,778.50	71.50	1.52	7,787.09	TUI AG	1,625.00	113.50	7.51	8,966.46
ITV	145.50	0.10	0.07	5,826.78	Taylor Wimpey	183.20	-1.35	-0.73	6,015.24
Just Eat	703.00	0.82	0.12	4,880.00	Unilever	3,737.50	3.00	0.08	46,172.79
Johnson Matthey	3,105.00	19.00	0.62	6,001.47	United Utilities Group	691.00	26.20	3.94	4,564.56
Kingfisher	293.15	-3.55	-1.20	6,323.20	Vodafone Group	195.50	1.88	0.97	51,313.19
Land Securities Group	935.00	10.30	1.11	6,902.99	WPP Group	1,080.00	-15.00	-1.37	13,899.94
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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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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%
Most Declined		
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%
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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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BOTTOMS UP AS WHISKY SALES SKYROCKET

SPANIARDS' favourite tippie is whisky, a report says.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rum sales were dominated by dark varieties, which accounted for



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

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

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

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

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

Gross domestic product record as Aragon tops regional charts

THE Spanish economy continues to grow.

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

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

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

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

EQUITY FUNDS 'ARE LIKE MIGRATING BIRDS'

€10bn deal world's biggest

IT was the biggest real estate deal of 2017.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

"This happened in Spain from 2009.

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

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

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

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

€500m energy deal confirmed

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

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

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

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



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Spain remains on debt row

TARGET BEATEN BUT DEFICIT STILL EXCESSIVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Blue passport fury as British firm snubbed

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

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

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

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

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

INHERITANCE TAX SHAKE-UP ANNOUNCED

Non-EU loophole slams shut

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

Social security fraud savaged

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

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

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

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

I really do lose the will to live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



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

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

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

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



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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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

Give us a break

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

**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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I'm now a convert to BA

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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

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, as well as links to find your local traffic office and the information required to complete the process.



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ON THE ROAD: A Guardia Civil PDA in action.

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Do they need minutes book?

Q. WE are an apartahotel consisting of 130 privately owned apartments. Three quarters of these are in the letting pool, which is run as a hotel by our managing agent, who is also our administrator. Because of the conflict of interest, we have agreed by a large majority at last year's AGM, to split the community from the business.

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?

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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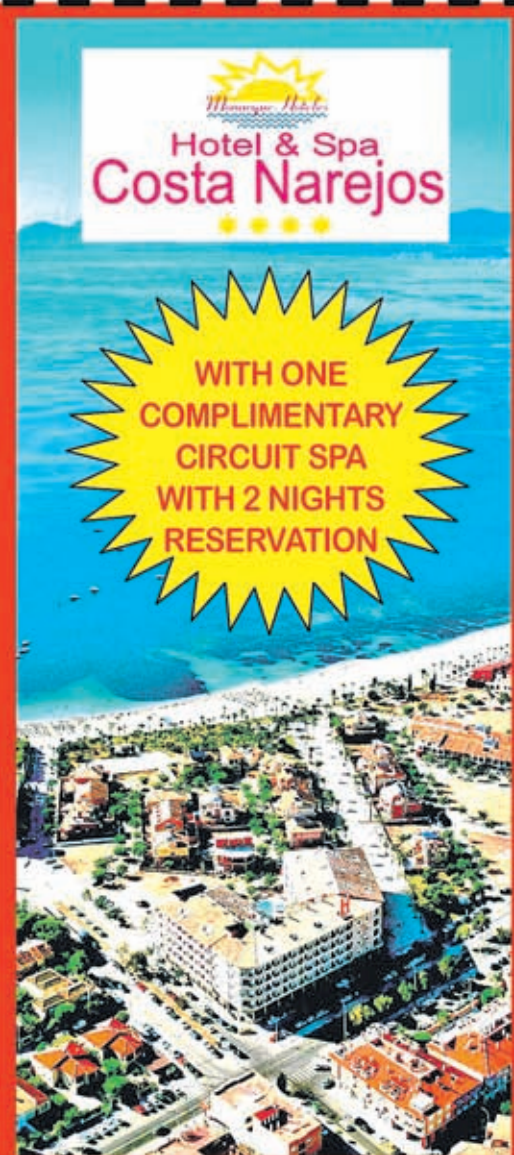
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When you are over 65 it is recommended that you do 150 minutes per week of moderate aerobic activity. Cycling or walking are good examples. Bowling is very popular in Spain. You need to be able to hear your colleagues / teammates at the other end of 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.

The sooner you get the hearing aids, the better, because it reduces further hearing loss. Aids can have multiple programmes and we can choose which programme depending on the environment. Don't let your hearing aid become yet another excuse not to stay in shape.

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

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

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

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

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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BBCone

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

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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
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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
4:05am	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
12:55pm	Omnibus
1:55pm	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	Bean's Holiday.
7:50pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean
7:50pm	Bean's Holiday.
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
3:05pm	<i>British comedy starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams, 1962</i>
3:05pm	Carry on Up the Khyber
5:00pm	<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
12:00am	<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>

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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

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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

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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

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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.

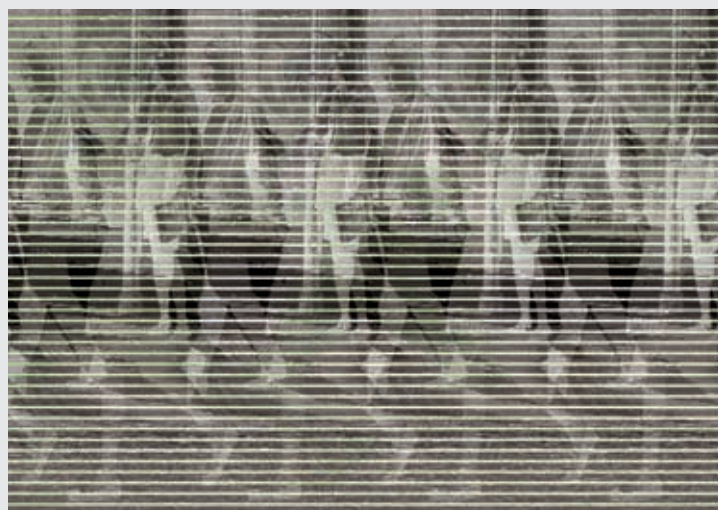


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UNAWARE: Phone zombies.

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 soppy people wasting millions of euros, when an inexpensive injection would solve the problem.

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

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

Edmund Taylor, Fuengirola

Big cats

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Little, Alicante

Spitting mad

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

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

It sets such a terrible example to children as they tend to mimic their heroes!

Ken, San Fulgencio

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.euroweeklynews.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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12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
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2:20pm	Weather
2:25pm	Father Brown
3:10pm	Garden Rescue
3:55pm	Escape to the Country
4:40pm	Money for Nothing
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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 film-maker Gillian Pachter re-examines the Ruth Ellis case</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
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8:35am	The Big Bang Theory
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9:55am	Thunder and the House of Magic
11:35am	The Simpsons
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1:00pm	The Jewel of the Nile
3:10pm	Countdown
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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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3:00pm	Step Up 4: Miami Heat
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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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

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9:20am	Wishfart
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

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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
	<i>Guinness World Records</i>
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

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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
	<i>ttt2:35am Fifth Gear</i>
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

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Men choose tote bags for the style

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

FIND YOURSELF A TOTE BAG

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

Spain or pretty much anywhere.

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

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



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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
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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
	<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
	<i>Professor Jeremy Black examines one of the most extraordinary periods in British history.</i>
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

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8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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9:30am	Frasier
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11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
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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
12:20am	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	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Abducting Zoe
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8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	Night at the Museum
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
	<i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
10:00am	Cricket
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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

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
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11:30am	This Morning
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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

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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
	<i>In the final episode, Susie makes a decision about her future.</i>
2:35pm	Heartbeat
	<i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village.</i>
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
	<i>Drama series about a wheelchair-bound San Francisco detective.</i>
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!
	<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>
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
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12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons

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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 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News 6
8:00pm	Masters - Par 3
11:30pm	Sky Sports News Ten
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A recipe for leaving a very bad taste in the mouth

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynnews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

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) available from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.

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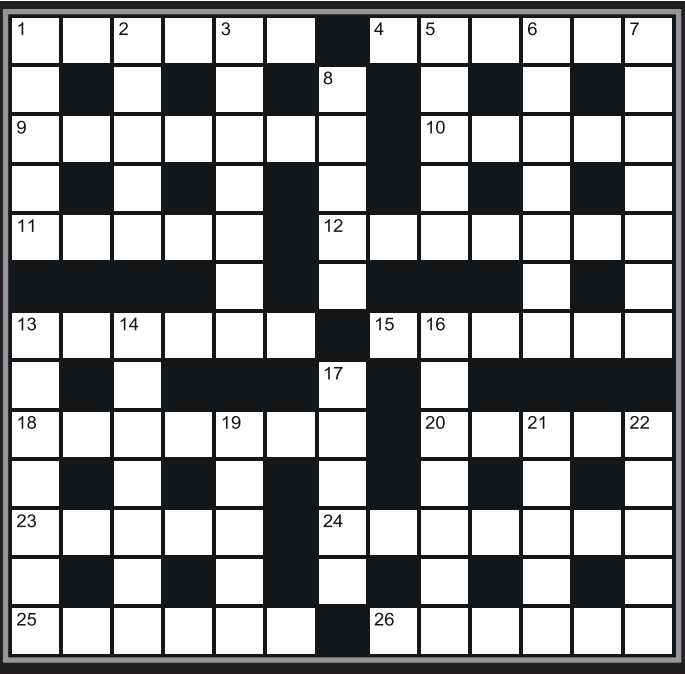
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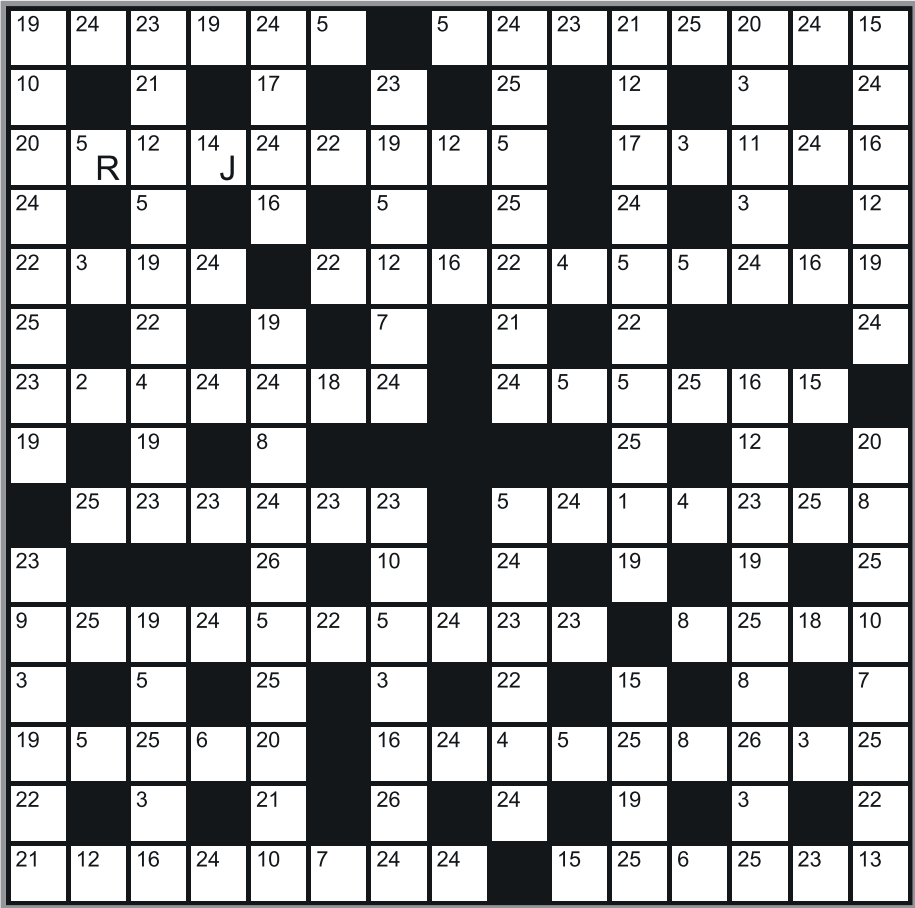
- Across**
1 Quietly shelve promise (6)
4 After a short time Sue's ordered dessert (6)
9 Not many? Wrong, the opposite (7)
10 Exercise makes doctor unwell (5)
11 Two ways to get staff (5)
12 Second ruler promises to be significant (7)
13 Weak coffee blend is found here (6)
15 Standing, the street gets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



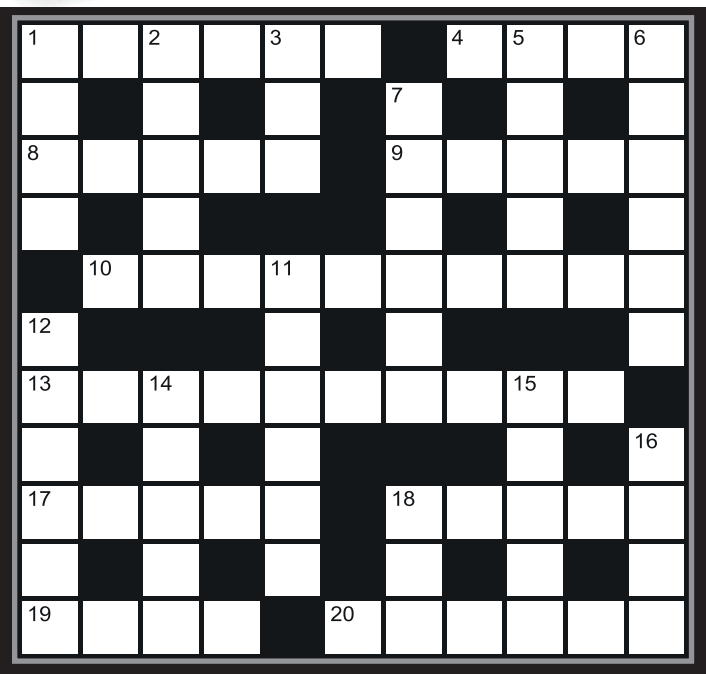
- Down**
1 Spare recipe for fruit (5)
2 Additional piece of text rarely seen (5)
3 Cultivated chap served fish (7)
5 Group of monks giving command (5)
6 Prolong a race incident (4,3)
7 Listens, sort of, then joins up (7)
8 A source of inspiration can cause merriment (5)
13 Looks after Australian beer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

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 5 represents R and 14 represents J, so fill in R every time the figure 5 appears and J every time the figure 14 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



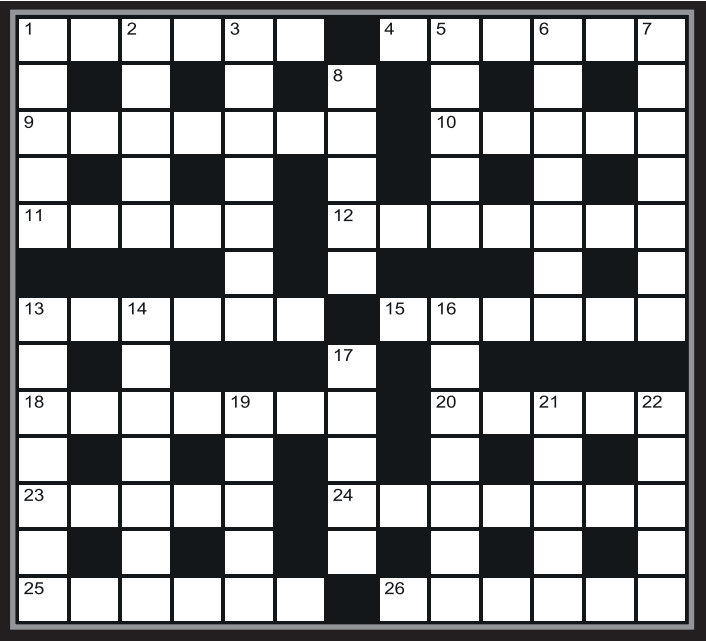
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- Across**
1 Stout, strong and sturdy (6)
4 Strong wind (4)
8 Cause fear in (5)
9 Loud cry (5)
10 Harmonica (5,5)
13 Workplace for the conduct of scientific research (10)
17 To yearn or long for (5)
18 Reddish (5)
19 Outbuilding (4)
20 Unequivocally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

English - Spanish

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



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

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Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

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

Down:

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

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

Down:

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

QUICK

Across:

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

Down:

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

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

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Sunday March 25

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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.



PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

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



ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

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



TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

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



GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

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



CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

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



LEO

(July 24 - August 23)

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



VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

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



LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

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

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



SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

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

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



SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

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

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



CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

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

QUIZ: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

Answers:

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

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

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

1. SHYLOCK 2. DAN Rowan and DICK Martin, 3. 1920s - recorded June 1922 released April 1926
4. JEREMY BEADLE, MATTHEW KELLY, HENRY KELLY and SARAH KENNEDY 5. FRANKS HALLS
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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.

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

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NEW TREATMENT: Remove unsightly varicose veins.

Help is at hand if you have varicose veins

FOR those who suffer the discomfort of painful and unsightly varicose veins, new treatment is now available.

The team at QUPA based at Clinica Mejorate clinics in Alicante Province offer a wide range of different health treatments as can be seen at their detailed website www.clinicamejorate.com.

It is important to select a specialised medical team who guarantee a complete and permanent result on all those suffering from their veins especially as the clinic keeps a close watch on patients for a whole year to ensure that there are no medical surprises which involve additional cost.

Generally speaking varicose veins are mainly found in the leg although they can appear elsewhere and are veins that have become enlarged and twisted which can be caused through genetic inheritance as well as en-

vironmental factors.

Although in most cases they are simply a painful irritant, severe long-lasting varicose veins can lead to leg swelling, venous eczema, skin thickening and ulceration. Life-threatening complications are common but varicose veins may be confused with deep vein thrombosis, which is very dangerous.

Some veins can be controlled by sclerotherapy (which involves the injection of a chemical into the vein to obliterate it), elasticated stockings, elevating the legs or exercise but traditionally, those badly affected are literally removed by surgery.

Now, as technology has progressed, so there are alternative techniques which include ultrasound-guided foam sclerotherapy, radiofrequency ablation and endovenous laser treatment all of which are becoming increasingly more popular.

As most of the blood in the legs is returned by the deep veins, the superficial veins which tend to be most affected, return only about 10 per cent of the total blood of the legs and can usually be removed or ablated without serious difficulty.

For more information on how to cope with varicose veins and the other procedures offered, call in at either Clinica Mejorate clinic in Alicante Province, or contact them on 966 721 687.

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Prevention is better than cure

THE Quirónsalud Torrevieja hospital has launched a free campaign for the early diagnosis of colon cancer on World Colon Cancer Day, which is celebrated on Saturday.

The initiative involves giving free faecal blood tests to the population of Vega Baja (national and foreign), and to the hospital's patients, aged between 50 and 74 years, who do not already have symptoms (blood in the stool, abdominal pain, change in bowel rhythm, etc).

The kits are available until today (Thursday) from 10am to 12pm and the collection of samples will be from next Tuesday to Friday April 6 at the same time.

Those interested may request information by ringing 966 909 506 or emailing prevencion.trv@quironsalud.es or through the website www.quironsalud.es/torrevieja/es/campana-prevencion-cancer-colon.

The kit necessary to carry out the analysis must be collected at the information points located at the entrance to the Quirónsalud Torrevieja hospital.

The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness among the population about the importance of prevention and early detection to increase the survival rate of this disease.

The intention is to inform and raise awareness in society about colon cancer since there is a low awareness about the risk of suffering from it and help prevent this disease in men and women over the age of 50.

"Curing colon cancer is possible if it is detected early," said Dr José Farré, head of the Oncological Surgery and General and Digestive Surgery Unit.

Colon cancer is the most frequent cancer diagnosis in Spain. However, when detected early, this tumour can be cured in 90 per cent of cases. Most colon cancers develop on pre-existing lesions and take between 10 and 15 years to develop.

"Through different diagnostic tests, not only can it be detected early when there aren't any symptoms, but it can also be prevented by locating and removing existing lesions before they become malignant," says Dr Farré.

The faecal blood test is a non-invasive test that consists of checking, in a quick and simple way, if blood is visible in the stool in order to detect the existence of any lesions. To do this, the patient must deposit a small amount of faeces in the provided kit and then deliver it to the collection points where the specialists will analyse it.

A negative test result "indicates that it is very unlikely that the person has colon cancer, although the result is not 100 per cent accurate. Therefore, it is recommended you repeat the test every two years and consult the doctor in case you feel discomfort," warned Dr Farré.

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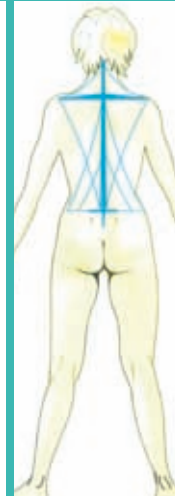


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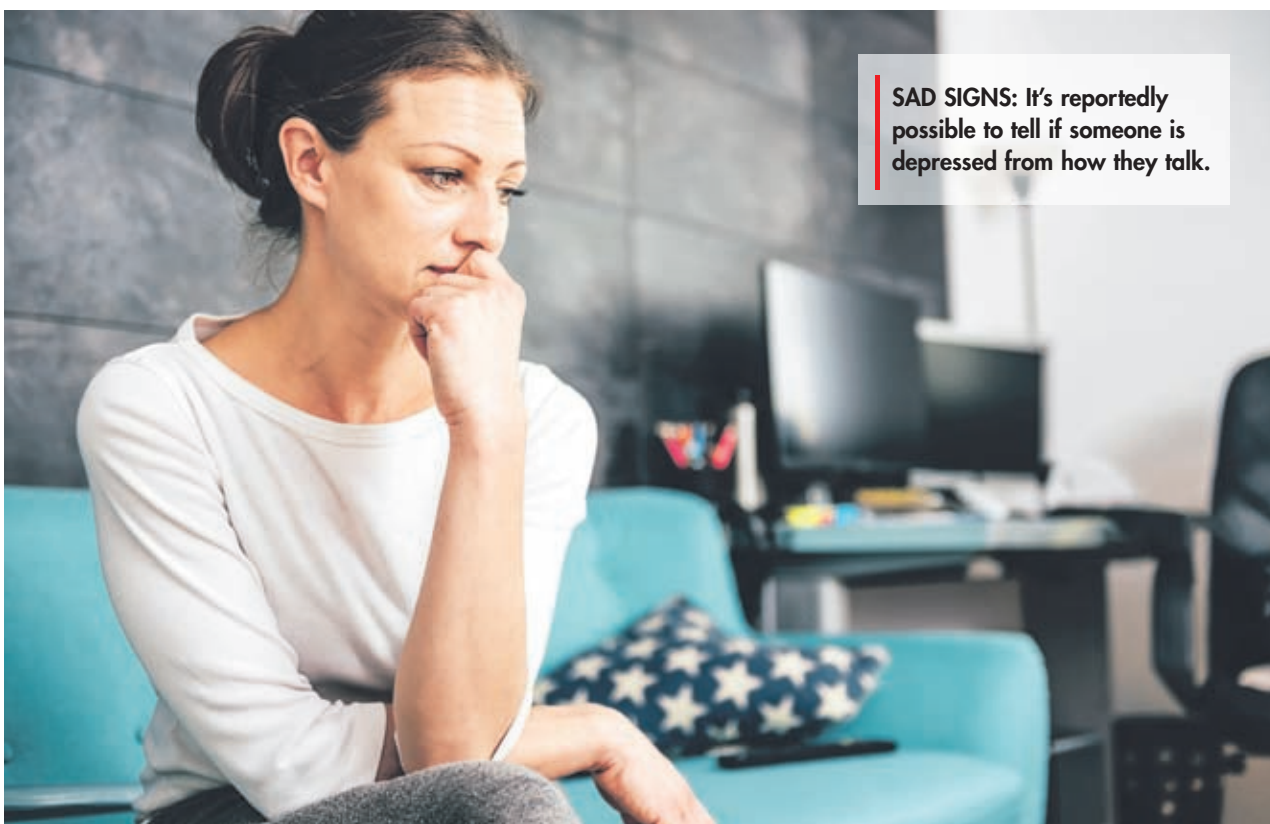
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SAD SIGNS: It's reportedly possible to tell if someone is depressed from how they talk.

Feeling blue?

IT'S reportedly possible to tell if someone is suffering from depression based on how they speak.

According to new research published in the journal Clinical Psychological Science, people with depression use particular words and speech patterns.

The researchers studied large extracts of text from diaries, personal essays and speech to decipher whether depression affects how we communicate.

They claim to have identified several significant differences in both style and content, when comparing the language of those who suffer from mental illness.

It would appear those with depression use a lot more words conveying sad or negative emotions, such as 'sad', 'lonely' and 'miserable'.

They use more first person pronouns and less third person pronouns as well as more 'absolutist' vocabulary, such as 'nothing', 'always', or 'completely'.

However, the researchers did stress that using this language on a frequent basis is not an instant mental illness diagnosis and that it is important to monitor how you feel over a significant period of time before arriving at any conclusions.

Other symptoms of depression include not taking pleasure in enjoyable activities, losing interest in hobbies and daily activities, having trouble sleeping, finding it difficult to concentrate and feeling useless.

If you feel like this, visit: www.mind.org.uk/ or talk to your GP. If you think somebody else might be feeling this way, talk to them about it.

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Makeover your mornings

THE morning can either be the best time of the day or the worst, depending on what kind of person you are.

Whichever camp you fall into, how you start your morning can have a big impact on how the rest of the day goes.

Making small changes to your morning routine could quickly make all the difference.

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

If you have a busy household, try setting your alarm 30 minutes before everyone

else wakes up. This will give you time to take a nice long shower, read the paper or do some exercise; whatever you find most relaxing.

You might find this becomes your most productive time of the day, and could help you make plans for the week ahead or pursue some creative activities.

You could also use this

time to meditate for five or 10 minutes, helping to clear your mind and get you focused for the day.

MORNINGS: Can be fun.



Could veganism harm your hair?

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

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

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

Hair is made up of a chain of proteins so having a deficiency will directly impact your hair.

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

If you have weak hair, you can protect it against further damage by using treatments



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

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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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 Turrull 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 Arriadas 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," Arriadas 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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Travel

Elche: a city of variety

ELCHE and its predecessor, La Alcuja, was settled by the Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Goths and Moors. So it is safe to say that the city has some history.

But the city offers far more than museums, in fact, part of its appeal is its variety.

The coastal location provides the obligatory beach attraction but there are cultural options aplenty for those looking for a more sophisticated experience.

Perhaps the most notable is the Basilica of Santa Maria, an impressive, Arabic-looking structure well worth a visit. Another must for architecture is the Torre de la Calahorra.

If greenery is your thing then the Palm Grove of Elche should be right up your garden path, having been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000.

Twinned with six towns - including Toulouse in France - Elche is within striking distance of Alicante, for those who want the allure of one of



PALM GROVE: The city boasts a Unesco World Heritage site.

Spain's largest cities. But Elche should be easily big enough for all your travel needs and boasts a number of top restaurants and hotels.

The local football team, Elche CF, were in the top tier of Spanish foot-

ball until last year, but could now make a return to La Liga in the coming seasons, giving football fans the chance to see giants like Real Madrid or Barcelona in very quaint surroundings.

Hidden Algarve gems in Faro

THE capital of the southern Algarve region is usually used merely as a city to pass through.

But Faro, with its cobbled archways and Moorish architecture, is a distinctly Portuguese coastal city with plenty on offer.

Ideal as a stop off spot, the underrated Algarve resort is less than four and a half hours from Malaga by car and is one of the most southerly points in Portugal.

The monumental Arco da Vila archway belies the city's Moorish influences, along with the original Moorish wall, of course.

The white lighthouse, though, is probably the city's most recognisable landmark.

Other parts of the city are undoubtedly less attractive on the eye. But when you are partying with the near 10,000 strong student population on one of many lively nights out, you probably will not mind.

During the days, the historic old town is packed with outdoor cafes and well-maintained squares, while sophisticated tourists may appreciate the theatre offerings.

The Ria Formosa Natural Park is nearby, boasting lagoons and mudflats.

Attractive parks, intriguing museums, chapels and a 13th century cathedral make for an engaging stroll but, really, it is all about sand, sun and sea.

Situated on the North Atlantic coast, Faro has an impressive marina and a number of attractive beaches in touching distance.

Free guided tours

FROM now on into the summer, Torrevieja will be offering free guided visits to a number of museums.

There will be tours every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, which will be conducted in Spanish and English with a maximum group size of 15 and places must be reserved in advance at the Tourist Office on the Vista Alegre. The tour will take in the Museo del Mar y de la Sal, the Eras de la Sal, the Casino and for an additional payment of €2 there will be access to the S-61 Delfin submarine as well as the Patrullero Albatros.

AN ATP World Tour Tennis Challenger Tour returns to Alicante City for the first time since 1996 and will take place from Monday to Sunday April 8.

The ATP Challenger Tour consists of a series of international men's professional tennis tournaments and are the second highest level of international tennis competition.

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 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.

Top class tennis returns to Alicante



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BERNARD TOMIC: Hopes to see a return to form.

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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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 aton-



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

Semana Santa in Alicante City

ing 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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Advertising Feature

Laurel's restaurant in Quesada welcomes their new front of house manager, Laura

THERE'S a new but familiar face to welcome and look after you when you dine at Laurel's Restaurant. Julia and Martin have pleasure in introducing Laura Hepburn.

Laura joins to head up the front of house team at Laurel's

after having spent seven years managing the floor at the well-respected Let's Eat restaurant.

Laura has gained a wealth of hospitality experience from her career to date, to call upon for her new role, and is excited about her new challenge at Laurel's.

This latest key appointment strengthening the team at Laurel's follows the arrival of new head chef, Diane last December, and sous chef, John last month, and is perfect timing as the team ramps up for another busy summer season.

Julia and Martin are also searching for additional waiting and kitchen staff, so please do contact them directly for further information if you would like to join the team at Laurel's.

New A La Carte Menu

The new A La Carte Menu has now launched, retaining some favourites and adding a number of new dishes, bringing Diane and John's flavours and flair to the plates.

With April upon us this weekend, the monthly changing, new evening set menu for April will be introduced next week, still offering three courses for €16, with a choice of five starters, five main courses, and the A La Carte desserts.

Laurel's traditional Sunday lunch menu (€13.90 for three courses including wine) continues to offer great value and quality, and is a firm favourite in Quesada.

Live Music Nights in April

Thursday and Saturday nights throughout the year are live music nights at Laurel's.

Here is the line-up for this Saturday and the rest of April. Book-

ing your table early is recommended as these nights are always very popular.

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Thursday April 5 - Debbie H
Saturday April 7 - It Takes Two
Thursday April 12 - Andy Jones
Saturday April 14 - Tony Francis
Thursday April 19 - Rob Roberts
Saturday April 21 - Bee Rumble
Thursday April 26 - Andy Win-*

*wood
Saturday April 28 - Maria O'Hara*

Enjoy Laurel's

Julia and Martin, along with their front of house team, continue to offer the warmest of hospitality to all their guests, and they invite everyone to come and relax in Laurel's ambience and surroundings, and indulge in the new dishes on offer throughout 2018.

Laurel's is situated along Calle

Los Arcos, just 30 metres on from Quesada Bowling, with plenty of roadside parking available. The restaurant, bar/lounge, and terrace area occupies the whole of the top floor of the building, with access via stairs and a lift.

Their monthly changing three-course set menus, plus A La Carte and traditional Sunday lunch menus can all be found on their web page (www.laurels.es), and their Facebook page (Laurel's Restaurant, Quesada) has regular updates on menus and forthcoming events.

With live music every Thursday and Saturday night to accompany dinner and for dancing afterwards, booking your table in advance is advisable.

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Originally a stage musical which has toured the world and is regularly resurrected for amateur productions and school performances, it transformed into the hugely successful movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton John.

It's a love story with song and dance that should only make sense to an American audience but it has overcome everything to strike the hearts of audiences around the world.

Recordando (Remembering) Grease is a fast moving homage to the musical based on

an invitation that a middle-aged couple receive from former schoolmates to attend a Grease themed party which will include a dance contest.

With 18 artists on stage, six musicians, four singers and eight dancers, all of the favourites from the show such as *Grease Lightning*, *Summer Nights*, *Hopelessly Devoted to You* but with some new interpretations and musical arrangements will be included.

This will be a party that takes place at the El Batel in Cartagena on Saturday April 14 with two performances at 6pm and 9.30pm. Tickets cost €25, €28 and €30 from the El Batel website or through agencies.

Darren Jones sings for TRBL

FOLLOWING the next Torrevieja Branch of Royal British Legion (TRBL) meeting on Friday April 13 at Casa Ventura, San Luis, Darren Jones will be performing his special brand of music.

This is a singer who can transform a room with his renditions of music from the 50's and 60's up to the modern day with his special versions of the songs of Michael Bublé, Frank Sinatra and Robbie Williams as well as the Motown Classics.

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VINHO VERDE: A Portuguese gem.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Happy tasting.

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



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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.

Classic Cars against Cancer

THE ANVER Association against Breast Cancer and the Rueda Squad, with the collaboration of the Culture Department of Cartama Council, have organised the second Concentration of Classic Cars against Cancer.

The event will take place on Sunday, April 15 at 10.30am, in the park of the Los Naranjos urbanization of Estación de Cartama. In addition to the display of classic cars, there will be paella, a bar and children's entertainment.

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Acoustic Indie gig in Alicante

HAVING been formed 24 years ago in Granada, the Indie band Niños Mutantes are still performing and are currently touring Spain.

Having released 11 albums, their latest which was released in 2017 is confusingly entitled Diez (10).

The band is performing an acoustic show at the Teatro Principal in Alicante on Wednesday April 18 at 8pm and is only open to those aged 18 or above.

With just 150 tickets available this intimate show will allow the audience to mingle with the band, ask questions and even have photographs taken.

Tickets €20 in advance from the theatre box office online or €25 on the night.

Enjoy a virtual hang glider flight



SHOPPING CENTRE: Enjoy the entertainment at Habaneras.

THERE is a chance to enjoy some great Easter shopping alongside some opportunities for fun at the Habaneras Shopping Centre in Torrevieja.

Apart from all of the usual shops that you would expect and a large number of places to eat and drink there are a number of events for all of the family.

From now until Friday April

6, a virtual experience will make you fly through the Torrevieja sky and the shopping centre itself, simulating a hang glider flight to get your adrenaline pumping.

All you need to do is register on the Habaneras app and go for it to have this amazing experience.

Immediately following on April 7, 8 and 9 the shopping

centre is preparing a Flamenco programme to bring the festive atmosphere to visitors and they'll be able to feel all of Sevilla's art, its people, its dance and the purest Flamenco-style songs.

Additionally on Sundays and holidays, Habaneras continues to be jam packed with activities to enjoy the centre and good weather on its terraces.

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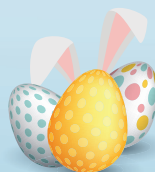
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Valencia offers good opportunities for short-term resale properties. With rock bottom prices often 40 per cent lower than their peak in 2007, you can still grab a bargain but you need to act quickly.

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

Another option is Madrid where residential property is currently about 13



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

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

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

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

For short-term rental properties,

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

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

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

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Tourism boom sees wealthy Brits snap up Spanish homes

SPAIN received a record-breaking 82 million visitors in 2017, overtaking the US as the world's second most visited nation.

According to the Tourist Market Barometer, the average spending of tourists to Spain rose 13 per cent between January and November 2017.

Unsurprisingly, British visitors were among the biggest spenders, contributing €17.4 billion to the Spanish economy, up 8.2 per cent on the previous year. The tourism industry has been an integral driver of Spain's economy over recent decades, benefiting from the increase in cheap flights through low cost airlines, and affordable accommodation.

However, the success of the low-cost tourism model is at risk of negatively impacting the exclusive end of the market, with Spain accounting for only 10 per cent of the wealthiest tourists in the world.

But as local authorities set out ambitious plans to tackle the issue of mass market tourism, Taylor Wimpey España



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TAYLOR MADE: Discerning buyers are increasingly turning to Taylor Wimpey España.

(TWE), which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year, continues to deliver high quality homes for discerning visitors.

Mark Pritchard, TWE's Sales and Mar-

keting Director, said:

"It is fantastic to see Spain's popularity continuing to flourish, and we have certainly received a great number of enquiries from international visitors looking

to experience all that this wonderful country has to offer.

"I do believe, however, that it is important to ensure that popular destinations such as the Costa del Sol remain sustainable, which is why we are focused on delivering quality homes in quality locations for generations to enjoy."

In terms of numbers, December 2017 saw the sixth consecutive month of growth in sales to British buyers for Taylor Wimpey España.

The majority of transactions were made at the upper bracket of €450,000 and beyond, a trend never seen before.

It is believed that with an eye on Brexit in April 2019, British buyers are splashing out more on Spanish properties to secure the right home either for holidays or retirement.

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The Golden Years

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Among the various factors considered are the ease and cost of buying or renting a property, the cost of living, visa and residence options, and the ease of fitting in and enjoying a healthy and varied lifestyle.

Of course, this news will come as no surprise to the many Brits who have already retired to some of the most popular expatriate communities in Albox and

Mojacar. Basking in almost year-long sunshine, these retirees have come to enjoy the relaxed lifestyle and top cuisine along some of the world's best beaches.

If you do decide to come and retire to Spain, remember there is much more to do than simply lie back under the sun. Depending on where you move to, there should be an endless number of activities that you can get involved in. From more active activities such as golf, sailing, hiking or cycling to - perhaps - somewhat less physically demanding activities such as drama groups or yoga and cooking lessons.

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Spaniards are the main guests, visiting the area, but Margaret wants more expatriates to discover the delights.

Having lived in Spain for 12 years, she believes there is nowhere else in the country quite like it. Their daughter, now 22, was, and remains, the only English child to have gone through the local school and the British visitors they receive are given a warm welcome from the villagers, who go out of their way to show them the sights and give them samples of the local culinary dishes as they practise their English.

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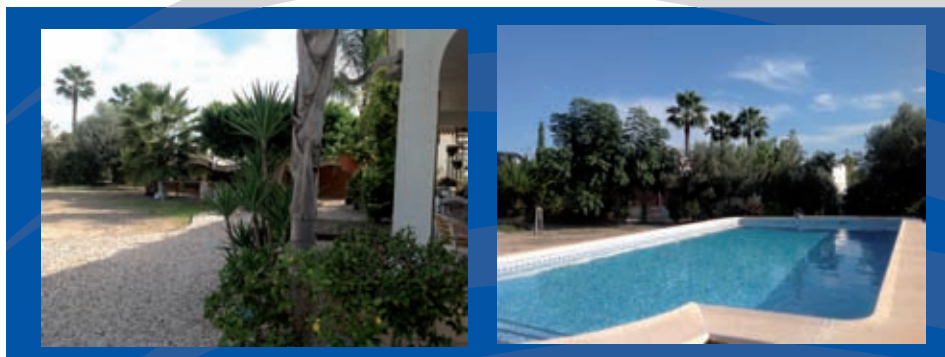
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A new school of thought

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This exchange rate movement can make

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Growing the Sun Parasol or Mandevilla

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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.

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

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

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.

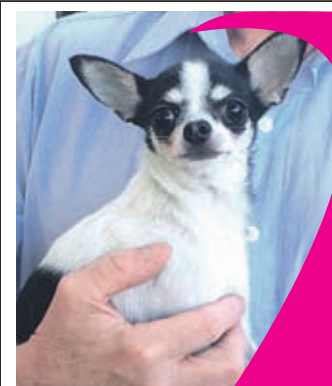
This has sparked a debate as to what rights passengers have when it comes to flying with their pets and whether airlines are respon-

sible 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

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Yamaha TY-E electrifies the competition

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

Designed to optimise the unique advantages of electrical power, the TY-E is scheduled to race at Au-

on 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 out-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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La Liga Preview

Barcelona aiming for 30 game unbeaten mark

SEVILLA host Barcelona as La Liga returns after the international break looking to halt Barcelona's unbeaten season.

Las Sevillistas are looking to bounce back from two consecutive defeats, a run that has seen them sit in sixth place, just two points above Girona and Real Betis in seventh and eighth.

Champions-elect Barcelona however, come into the match yet to lose a La Liga game this season and will be looking to hit the 30 games unbeaten mark in the league as they travel to the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan.

Despite making the quarter finals of the Champions League, Sevilla could find themselves outside the top six before kick off if Girona get past Levante in the early kick off.



UNBEATEN: Barca made it 29 games unbeaten with a 2-0 win over Athletic Bilbao.

La Liga's surprise outfit this season, Girona suffered their first defeat in four games as they went down 6-3 to Real Madrid last time out.

Four from Cristiano Ronaldo

added to with goals from Lucas Vazquez and Gareth Bale saw Girona fall to defeat despite a noble effort to get back into the game.

And they will now be looking to get straight back to winning ways

with a win against lowly Levante, who find themselves in the middle of a relegation battle and sitting just one place above the bottom three.

Real Madrid will look to continue their good run of form as they travel to relegation threatened Las Palmas.

Madrid have lost just one in their last six, while red-hot Cristiano Ronaldo took his tally to 17 goals in his last eight games with four, and will be confident of adding to that against the Gran Canarian side who find themselves six points adrift of safety.

On Sunday, second placed Atletico Madrid host relegation threatened Deportivo La Coruña.

Atletico were dealt a huge title blow before the international break as they lost 2-1 to Villarreal and

moved 11 points behind Barcelona, but will look to get back on track as they welcome 10th placed Celta Vigo.

Elsewhere, bottom of the table Malaga host Villarreal as they seemingly head towards relegation from La Liga.

Las Malaguistas, who have picked up just 14 points all season, snatched a rare point against Celta Vigo last time out but have now gone 14 games without a win since they beat Real Sociedad 2-0 on December 10.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Athletic Bilbao play Celta Vigo on Saturday before on Sunday, Eibar host Real Sociedad, Leganes face Valencia, Espanyol take on Alaves while Getafe are against Real Betis on Monday.

Premier League preview

Chelsea host Spurs in London derby as race for top four heats up

THE Premier League officially returns this weekend as Chelsea host Tottenham in the London derby.

Tottenham can all but put Champions League football out of reach for Chelsea with a win as they look to cement their place in this season's top four.

Spurs, who will be without the injured Harry Kane for the trip to Stamford Bridge, currently sit on 61 points in the final Champions League spot and a win will move them eight points clear of fifth placed Chelsea with just eight games left to play.

League leaders Manchester City head to Everton on Saturday, knowing that a win will give them the opportunity to be crowned Premier League Champions if they beat rivals Manchester United at the Etihad on April 7.

However, it will not be all plain sailing for the league leaders as Everton have found a recent resurgence of form of late.

The Merseysiders are looking for their third successive victory on Saturday following wins against Brighton and a 2-1 win over Stoke before the International break.

Elsewhere, Manchester United begin the era without Zlatan Ibrahimovic as they host Swansea City at Old Trafford.

The Swede officially completed his move to LA Galaxy late last week having not played for the Red Devils since Boxing Day.

In a battle at the bottom, West Ham host Southampton with both teams sitting dangerously close to the drop-zone.



INJURED: Spurs will be without injured top-scorer Harry Kane.

West Ham, who gave life-time bans to 'at least five' supporters last week after crowd trouble and pitch invasions against Burnley, sit just one point above the relegation zone, while FA Cup semi-finalists Southampton dropped into the bottom three thanks to Crystal Palace's win against Huddersfield.

Crystal Palace themselves face a tough fixture as they host free-scoring Liverpool at Selhurst Park in Saturday's early kick off.

The Reds put five past Watford in their last game, with in-form Mo Salah grabbing four for himself as he moved clear of the injured Harry Kane in the race for this season's golden boot.

The weekend's other fixtures will see Brighton host Leicester, Huddersfield travel to Newcastle, West Brom are against Burnley, Watford face Bournemouth and Arsenal take on Stoke on Sunday.



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.'



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

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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 concern."

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

"It may be boring, but I have told my sister that,

whether I stay or not, this will have to be resolved beforehand."

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

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



Valverde cruises to Cataluña title

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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