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Smother nature

Academy project slammed

by Matt Ford

A €6.5 million scheme to build a new academy for Malaga Football Club behind one of the Costa del Sol's last virgin beaches has sparked outrage.

Critics say the project is illegal and that regional and European laws are being ignored.

It comes after environmental groups filed official complaints with the Guardia Civil and Junta de Andalucía regional government after bulldozers and diggers moved into the 108,000-square-metre plot at Arraijanal, between Malaga City and Torremolinos, felling tens of trees before workers fenced the area.

And the move triggered fury among residents, biologists and nature lovers, with hundreds descending on the site and some camping there permanently for the last two weeks.

An environmental impact analysis was allegedly conducted



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UP IN ARMS: The site, now fenced with some trees already felled (inset left), prompting a furious response (inset right).

ed without an archaeologist present when official studies dating back to the late 1980's show that the plot houses important Roman remains.

It is also home to a rich variety of wildlife, with several endangered plants and 167 bird species recorded at the site according to a study by the University of Malaga.

But activists say they have been unfairly slammed for trying to stop the scheme.

Mari Cruz of the Ciriana nature protection group, speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News*, said: "We are in favour of the academy because it will generate important income for the area, we just don't want it here because of the important

flora and fauna, plus the archaeological remains.

"What is happening here contravenes EU law, no proper mapping was done for the environmental impact analysis, it was just accepted."

An online petition on the website *Change.org* has attracted almost 65,000 signatures so far, as the fight rumbles on.

Have you seen him?



Photo credit: Facebook

DESPERATE PLEA: Tony vanished almost a week ago.

A FAMILY has intensified its search for a 48-year-old expat chef missing on the Costa del Sol.

Anthony (Tony) Oldham was last seen on Friday March 23 in Plaza de España, Arroyo De la Miel, Benalmadena.

He was due to meet fiancée Karen Lincoln that afternoon but he failed to show.

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New image for Kaleido

A LEGENDARY nightspot once owned by Hollywood star Antonio Banderas has reopened after a multi-million Euro revamp. Kaleido - in Puerto Marina, Benalmadena - is ready for summer with two new eateries and both outdoor and covered terraces. Turn to page 80 for a full run-down on the venue's stunning makeover.

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Easter rain on the way

TEMPERATURES are forecast to plummet by seven degrees Celsius from today (Thursday), with rain forecast for Friday and Saturday after the mercury this week rose to 24°C, according to national weather office AEMET.

Traffic woe

THE Directorate General of Traffic has warned motorists to take care ahead of a busy weekend on Spanish roads, with up to nine million vehicles expected to be on the move over Easter, especially on Sunday afternoon.

Dam buster

SPANISH Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has been slammed after the government failed to meet the deadline for a preliminary draft of a €210 million scheme to more than double the capacity of La Concepcion dam near Istan.

Expatriate fraud rap Brit jailed for 9 years over €11m VAT con

A BRITISH businessman who used cash from an €11.2 million international tax scam to buy a luxury Costa del Sol home has been jailed.

Leeds Crown Court heard that Jason Butler, 46, stole millions in VAT after forging hundreds of fake invoices.

A HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) probe revealed that he tried to bury the scam in a complex web of companies in the UK, Spain, Gibraltar and the United States.

He used the cash to fund a lavish lifestyle, splashing out on a plush villa in Marbella plus sports cars including Ferrari Fiorano FI, a Ferrari 360, a Lamborghini Murcielago and a Mercedes SL350.

Butler reportedly ran a series of companies in his native

Leeds before emigrating to Spain.

He told investigators that he had spent almost €70 million buying personal payment protection insurance data from nine UK-based firms between

2011 and 2015, but it was revealed that he had actually been trading worthless raw information before filing bogus receipts.

Having been held at Manchester Airport after stepping off a flight from Malaga, he has now been found guilty of tax fraud and must serve nine years in prison.

Eden Noblett of the HMRC Fraud Investigation Service told UK media: "Butler thought he was clever and his scam too sophisticated to be uncovered. But, he was not as clever as he believed."

"This case should serve as a warning to anyone considering stealing taxpayer's money. No matter how clever and sophisticated you think your fraud is, we will catch you."



VAT'S UNBELIEVABLE: Jason Butler used the con to fund a lavish lifestyle.

Fiancee appeals for help

From Front Page

Speaking exclusively to the *Euroweekly News*, Karen said, "Tony went to work last Friday morning and seemed fine. I was due to meet him at 3pm. He left work at 2.30pm never to be seen again."

She continued, "He never returned home at all. He has no money as I had his wages. He had no passport, no paperwork, no clothes. All of his belongings are at home."

Tony is originally from Dukinfield, Greater Manchester, but has lived and worked in Spain

as a chef for 14 years.

He is around 5 ft 5 in tall and of medium build with mid-brown shaved or very short hair.

Tony was last seen wearing blue denim cargo-type jeans, blue Adidas trainers, black polo shirt, a grey hoody and blue rain jacket.

Karen pleaded, "Tony, if you read this all your family, friends and Lexi miss and love you. Please come home and get the help you so need."

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Driveway robberies

THE Costa del Sol is among the top five Spanish hotspots for car thefts, according to a new report. The ranking - published by security firm Techco - shows that 34 per cent of all vehicles stolen in 2017 were from Madrid, followed by Barcelona (15 per cent), Sevilla (8) and Malaga (7).

Arabian flights

SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES is to fly to Malaga this summer, with two weekly flights from capital Riyadh on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and two from Jeddah on Mondays and Thursdays, the carrier confirmed in a statement. The firm's new Boeing 787 Dreamliners are set to undertake the new route from June.

Deadly fight night

A MAN has been remanded in custody in connection with the death of a 28-year-old during an early morning brawl outside a Manilva nightclub. The alleged culprit turned himself in after learning that the victim, who medics said suffered a 'major head trauma,' had died in the wake of the fight.

Eyes on the road

TRAFFIC police in Malaga have splashed out on a 'Velolaser,' a portable WIFI-enabled speed radar that can be quickly set up anywhere in the city. The force said in a statement that the new tech will be used in areas where the most offences occur, with the approaches to Malaga Airport among the hotspots.

Bank raid bungle

A CONVICT granted prison leave for Easter has been held after three people were injured when he fired a gun during a failed bank robbery. Having entered a branch of Unicaja wearing a motorcycle helmet he let off a single shot which nicked a client before shattering a mobile phone, hurting two others.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

POLL OF THE WEEK

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

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Glam Pam's carpet stroll

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIZZLING DISPLAY: Danielle Sellers.

Back to her breast!

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

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

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



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SILKY SKILL: Pammie hits the red carpet in Madrid.

On-off stars TOWIE-gether for good



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ARGIE BARGIE: 'The GC' and James.

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

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

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

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

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

Band of brothers



Photo credit Ayuntamiento de Malaga

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

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

The life aquatic

SHE'S married to Australian Thor musclem Chris Hemsworth.

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

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



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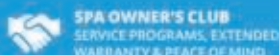


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Pasta la vista

TWO Italian thieves have been held in Marbella after one of the men attacked an elderly couple in glitzy Puerto Banus, stealing an expensive wristwatch before making his getaway on a moped driven by the other.

Toll horror

A 36-YEAR-OLD man died and a 32-year-old woman was hurt after their car careered off the AP-7 toll road at kilometre 163 near Estepona before slamming into 'several trees,' according to medics who attended the scene.

Time to find Lisa

€ 100,000 reward as fresh appeal launched

A FRESH appeal for information on the disappearance of Scottish mum, Lisa Brown has been launched on the Costa del Sol.

The appeal is supported by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Spanish authorities and is backed up by a reward of up to £100,000 from the family, which is supported by UK charity Crimestoppers.

British Ambassador to Spain Simon Manley appeared at the press conference in Los Barrios, Cadiz, alongside Craig Douglas, brother of Lisa Brown and Roger Critchell, Crimestoppers Director of Operations.

Craig Douglas said their family believes that there is a 'wall of silence' among the English-speaking community in south-east Spain.

He said, "We are sure that people know what happened and ask them to think of a little boy who asks every night when his Mummy is coming home."

Roger Critchell, Crimestoppers Director of Operations, added, "The family are desperate to find out what happened to Lisa. We understand that people are not always willing to go to the police so we would urge them to contact Crimestoppers with 100 per cent anonymity through our phone line and our online form."

British Ambassador Simon Manley said he hoped the launch of the appeal is effective.

"Citizen collaboration is essential in these kind of cases," the Ambassador said.

"Cooperation between Spanish and British security forces is another key element, and both countries have an excellent relationship in this field."

Those with information can contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 and 900 555 111 in Spain or via the online form by visiting <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>.

Lisa Brown Appeal



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CASH REWARD: Lisa's brother Craig Douglas (second from right) launches the fresh appeal with help from Crimestoppers and the British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley.

The reward will be paid out to anyone providing substantial information leading to the arrest and conviction of those respon-

sible or results in identifying the whereabouts of the body. The reward will be valid for six months dating from March 23.

Suspect still 'on the run'



THE ex-boyfriend and prime suspect in the case, Simon Corner, is thought to be on the run after vanishing at the beginning of March.

An arrest warrant has been issued by Spanish police after he did not show up at a Costa del Sol police station.

Scottish mum-of-one Lisa, who was 32 when she vanished, was last seen at her home in Guadiaro Roque on November 4, 2015.

The alarm was raised when she failed to collect son Marco from school.

Originally from Dumbar-tonshire, Lisa worked in Gibraltar and detectives suspect that she was killed, but her body has never been found.



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War on the street

200 residents attack police and warning shots fired

THE battle between police and drug gangs on the Costa del Sol goes on.

Around 200 residents of La Linea de la Concepcion attacked three police officers who were chasing a man after he was spotted with more than half a ton of hashish in his car.

The driver of the BMW put his foot down when he saw he was being tailed, leading to a 15-minute car chase through the streets of the Cadiz town.

Several parked cars were damaged as the pursuit wore on, before the trafficker abandoned his vehicle and made off on foot.

The officers followed and saw him enter a property in the San Bernardo neighbourhood, an area notorious for criminal activity.

As they approached, tens of people poured from nearby flats and blocked their way, with one officer firing 'at least 11 warning shots into the air' to break up the mob.

The drugs were seized while the hunt for the culprit continues.

The latest drama comes after 20 gang members last month burst into a hospital to free a man who had been held on



HIGH SPEED DRAMA: The car involved in the chase was filled with 510 kilos of hashish.

suspicion of drugs offences.

Hours later, two officers were hurt after being attacked by a trafficker, before three men unsuccessfully tried to torch new police boats in Algeciras port.

Spain's interior minister, Juan Ignacio

Zoido, has vowed to up security in the area in the wake of the incidents, and has announced a nationwide ban on the sale of semi-rigid speed boats used to transport drugs from Morocco to Spain.

OUR VIEW

Brexit link triggers democracy doubt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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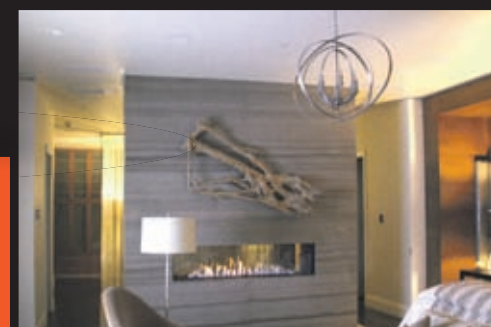
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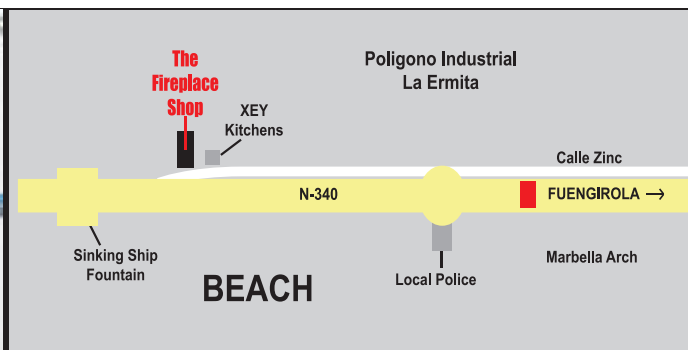
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Sea Grill launches trendy tapas menu



PUENTE ROMANO beachfront restaurant Sea Grill has transformed itself into multi-choice foodie venue.

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On top of that, it has just launched its new and trendy tapas concept - Petit Sea Grill. The upper area of the restaurant has changed its look to oversized sharing tables and comfy high chairs.

The tapas menu includes traditional Spanish bites, as 'Salmorejo' with Cured Cheese and Iberian Ham Fitter or 'Pisto Machego' with Quail's Egg, aside to international bites, such as Sea Bass Ceviche or California Roll.

All tapas can be paired with high quality wines. As from this week onwards Sea Grill has an impressive wine selection, served by the glass.

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NEWS EXTRA

Pot smokers club canned

FOUR people have been held for using a Benalmadena marihuana club to sell cannabis and hashish concealed in soft drinks cans, with six kilos of drugs and more than €1,100 in cash seized during a police raid.

Fake cop con

A 33-YEAR-OLD Spanish man was arrested in Marbella for posing as a police officer, blocking citizens' cars with his vehicle before approaching with a flashing light and pulling out a knife, forcing them to give up their valuables.

Punch drunk

A TORREMOLINOS doorman has been sentenced to nine months in prison and fined €24,000 for assaulting a reveller 'at random and without warning,' beating the victim.

Primate suspect

Rare lemur seized in Costa drugs raid



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POLICE RAID: They certainly didn't expect that!

A POLICE drugs unit was left puzzled after swooping on a gang smuggling cannabis from Spain to the Netherlands.

Raids on properties in Malaga and Cordoba saw investigators seize more than 100 kilos of marihuana

and hashish, plus a ring-tailed lemur.

The endangered primate was reportedly living in the Benalmadena home of a group of Dutch individuals who bought the drugs from Spanish traffickers in Cordoba before shipping them to their homeland.

A probe launched last October led detectives to the ringleaders, with three men aged 19 to 35 remanded in custody.

Vehicles and mobile phones were recovered while the lemur has been passed to SEPRONA.



Photo credit Instagram/Google Maps

LIVING THE DREAM: The couple's restaurant and (inset) Elliot and Sadie.

Bit of all Wright!

THEY recently allowed a film crew to record their wedding for a reality TV special.

And Costa del Sol restaurateurs Elliot Wright, 37, and Sadie Stuart, 26, showed they're embracing married life after being snapped puckering up at a Marbella swimming pool.

Sadie sent temperatures soaring after slipping into a revealing one-piece swimsuit, while ex-*The Only Way Is Essex* star Elliot rocked a pair of white Ralph Lauren shorts and an unbuttoned stripey shirt.

The pair knocked back Champagne as they topped up their tans ahead of a busy summer season at their Cala de Mijas eatery Olivia's, with recent reports suggesting that Elliot has signed the freehold on the business giving him full control.

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Spending slammed

OPPOSITION parties are up in arms after Malaga City Council revealed it spent only €555.5 million - or 78.2 per cent - of its €749 million municipal budget last year, 5 per cent less than in 2016.

Anti-climax

A 55-YEAR-OLD Spanish man has been held for draping himself over a Marbella playground bench before dropping his trousers and masturbating in front of playing children as their horrified parents looked on, police said in a statement.

Packing it

ALHAURIN DE LA TORRE Council has splashed out on new bulletproof vests for its Local Police force, with each officer now having his or her own fitted body protection with a 10-year guarantee.



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'PROSTITUTION MAFIA': 89 people including 58 gang members have been held and 39 women freed.

'Low cost' sex sting
Young women charging clients '€5 or €10'

A TOTAL of 89 people have been held and 39 young women freed after police swooped on a country-wide 'low cost' prostitution ring.

The mostly teenage victims worked mainly on the streets of industrial estates and were charging just €5 or €10 for sex.

Others were set up in 'inhuman' conditions, with used condoms, open packets of food and dirty clothes found mixed together in a Malaga flat, while in Cuevas de Almanzora, Almeria, a group was living in a 'squalid' cave house.

Police referred to the plot as a 'Nigerian prostitution mafia' in a statement, after a probe revealed that the victims were brainwashed with voodoo in their home country while they were still children.

They were then forced to travel to Spain, provided with false documents and pimped out as sex slaves in order to repay their 'debt' to gang leaders.

The ringleader was based in the northern area of Navarra but he had a number of regional leaders working below him.

Ex-prostitutes known as 'mamis'

were employed to manage the girls.

The gang reportedly operated throughout Spain, with arrests taking place in Malaga, Sevilla, Almeria, Murcia, Alicante, Barcelona, Vizcaya, Navarra, Cantabria, Madrid, Guadalajara, and Toledo.

A police official said: "The clients were mainly Nigerian and Senegalese men working on farms, and several of the women were forced to have abortions.

"We have intervened assets worth more than €300,000, but a lot of the money was sent to Nigeria."

Daylight robbery

POLICE are hunting for a thief after he was caught on camera in Marbella.

The man was filmed stealing various items in broad daylight, including €170 in cash and a laptop from a parked car on Calle Berlin after the owner installed security cameras bought online.

In the footage he makes off in a grey Seat Ibiza with the licence plate clearly visible, but when investigators swooped on an address linked to the registration, no one was at home.

They were unable to force entry since the alleged crime is not serious enough to justify a search warrant, an official said.

Noisy neighbour

A MAN who attacked his neighbour with a hatchet and a knife after a noise row faces three years behind bars.

The drama unfolded on a housing estate in Arroyo de la Miel, Benalmadena, when the victim's wife was told to 'shut up, b**ch' after asking a couple who were arguing loudly on their terrace to calm down.

Her husband went to confront them on the street before the accused, 41, slashed his face and broke his jaw with the weapons.

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Neighbours sex shocker

A COUPLE who sexually abused their neighbour's 13-year-old daughter in La Virreina, Malaga City have been remanded in custody after the victim's parents heard her screams and raised the alarm.

Fare game

MARBELLA cabbies could be forced to wear uniform from this summer, with a special police unit to tackle illegal taxis operating in the area if the council is able to pass a series of proposed new rules for the sector.

Pine mess

FURIOUS parents of children attending the Palma de Mallorca school in Torremolinos gathered outside the town hall to protest when a pine tree collapsed onto the school's front gate, after a 15-metre fir fell onto the playground last year.

Kidnap and torture

Two held after 15-hour nightmare unfolds

by Matt Ford

A YOUNG man has been freed in the wake of a 15-hour kidnapping and torture ordeal on the Costa del Sol.

Police swooped on a property in the El Juncal gated community of expatriate stronghold Mijas after a concerned citizen flagged up a video that appeared on social media.

The footage reportedly showed a man verbally and physically abusing a younger person who appeared to have a number of head injuries.

A brief probe revealed the identity of the attacker, who had previous police records, leading investigators to raid his home.

As they arrived they saw the culprit trying to escape through a window wielding a knife, but when he saw the officers he retreated and barricaded the doors.

A tense standoff ensued, before officers convinced him to



SNATCHED: The drama unfolded in the El Juncal gated community and (inset) the knife seized by police.

release the victim, who had 'serious head and body injuries,' and was 'in shock and disorientated' according to medics.

He was transferred to the Comarcal Hospital in Marbella for treatment, while police continued to speak with his assailant.

After half an hour of talks he was persuaded to surrender,

with a series of videos captured on his mobile phone showing that a second man had been involved in the abduction.

Both men - one Spanish and the other Moroccan - have been charged with kidnapping, attempted murder and crimes against sexual freedom, police said in a statement.

Germans' weed rap

A GERMAN drug smuggling plot has been foiled on the Costa del Sol.

Investigators raided 16 properties in Malaga and Granada, plus the German cities, Leipzig and Bremen.

Around a ton of cannabis and more than €210,000 in cash seized alongside guns and eight vehicles.

The gang initially transported the narcotics

from Spain to Germany by road but later swapped to sending smaller amounts by post in the wake of a series of busts, detectives said in a statement.

A 'laboratory' for preparing and packing the drugs was unearthed in Coin, while two police officers were seriously hurt in Granada after a gang member drove his car into them as he tried to flee.

Homeless hell

THREE men and a woman with no fixed abode have been held in Ronda on suspicion of peddling drugs from an illegally occupied building.

The quartet were allegedly selling 'rebujaos,' a potentially deadly cocktail of cocaine and heroin, and often accepted stolen goods in exchange for the highly addictive substance, police say.

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Magnificent seven

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THE Costa del Sol airport will officially premiere seven new routes this weekend.

As of this Saturday, six new airlines will connect the airport with separate routes to different parts of Europe including Denmark, Latvia, Malta, Sweden, Bulgaria and France.

Spanish air management company Aena has confirmed that during the summer season, which got underway last Sunday, there will be four

flights a week to Danish city Aarhus, one arrival and one departure, on both Tuesdays and Saturdays.

There will also be four weekly flights between Latvian capital Riga and Bulgarian capital Sofia, while there will also be flights to Malmo in Sweden, two varying days a week and four weekly flights between Paris' Orly airport.

The airport is also set to have eight flights a week to

the Spanish northern city of Bilbao during this year's summer season, which continues until October 27, scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

In a statement, Aena also confirmed that the Costa del Sol airport will connect passengers with '136 destinations through 247 routes,' while also stating that airlines have offered '4.7 per cent more seats than in the same season last year.'

Art attack axed

Picasso museum reopens following strike threat

MALAGA'S Picasso museum has reopened to visitors following industrial action.

The Comisiones Obreras union (CCOO) said in a statement further strikes planned for yesterday (Wednesday), today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday) between 12pm and 5pm have been called off.

The walk out involved around 100 workers last week, causing the temporary exhibition and Fellini dreamed of Picasso to close. Strikes also reportedly affected the museum's gift and book shop.

The CCOO said industrial action took place despite several attempts to negotiate with management. A strike was called due to a fall in pay by 16.4 per cent since 2009, as



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CALLED OFF: Strikes planned for the coming days will no longer take place.

well as the loss of some social rights and salary supplements, the union added.

The CCOO has also reportedly achieved a meeting with the Ministry of Culture in order to negotiate one of the demands made as the basis for the walk out.

"The CCOO will make a report to the Labour Inspec-

torate and before the courts to demand responsibility be taken from those who hold the 'ownership' of the museum," the union said.

Their statement added strikes could resume if 'real' negotiations did not begin immediately. The meeting with the Culture Ministry is scheduled for Friday April 6.



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In the fast lane

THE Spanish Ministry of Infrastructure has unveiled plans to revamp the A-7 motorway on the Costa del Sol.

The coastal highway is a notorious summer blackspot, with tailbacks on a daily basis during peak holiday season, and €3.9 million will now be thrown at the problematic stretch.

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Council urges Madrid to put foot down



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ROAD RAGE: The junction sparks long and dangerous tailbacks at peak times.

A LOCAL council has demanded that the Spanish government speeds up work on a nightmare road junction.

Mayor of Benalmadena, Victor Navas, made an impassioned plea to opposition parties to put aside their differences and urge Madrid to complete the work on the Arroyo de la Miel exit of the A-7 motorway within 18 months.

The project is scheduled to be complete in 2021, but the official wants it finished by 2019 after 'extremely slow progress' over the last six months.

Councillor Ana Scherman added: The development ministry promised to get this sorted within 18 months, but at this rate it will be impossible."

The junction is a notorious black spot, with only a single exit lane forcing traffic to queue dangerously on the hard shoulder at peak times, with tailbacks of up to two kilometres a daily sight.

The government has agreed a €10.1 million investment to revamp the troubled spot, but only €600,000 will be spent this year.

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BURNING QUESTION: Police are treating the incident as 'suspicious.'

Fright club

POLICE are probing a fire which ripped through Marbella's martial arts school, reducing the building to ashes.

The blaze spread to a car parked outside the gym, located on an industrial estate in San Pedro de Alcántara.

Investigators told local media they are treating the incident as 'suspicious.'

NEWS EXTRA

Back from the dead

A WOMAN from Malaga City was left puzzled after she received a letter from the 061 ambulance service informing her that her mother had died, when in fact she was alive, describing the boob as 'absurd.'

Total halt

A FOUR-CAR pile-up on the A-74 motorway near Elviria triggered a four-kilometre tailback in the direction of Malaga, with medics later confirming that no-one was injured as a result of the smash.

Wheel mess

THE Spanish government and train operator Renfe have been knocked over accessibility at Fuengirola's Los Boliches railway station, with the lift having been broken 'for over three weeks' and the access ramp 'too steep for wheelchairs,' opposition groups say.

Tourist trap

TWO members of a Romanian pickpocketing gang have been held for stealing wallets containing 'a significant amount of money' from tourists in a Marbella shopping centre car park, according to Local Police.

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ON YOUR MARKS: The competitors prepare to race.

Baby race a shambles

Slow start for baby crawling race

ELEVEN tiny tots were put on their starting blocks when the Costa del Sol hosted the first baby crawling race in Spain.

Some parents were rattled that their offspring didn't make a clean break for the finishing line as the event descended into chaos with the bemused babies being cheered on by thousands of spectators.

The fun event took place in a packed Malaga stadium during the half-time interval of the basketball match between Unicaja Baloncesto and FC Barcelona Lassa.

The parents of Enzo, the fastest crawling child in the Worten baby challenge, legged it home with a selection of technology products after their child won the event.

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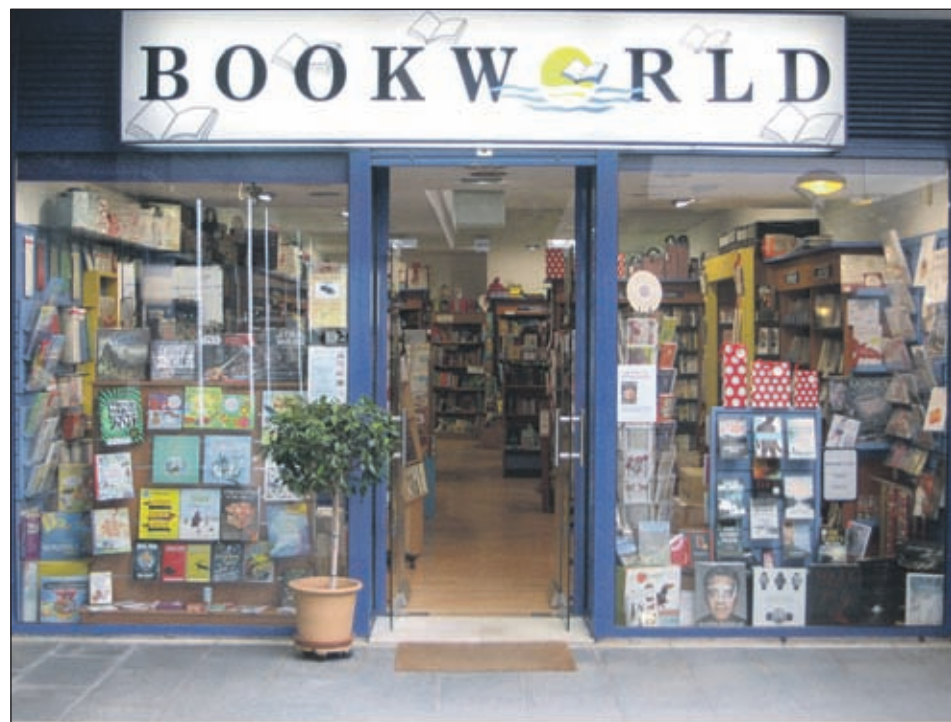
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HUNT FOR DREAD OCTOBER: The sub has alarmed local ecologist groups.

Sub nuke scare

A BRITISH Ministry of Defence decision to allow an American nuclear submarine to dock in Gibraltar has been slammed.

The USS John Warner is undertaking a 'scheduled visit,' officials told local press.

The Virginia class attack vessel is designed 'for a broad spectrum of offshore and coastal missions,' and

according to retired admiral Jonathan Greenert is 'the most deadly and high tech warship in our inventory.'

But green activist group Ecologists In Action released a statement panning the rock for offering asylum to 'floating bombs' and creating 'a new threat in the Strait, where 100,000 ships have been placed in danger due to the threats of collision, secu-

rity risks and radioactive leaks.'

It added that 'the presence of several cranes on the dock raises suspicions about the reason for its stay,' warning that 'there is no emergency plan if there is a nuclear accident' with 'neither the citizens nor the Spanish administration would know what to do in an emergency of that magnitude.'

Bridging the gap

A DANGEROUS footbridge in Mijas has been closed.

It comes after councillors called for immediate repair work to the crumbling overpass near the BP petrol station and Sohail Castle on the border with Fuen-girola. Days later, a sign warning pedestrians not to use the bridge appeared, but

only on one side of it.

After that move was panned by local media, the Spanish Development Ministry ordered the bridge to be closed 'with immediate effect,' according to a statement.

The structure will reportedly be given a revamp in the near future.

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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.

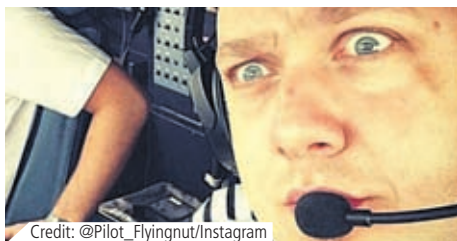
The pair could be seen interacting with an owl and other animated characters generated by the app whilst in the cockpit and taking selfies.

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



Credit: @Pilot_Flyingnut/Instagram

SKY JINKS: Images from the the pilot's Instagram account.

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.

"We take this issue seriously and, as such, the pilots have been suspended (in line with our procedures) pending a disciplinary investigation."

Video nasties

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 of the woman from under her in Barcelona in February 2015 while his friend Alvaro

Gragera videoed it and then uploaded it to social networks.

The attacker presented himself to police when he learned they had issued a public appeal to find him.

The prosecutor had called for a jail sentence and fine for both the attacker and the person who recorded it.

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Door swings shut

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

Last year was a record year in terms of the number of re-

quests, 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, 970, Cameroonians, 750 and Mo-



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

roccans, 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.

The number of requests pending resolution, when the figures for 2017 are included, now stands at a total of 38,880.



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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.

Flaming tragedy

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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Kingpin sent down

Scouse coke boss caged for 15 years

by Matt Ford

A DRUGS kingpin who hid out in Spain has been jailed for 15 years.

Dad-of-four James Manning, 40, was behind a ploy to send two kilos of cocaine with a street value of more than €355,000 to Glasgow.

Speaking at Liverpool Crown Court, Judge Elizabeth Nicholls told the gym owner from Speke in Liverpool: "You moved within the highest ranks of those involved in the drugs trade and on an international level.

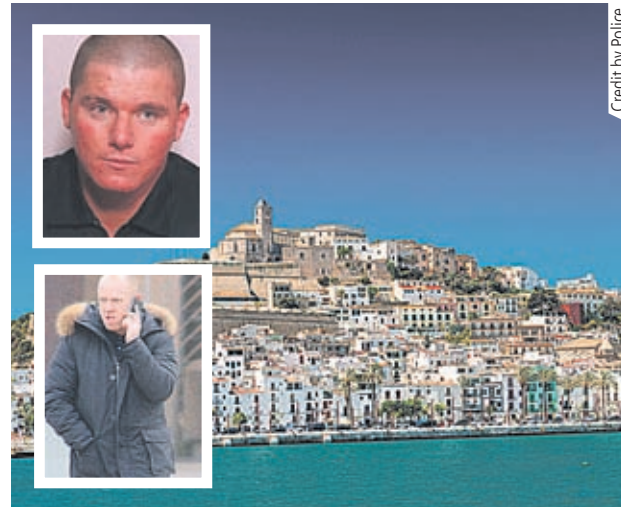
"You had substantial influence on others in the chain both upwards and downwards."

She said that he had been "immersed" in the world of drugs and supplied secure Blackberry mobile phones to "mobilise people to execute his orders."

And the judge added: "You demonstrated in the trial that you are an unscrupulous, manipulative and dangerous individual who is prepared to go to any length to achieve your goals and protect your interests.

"I have no hesitation in placing you in a leading role. You were directing these drugs operations throughout."

The consignment - one of



Credit: by Police

several that Manning is accused of managing - was intercepted by police on the M74 motorway near Lockerbie, Scotland, with the drugs hidden in the rear footwell.

A day later, Manning and accomplice David Gordon, 34, fled to Ibiza on separate flights before returning to the UK after several weeks, where they were spotted at Glasgow Central railway station.

Manning then fled to Dubai, where he laid low before being held by investigators when he flew back to Manchester Airport after almost a year in the Middle East.

Scotsman Gordon, from Stewarton in Ayrshire, was in January caged for 10 years over his role in the plot.

FLYING VISIT: David Gordon (inset top) and James Manning (inset bottom) fled to Ibiza after a drug shipment was seized by police.

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.

Fake 'doctor' held

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 by police in Sevilla in Andalucia.

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

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

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

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Ryanair slams 'claim chasers'

by Karl Smallman

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 cases 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 passen-



Credit: Ryanair

RYANAIR: 'Avoid these excessive claims chasers deductions.'

gers 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 with-

out its complexity.

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

sle 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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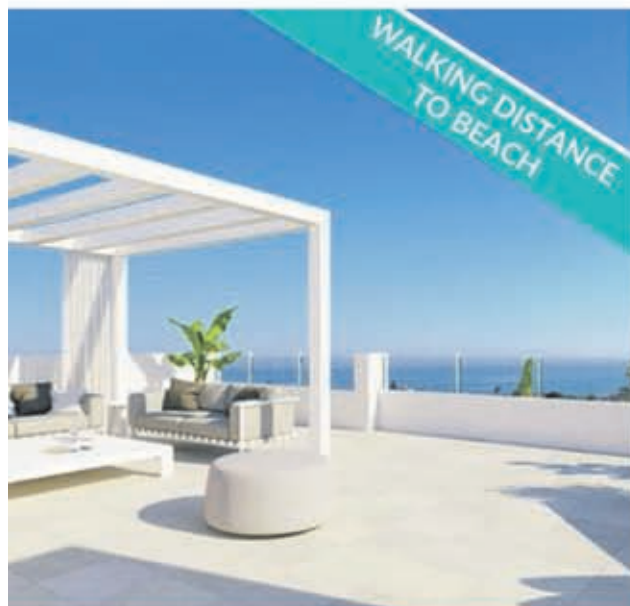
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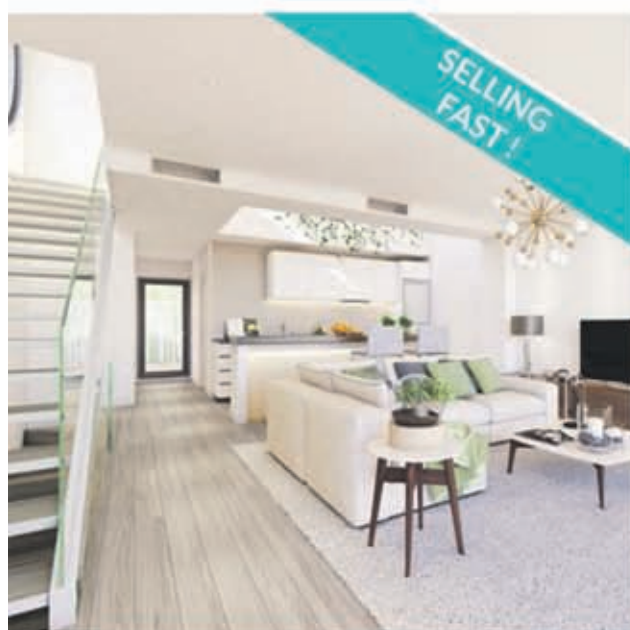
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SCHOOL OF ROCK: Youngsters strum their stuff.

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Shutterbugs walk around Coin

THE walk around Coin group met their guide, Laura, who took them through the streets of Coin for a leisurely walk to places of interest so they could take photographs.

First was the Convento de Santa Maria de la Encarnacion which today is used for exhibitions. There were many items to photograph, plus the well preserved building with its cloistered interior which dates back to 1485.

Next was the Iglesia San Juan Bautista where the group were able to enter the church and explore.

After a short stroll through the streets of Coin they arrived at the third destination, the Molino de Harina of Bartolome Mendez. This is an organic stone mill which the Mendez family have been operating for four generations.

It was a huge privilege to be able to photograph the working mill during production

The last visit was to the Panaderia La Curruca, the bakery and shop operated by Miguel Curruca and his wife.

The bread is all handmade and baked in a 200-year-old wood burning oven. Once again, they were able to photograph Miguel and his wife kneading, weighing the bread and then witness the bread baking in the oven.

After a few minutes they were able to purchase some of the newly baked bread they had seen made and placed in the oven.

For more information regarding meetings, photo shoots and competitions take a look at Shutterbugs' website: www.shutterbugspain.org.

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Open day at the SEARCH horse rescue centre

THE Coin-based charity, SEARCH (the Spanish Equine Association for Rescue, Care and Homing) are pleased to announce that they are holding an open day and horse training demo on Saturday April 7 at Finca El Sueño, the welcoming family farm owned by founders Susan Barns and her husband Alan.

No horse lover, horse owner - or anyone else fond of animals - would want to miss this very special opportunity to see for themselves, the truly remarkable results that can be achieved with formerly abused, traumatised and emotionally disturbed horses, thanks to the gentle and empathetic communication, intuition and understanding of a skilled and sensitive person able to form a close bond of mutual affection and trust with the equines under Sue and Alan's infinite care.

The event is being held at SEARCH's Finca El Sueño, from 12 noon to 4pm, with the horse training demo itself starting at 1pm.

Demo donations: €5 per person.



BLACK BEAUTY: Dedicated volunteer Melina, showing Noelle how to take a well-deserved bow.

Chilli (meat and vegetarian options available) at €4 per head. All drinks and home-made cakes are €1 each.

After weeks of bad weather, including torrential rain, gale force winds and cold snaps, the horses can't wait to feel the sunshine on their backs again. So

do please come along and meet them!

Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis. To reserve yours, call Sue on: 660 220 700 or email: info@serch.es.

For more information, visit www.serch.es.

The RBL: myth and reality

THE Royal British Legion is extremely active in Andalusia but there are many misconceptions amongst the general public and indeed many expatriate Brits.

This article is intended to address some of these misconceptions.

Myth: Membership is only open to ex-service personnel.

Reality: Membership is open to anyone who supports the general principles of the organisation.

In Spain people join for a number of reasons, they may be ex-forces themselves, they may have family or friends who currently or have previously served or they may be aware of a current conflict and want to support British troops.

They may simply wish to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal or they may join to enjoy the social activities and the comradeship that membership brings.

Myth: Money raised for the Poppy Appeal goes to the UK.

Reality: All money raised for the Poppy Appeal is retained in a special welfare account for beneficiaries in Spain.

Myth: You have to be injured in conflict to receive assistance.

Reality: To be a beneficiary of the Royal British Legion you need to have received a minimum of seven days pay or be a dependant or carer of someone who has.

There are 15 branches of the Royal British Legion in Spain South District mostly - but not all - near the coast. For details of your nearest branch contact: dave.punshon@gmail.com or call 957 535 211 or 689 455 704.

If there is no branch near you why not form one, they will give you all the support you need.



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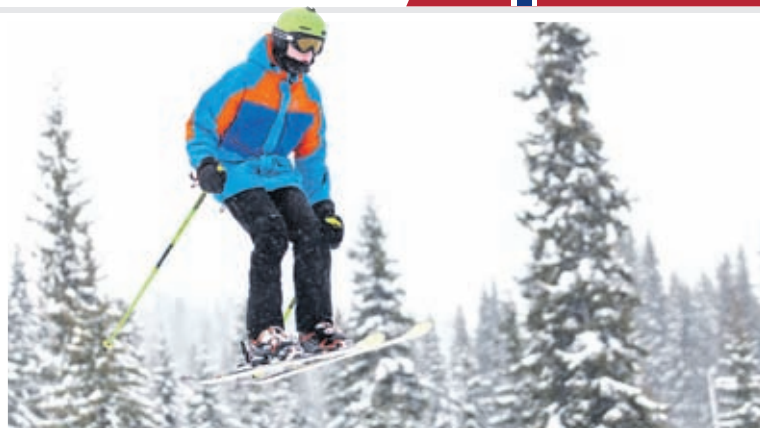
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NORWAY



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.



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

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

'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.

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.

Justice served

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

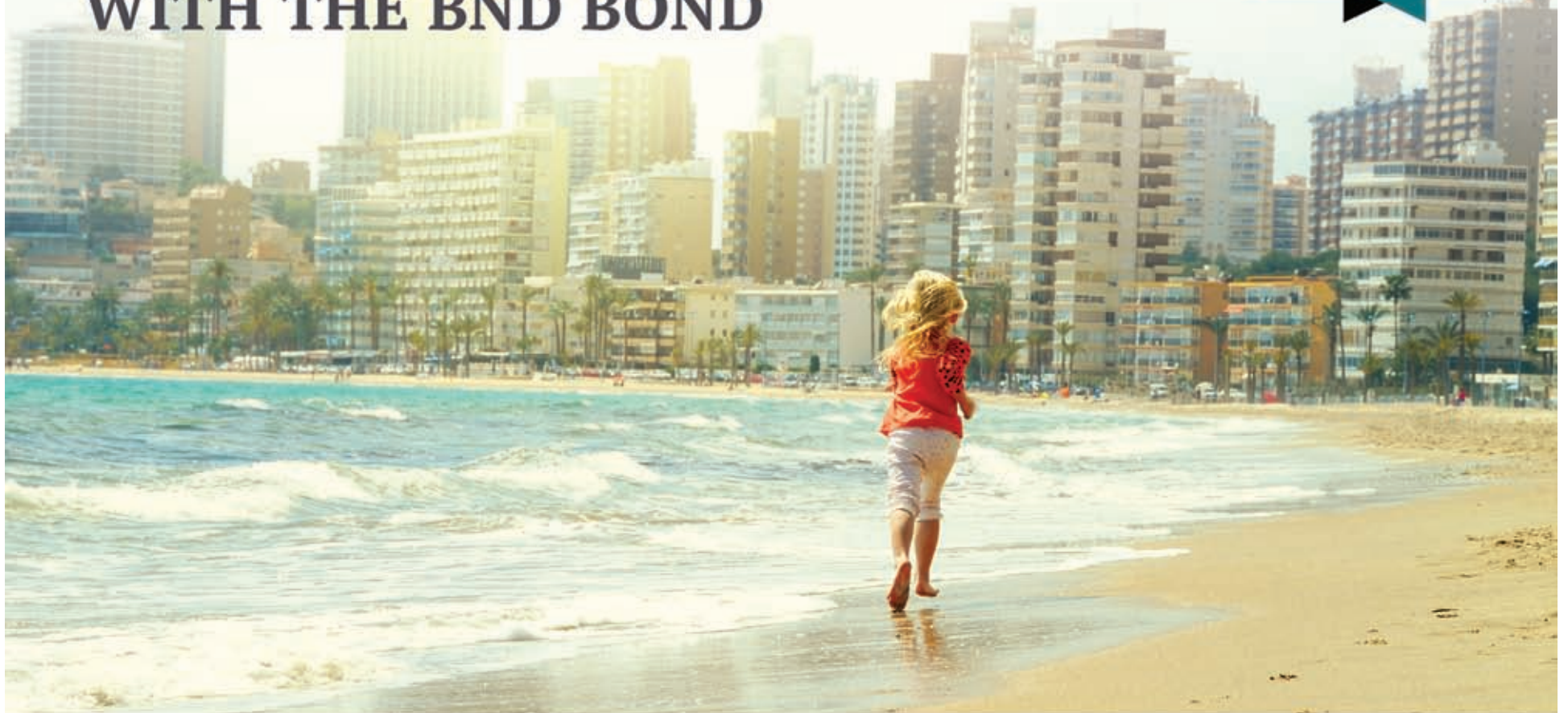
Towering high

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.




Job high

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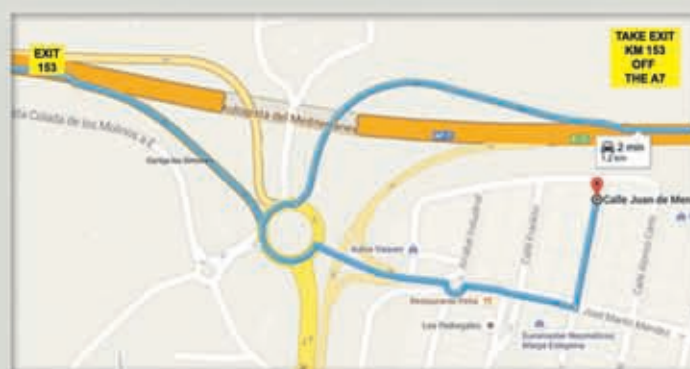
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Spain lodges FB complaint

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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Associated British Foods	2,440.00	-6.00	-0.25	19,229.77
Admiral Group	1,825.00	-30.00	-1.62	5,421.04
Ashtead Group	1,959.50	51.50	2.70	9,441.23
Antofagasta	963.80	22.80	2.42	9,371.55
Aviva	489.50	-3.60	-0.73	20,226.73
AstraZeneca	4,820.00	32.00	0.67	61,213.80
BAE Systems	572.50	6.50	1.15	18,222.16
Barclays	210.00	5.65	2.76	35,327.44
British American Tobacco	3,950.00	28.50	0.73	89,108.13
Barratt Developments	522.00	-3.00	-0.57	5,263.18
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,836.00	81.00	2.16	5,026.55
British Land Co	650.00	13.40	2.10	6,308.13
BHP Billiton	1,390.00	-4.60	-0.33	29,467.63
Bunzl	1,934.75	-59.75	-3.00	6,738.84
BP	464.50	2.05	0.44	92,295.66
Burberry Group	1,596.50	-56.50	-3.42	6,926.28
BT Group	223.00	3.75	1.71	21,714.08
Coca-Cola HBC	2,385.00	-100.00	-4.02	9,289.80
Carnival	4,650.00	66.00	1.44	9,695.60
Centrica	133.30	-1.40	-1.04	7,387.70
Compass Group	1,525.00	58.50	3.99	23,586.59
Croda International	4,547.50	68.50	1.53	5,914.72
CRH	2,379.00	-0.15	-0.01	20,080.56
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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.40	1.64	2.53	47,588.01
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,124.00	0.00	0.00	14,504.00
Micro Focus International	1,439.50	483.50	50.58	3,975.81
Mediclinic International	679.70	119.50	21.33	4,184.60
Marks & Spencer Group	270.00	1.60	0.60	4,310.46
Mondi	1,885.50	-16.00	-0.84	7,010.63
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	227.80	22.00	10.69	4,860.09
National Grid	772.50	17.20	2.28	25,426.44
NMC Health	3,251.00	-101.00	-3.01	6,945.79
Next	4,780.00	-204.00	-4.09	6,641.64
Old Mutual Group	214.75	-24.25	-10.15	12,179.03
Paddy Power Betfair	7,155.00	-220.00	-2.98	6,294.72
Prudential	1,875.00	49.00	2.68	47,929.43
Persimmon	2,721.00	226.00	9.06	7,730.13
Pearson	761.80	1.00	0.13	5,945.44
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,900.00	35.00	0.60	41,512.88
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	252.50	-2.10	-0.82	30,908.15
Royal Dutch Shell	2,257.50	58.50	2.66	101,320.88
RELX	1,450.00	12.50	0.87	15,346.63
Rio Tinto	3,555.00	-11.50	-0.32	48,029.94
Royal Mail	491.30	-37.90	-7.16	5,254.00
Rolls-Royce Group	851.50	-9.70	-1.13	16,396.37
Randgold Resources	5,824.00	-108.00	-1.82	5,432.41
RSA Insurance Group	627.50	2.90	0.46	6,450.11
Rentokil Initial	250.50	-17.70	-6.60	5,010.41
Sainsbury (J)	227.00	-0.50	-0.22	5,015.87
Schroders	3,439.50	221.50	6.88	7,366.07
Sage Group (The)	650.00	4.00	0.62	7,037.71
Segro	587.00	-2.40	-0.41	5,953.37
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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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CLOSING PRICES MARCH 26

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
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%
Merrimack Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 8.29	1.03 ▼ 11.05%
Black Box Corporation	\$ 2.05	0.25 ▼ 10.87%
resTORbio, Inc.	\$ 11.78	1.40 ▼ 10.62%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 14.09	1.66 ▼ 10.54%
Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 10.49	1.19 ▼ 10.19%
Calyxt, Inc.	\$ 15.35	1.67 ▼ 9.81%
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Dram good performance

BOTTOMS UP AS WHISKY SALES SKYROCKET

SPANIARDS' favourite tittle is whisky, a report says.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rum sales were dominated by dark varieties, which accounted for



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

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

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

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

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

Gross domestic product record as Aragon tops regional charts

THE Spanish economy continues to grow.

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

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

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

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

EQUITY FUNDS 'ARE LIKE MIGRATING BIRDS'

€10bn deal world's biggest

IT was the biggest real estate deal of 2017.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

"This happened in Spain from 2009.

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

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

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

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

€500m energy deal confirmed

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

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

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

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



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Spain remains on debt row

TARGET BEATEN BUT DEFICIT STILL EXCESSIVE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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INHERITANCE TAX SHAKE-UP ANNOUNCED

Non-EU loophole slams shut

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

Blue passport fury as British firm snubbed

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

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

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

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

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

Social security fraud savaged

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

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

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

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

I really do lose the will to live

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



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

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

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

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



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

SHOPLIFTING: 'Effectively decriminalised.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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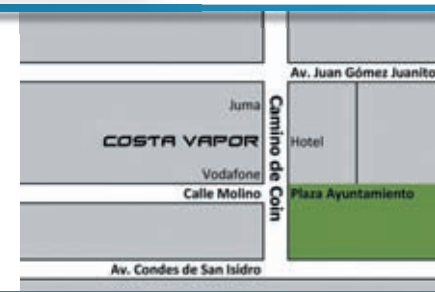
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A recipe for leaving a very bad taste in the mouth

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



KFC CLOSURES: Have prompted panic among Brits.

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

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

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

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

Even at less than 10 years

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

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

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

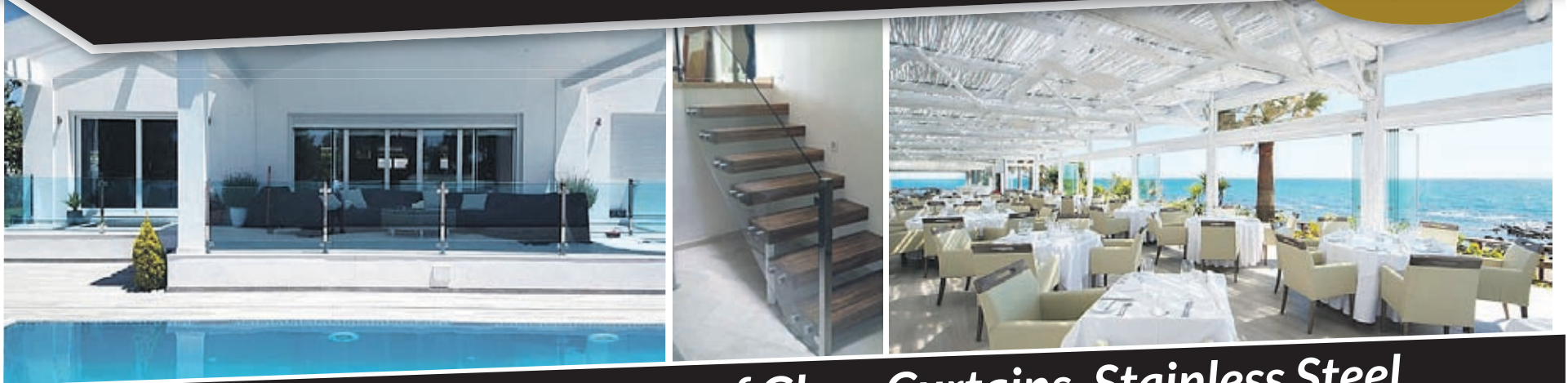
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Give us a break

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

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

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

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

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



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.

Men choose tote bags for the style

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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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 7:00am Breakfast
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 12:00pm The Sheriffs are Coming
 12:45pm Claimed and Shamed
 1:15pm Bargain Hunt
 2:00pm BBC News at One
 2:30pm BBC London News
 2:45pm Doctors
 3:15pm Moving On
 4:00pm Escape to the Country
 4:45pm Money for Nothing
 5:30pm Flog It!
 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News at Six
 7:30pm BBC London News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
 9:00pm MasterChef
 10:00pm Not Going Out
 10:30pm Still Game
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:30pm BBC London News
 11:45pm Unsolved
 12:45am This Week
 1:30am Weather for the Week Ahead
 1:35am BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am The Repair Shop
 7:25am Money for Nothing
 8:15am Coast
 9:00am DIY SOS the Big Build
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm The Daily Politics
 2:00pm Black Narcissus
 3:40pm Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape
 4:40pm Blitz Cities
 5:10pm Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF
 6:10pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 7:00pm Eggheads
 7:30pm The Repair Shop
 8:00pm Mountain
 9:00pm Big Cats
 10:00pm Civilisations
 11:00pm Match of the Day
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:15am Top Gear
 1:15am MasterChef
 1:45am Saving the British Bulldog
 2:45am Back in Time for Tea
 3:45am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

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

CHANNEL 4

5:15am Coast v Country
 6:10am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures
 6:30am Streetmate
 7:00am Countdown
 7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun
 8:10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Frasier
 10:00am Frasier
 10:35am Frasier
 11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen
 Nightmares USA
 12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
 1:00pm Channel 4 News
 1:05pm Come Dine with Me
 2:05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A Place in the Sun
 5:00pm A New Life in the Sun
 6:00pm Four in a Bed
 6:30pm Star Boot Sale
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Location, Location, Location
 10:00pm Indian Summer School
 11:00pm 20 Kids and Counting
 12:05am Gogglebox
 1:05am One Born Every Minute

CHANNEL 5

9:20am Digby Dragon
 9:35am Rusty Rivets
 9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
 10:05am Mofy
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
 1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
 2:15pm Home and Away
 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:15pm NCIS
 4:15pm Buried Secrets
 6:00pm 5 News at 5
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
 9:00pm Goodbye Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun
 10:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
 11:00pm Do the Right Thing with Eamonn and Ruth
 12:05am Undercover Benefits Cheat
 1:00am Super Casino
 4:10am Gps Behind Closed Doors

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8:00am Rules of Engagement
 9:00am How I Met Your Mother
 10:00am New Girl
 11:00am 2 Broke Girls
 12:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 1:00pm The Goldbergs
 2:00pm The Big Bang Theory
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 8:30pm Extreme Cake Makers
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 9:30pm Young Sheldon
 10:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 10:30pm Derry Girls
 11:00pm Five Star Hotel
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory
 12:35am The Big Bang Theory
 1:05am First Dates
 2:10am Five Star Hotel
 3:10am Tattoo Fixers
 4:05am Gogglebox

sky sports main event

7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
 7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
 10:00am Rugby League
 12:45pm My Icon
 1:00pm Sky Sports News
All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
 2:00pm Sky Sports News
 2:30pm Live PGA Tour
 Featured Groups
The featured groups from day one of the Houston Open, held at the Golf Club of Houston.
 6:00pm Live LPGA Golf
 8:30pm Football
 10:45pm Live Premier League Darts
The Unibet Premier League Darts heads to the SSE Arena in Belfast for Judgement Night
 11:30pm Jd Ringside: The Countdown
 12:00am Cricket

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

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

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

itv4

7:00am The Chase
 7:45am Pawn Stars
 8:10am Pawn Stars
 8:30am Ironside
 9:30am Quincy, M.E.
 10:35am Minder
 11:40am The Saint
 12:45pm The Avengers
 1:50pm Ironside
 2:50pm Quincy, M.E.
 3:55pm Minder
 5:00pm The Saint
 6:05pm The Avengers
 7:10pm Storage Wars
 7:40pm Storage Wars
 8:05pm Pawn Stars
 8:30pm Pawn Stars
 9:00pm The Big Fish Off
 10:00pm When English Football Ruled Europe
 11:00pm Diamonds are Forever
 12:05am FYI Daily
 12:10am Diamonds are Forever
 1:40am Fire Down Below
 2:40am FYI Daily
 2:45am Fire Down Below
 3:35am Fishing Allstars
 4:00am Teleshopping

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8:50am The A-Team
 11:00am Keanu
 12:45pm Red Sparrow: Special
 1:15pm Transformers: The Last Knight
 4:00pm The Great Wall
 6:00pm The A-Team
 8:10pm Keanu
 10:00pm Transformers: The Last Knight
 12:40am The Great Wall
 2:35am Watchmen

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9:40am The Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
 11:10am Calendar Girls
 1:05pm The Shape of Water: Special
 1:25pm Why Him?
 3:25pm Hot Tub Time Machine
 5:15pm High Anxiety
 7:00pm Nine to Five
 9:00pm Why Him?
 11:00pm Hot Tub Time Machine
 12:45am Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 2:20am The Heartbreak Kid
 4:20am White Island

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5:20am My Feral Heart
 7:00am The Beguiled
 8:40am Whisky Galore!
 10:30am Despicable Me 3
 12:10pm Going in Style
 1:55pm Chokeslam
 3:45pm Gadget Gang in Outer Space
 5:25pm Whisky Galore!
 7:15pm Despicable Me 3
Dismissed from the Anti-Villain League after botching a mission, Gru sets off to meet his long-lost twin brother. Smash-hit animated sequel.
 9:00pm Going in Style
When their pension pots disappear overnight, a trio of cash-strapped retirees decide to rob a Brooklyn bank.
 10:45pm Chokeslam
 12:45am The Beguiled
 2:35am Pawno
 4:20am Monster Family: Special
 4:50am An

sky sports football

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

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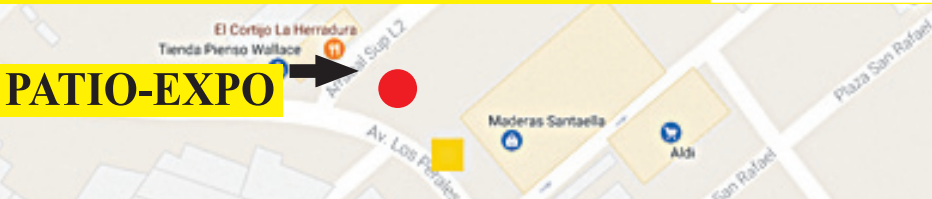
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12:00pm	The Sheriffs are Coming
12:45pm	Claimed and Shamed
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:15pm	BBC London News
2:25pm	102 Dalmatians
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
5:00pm	Money for Nothing
5:45pm	Flog It!
6:45pm	Pointless
7:30pm	BBC News
7:50pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:40pm	The Silent Child
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Room 101
10:00pm	MasterChef
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:20pm	BBC London News
11:30pm	Spooks: The Greater Good
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

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

BBC FOUR

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

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
7:55am	Frasier
8:20am	Frasier
8:50am	Animals United
10:35am	The Big Bang Theory
11:05am	The Big Bang Theory
11:35am	The Simpsons
12:05pm	The Simpsons
12:35pm	The Simpsons
1:05pm	Romancing the Stone
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	A New Life in the Sun
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Star Boot Sale
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Food Unwrapped
9:00pm	Britain's Favourite Food
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Lee and Dean
11:30pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:15am	Rob Beckett's Playing for Time

CHANNEL 5

9:20am	Digby Dragon
9:35am	Rusty Rivets
9:55am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:05pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:10pm	Home and Away
1:40pm	Neighbours
2:10pm	Shenandoah
4:15pm	The Searchers
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:25pm	5 News Tonight
7:35pm	Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess
9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Jane McDonald and Friends
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Football on 5
12:30am	Football on 5
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	The X Files
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	Fantastic Four
11:00pm	Five Star Hotel
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

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

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

itv2

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

itv3

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

itv4

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

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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

sky sports football

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

by Benjamin Park

THE world's largest cruise ship, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas, officially docked in Malaga on Tuesday ahead of its maiden voyage.

The Symphony was presented to the world in the port of Malaga and opened to more than 1,500 guests for an official presentation, before heading off to Barcelona ahead of its maiden voyage with a fireworks show.

Taking over two years to build the 227,000 tonne Symphony can reportedly hold up to 8,000 people, including 2,200 staff.

The 362-metre (1,180 foot) ship cost a staggering €1.09 billion (\$1.35 billion) to make and is just 20 metres shorter than the length of New York's Empire State Building.

It also has a 1,400 seater theatre that will host live shows, including Tony Award-winning musical Hairspray, a sports bar and an arcade that stretches the length of the boardwalk.

The Symphony is also home to 10 hot tubs, four outdoor swimming pools, one indoor, a 10-storey slide, open air aquatic amphitheatre; used for aquatic diving and aerobics shows, two surf simulators, two rock climbing walls, a



PREMIERE: The cruise ship was presented to the world from the port of Malaga.

The billion dollar boat!

Symphony of the Seas premieres in Malaga

zip line, and an escape room, as well as 20 restaurants and 15 bars.

Among the 15 bars on board will be the 'Bionic Bar' where passengers will be served by a

cocktail making robot which can mix, stir, strain and serve cocktails made from any combination of 30 separate liqueurs and 21 drinks.

The Symphony will now spend

the summer sailing through the Mediterranean before moving to Miami in November for trips to the east and west of the Caribbean.



LOTS TO DO: The Symphony of the Seas has lots to do, including a highline.



NIGHTLIFE: The cruiseship has 15 different bars and 20 restaurants.



SUITE LIFE: The 'Ultimate Family Suite' has a two storey slide and an air hockey table.

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BBC one

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

BBC TWO

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

BBC FOUR

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

CHANNEL 4

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

CHANNEL 5

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

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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
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Watch
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:00am	Naked Attraction
2:05am	Five Star Hotel
3:10am	Five Star Hotel
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 Omnibus
12:55pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
1:55pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:55pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
3:55pm	FYI Daily
4:00pm	The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas
4:40pm	Nanny McPhee
5:40pm	FYI Daily
5:45pm	Nanny McPhee
6:45pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean
7:45pm	FYI Daily
7:50pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean
8:30pm	Skyfall
9:35pm	FYI Daily
9:40pm	Skyfall
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!

itv3

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

itv4

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

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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

sky sports football

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

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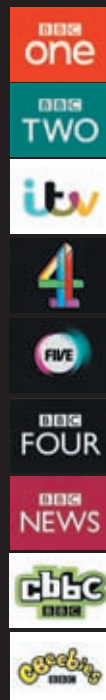


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BBC one

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

sky sports main event

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

itv

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

itv2

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

itv3

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

itv4

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

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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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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

sky sports football

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



**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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BBC one

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

BBC TWO

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

BBC FOUR

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

CHANNEL 4

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

CHANNEL 5

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

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

sky sports main event

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

itv

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

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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 Guinness World Records
11:15am	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
12:15pm	FYI Daily
12:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
1:25pm	Emmerdale
2:00pm	Coronation Street
3:00pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:15pm	The Smurfs
6:15pm	FYI Daily
6:20pm	The Smurfs
7:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Action Team
11:35pm	Family Guy

itv3

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

itv4

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

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9:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
11:45am	Fast and Furious 8
2:15pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
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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>
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sky sports football

8:30am	EFL Rivalries
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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

Assuming you're reading this...

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



THIS week has been full of assumptions. The word 'assumption' and 'assume' have come up in fact so many times that I just have no choice but to write something about it, in the assumption of course that someone may read it.

Firstly I had to change programming for a TV recording of Marbella Now. I assumed the person who booked in a certain guest would then let them know that the date had changed; she assumed that I had done it. Both of us did however feel really bad for letting someone down because we had assumed what the other would do. (Assuming my guest is reading this please accept my sincere apologies).

My dear Swedish friend was the next to talk about assumptions. She had assumed that she'd have no problem in renting out her apartment in Stockholm, as they are always very much in demand. As it turned out the Swedes in general had been under the assumption that the property market was boom-



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Not everyone understands what you assume they will.

ing and purchased new homes before selling the one they lived in.

All assumptions couldn't have been further from the truth. When the homeowners couldn't sell their homes the banks insisted they rent out their properties, literally saturating the local rental market at under market value. (My friend is still renting if you're looking!).

How many problems can we make for our-

selves by putting words, thoughts and theoretical actions onto someone else, based only on our opinions and feelings? And then judge them for it? Living in Marbella with so many different nationalities in close contact we really need to remember this. Our upbringings and characters are so different that if we assume anything we are more than likely to be wrong.

With this Swedish friend I mentioned I

sometimes feel quite offended when really she's just explaining what she thinks. When we're face to face it's not so bad but when we WhatsApp and assume which tone of voice the other is writing in, it's amazing we're still friends at all with all the assumptions we both make; me based on my English upbringing and 'humour' and her with her 'Viking' personality (Viking meant without offence - again English humour... or not).

It's too easy to fall 'victim' to assumptions as I did with a short but nasty private Facebook message. I assume the sender was irritated as they told me not to bother replying if it was that much effort as he assumed that as I'd read it I could also have taken the time to respond.

I had not invited anyone to message me privately nor had I expected a message from someone I don't know, nor did I have my 'phone with me that day. In this instance I did wonder if his nationality might have something to do with his attitude; I'm not so proud to say that I know that a hint of English sarcasm went with my reply.

Perhaps none of us can stop assuming things but perhaps we can start assuming with a positive attitude, assuming only the good, giving the benefit of the doubt; assuming that is that we're all innocent until proven guilty.

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10:00pm	Come Home
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	This Country
12:15am	R Kelly: Sex, Girls and Videotapes
1:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:15am	BBC News

BBC TWO

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

BBC FOUR

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

CHANNEL 4

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

CHANNEL 5

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

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7:30am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
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6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	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
10:00am	Cricket
3:00pm	Info not available
5:00pm	Sky Sports News
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	The Masters Countdown
7:30pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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

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7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:10am	Smurfs 2
12:10pm	FYI Daily
12:15pm	Smurfs 2
1:15pm	Emmerdale
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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!

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3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
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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

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

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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
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Checking your details at the roadside

WE answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ON THE ROAD: A Guardia Civil PDA in action.

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

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

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

There is more information on the process available at our website, n332.es, as well as links to find your local traffic office and the information required to complete the process.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

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? *LS (Costa Blanca)*

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

David Searl
You and the Law
in Spain



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

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

I'm now a convert to BA

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



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

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

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

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

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

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

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BBC one

1:15am	BBC News
7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
11:30am	Commonwealth Games Opening Ceremony
2:30pm	BBC News
3:00pm	Regional News
3:15pm	Moving On
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Money for Nothing
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	MasterChef
10:00pm	Patrick Kielty Doc
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Lenny Henry: The Commonwealth Kid
1:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018
3:30am	Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC TWO

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7:30am	Money for Nothing
8:15am	Bargain Hunt
9:00am	See Hear
9:30am	Classic Mary Berry
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
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8:00pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	The Secret Helpers
10:00pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
10:50pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Golf

BBC FOUR

8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
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9:00pm	Metalworks!
10:00pm	Make! Craft Britain
11:00pm	Martin Luther King: The Assassination Tapes
11:45pm	Martin Luther King and the March on Washington
12:45am	Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork
1:45am	Top of the Pops
	<i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983</i>
2:25am	Top of the Pops
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12:05am	Gogglebox
1:05am	Live From Abbey Road Classics
1:35am	Seven Year Switch

CHANNEL 5

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11:00pm	Why Do Men Earn More Than Women?
12:05am	Murder on the Internet
1:05am	When Kids Kill
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Inside Windsor Castle

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3:00pm	Live Masters - On the Range
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6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Masters - Par 3 Live
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10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
	<i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village</i>
8:55am	The Royal
	<i>In the final episode, Susie makes a decision about her future.</i>
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
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11:15am	Inspector Morse
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11:00pm	The Americans
12:00am	Red Heat
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Red Heat
2:10am	The Big Fish Off
3:10am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
4:00am	Teleshopping

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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

sky sports football

9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Revista de la Liga
11:30am	La Liga World
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
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6:30pm	Football Countdowns
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Summer is coming and so are motor homes

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

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

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

Please advise on local authority policy regarding this increasing menace?

With thanks.

David and Sally, Aguilas

Editor's note

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

Pets or pests?

FRONT page news? Pet shame fury?

Mobile phones or cloaking devices?

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

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

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



Photo Credit: Duncan Harris Wikipedia

UNAWARE: Phone zombies.

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

Now where on earth did I put

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

Brian Johnston, Benalmadena

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

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

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

Edmund Taylor, Fuengirola

Big cats

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Little, Alicante

Spitting mad

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

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

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

Ken, San Fulgencio

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Carles Puigdemont held in Germany

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

David Baxter

Criminals go to prison. Traitors doubly so.

Peter Harvey

Great news.

Gill Reynolds

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

Malcolm

Clocks going forward to be scrapped?

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

Carol Raines

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

Maggie Champion

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

Marita Langley-May

I like the lighter evenings.

Lynn Nickeas

Comments from EWN online

Pilots suspended over mid-flight videos

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

Ron Curtis

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

Shel Louise

Almost everything mid flight is automated.

Felicia Ang

Brit fine for spitting on cabin crew

Hopefully BA will ban her for life too.

Jean Gray

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

Gill Reynolds

Good! I cannot stand anyone spitting, absolutely disgusting.

Janet Lawrenson

Anti-tourism groups threaten summer protests

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

Barbara Jago

There are two sides to every story. Having lived in Mallorca I can understand both views. Although tourism is needed there are different types.

I am sure you will agree with the locals when they say they are fed up witnessing hundreds of drunken youths chanting and screaming, etc etc in the streets, all night and every night of the week in some holiday areas. They want them to enjoy their island but not at the detriment of all else.

Jan Andersen-Page

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' I'M A FACE IN THE FANTASTIC PICASSO SERIES -
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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

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

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.

Trivia from around the world

*** Accents in Britain change noticeably around every 40 kilometres.

*** There is a clinic in Cambodia where blind people are employed to give massages so they can make a living.

*** The Ontario area of Canada has more than 250,000 lakes, containing about one fifth of the world's fresh water.

*** Algeria is the largest country in Africa, but only around 12 per cent of it is inhabited. The Sahara desert covers about nine-tenths of its land area, with the vast majority of its population living on the coast.

*** Jerusalem in Israel has been destroyed twice, besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times and captured and recaptured 44 times throughout its history.

*** Ecuador became the first country to legally recognise



LOUDEST ANIMAL: The volume of a blue whale's call is louder than the sound of a plane taking off.

DID YOU KNOW?

Blue whales are capable of producing the loudest sound in the animal kingdom. Their calls can measure up to 188 decibels and it is possible to detect them at distances of 800 kilometres away, partly because sound travels better in water.

the rights of nature in 2008. The law states that it has the right to exist, persist, maintain and regenerate itself.

Women's wit

“Mental fight means thinking against the current, not with it. It is our business to puncture gas bags and discover the seeds of truth.”

Virginia Woolf,
writer



Famous quote

“You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.”

Friedrich Nietzsche,
philosopher

World of English

“Mistigris - A joker or other extra card played as a wild card in some versions of poker.”

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday March 24	Saturday March 24	Tuesday March 20	Friday March 23	Thursday March 22	Saturday March 24	Sunday March 25
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(16) (36)	(24) (25)	(37) (39)	(11) (46)	(24) (34)	(21) (23)	(9) (20)
(43) (59)	(35) (40)	(44)	(50)	(36) (48)	(27) (48)	(37)
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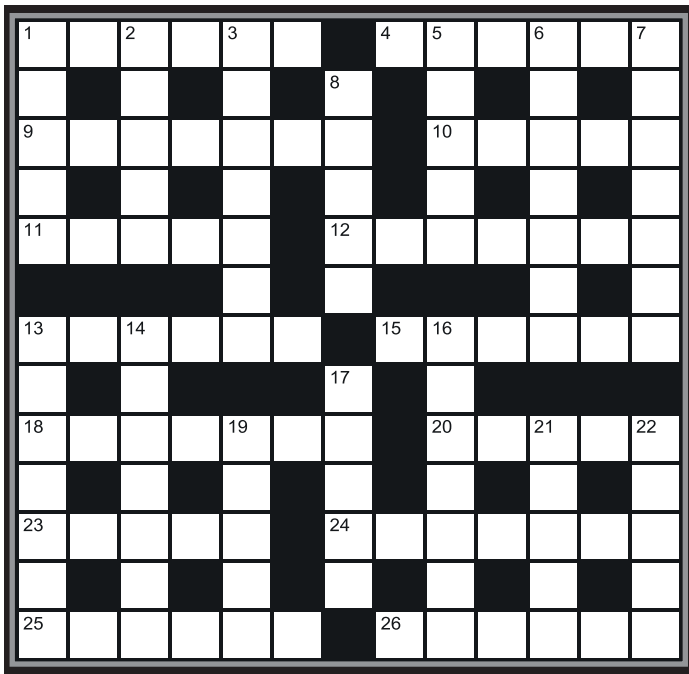


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Cryptic

Across

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



Down

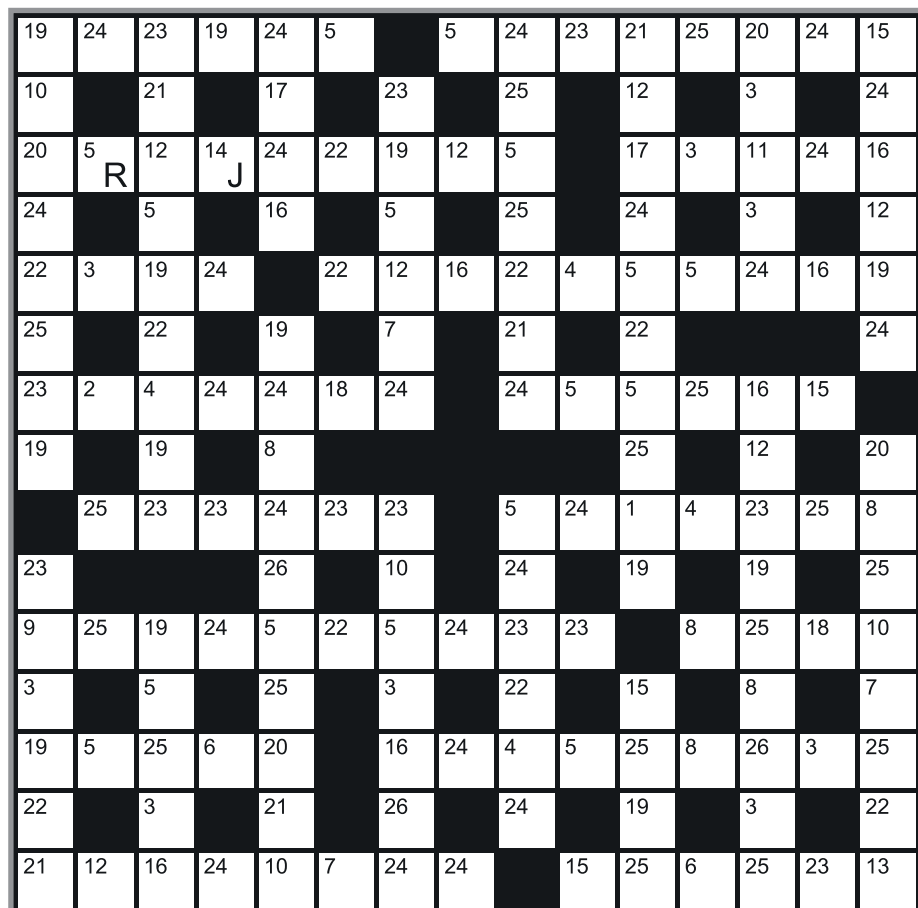
- 1 Spare recipe for fruit (5)
- 2 Additional piece of text rarely seen (5)
- 3 Cultivated chap served fish (7)
- 5 Group of monks giving command (5)

- 6 Prolong a race incident (4,3)
- 7 Listens, sort of, then joins up (7)
- 8 A source of inspiration can cause merriment (5)
- 13 Looks after Australian beer (7)
- 14 Certain after a time to see deletion (7)

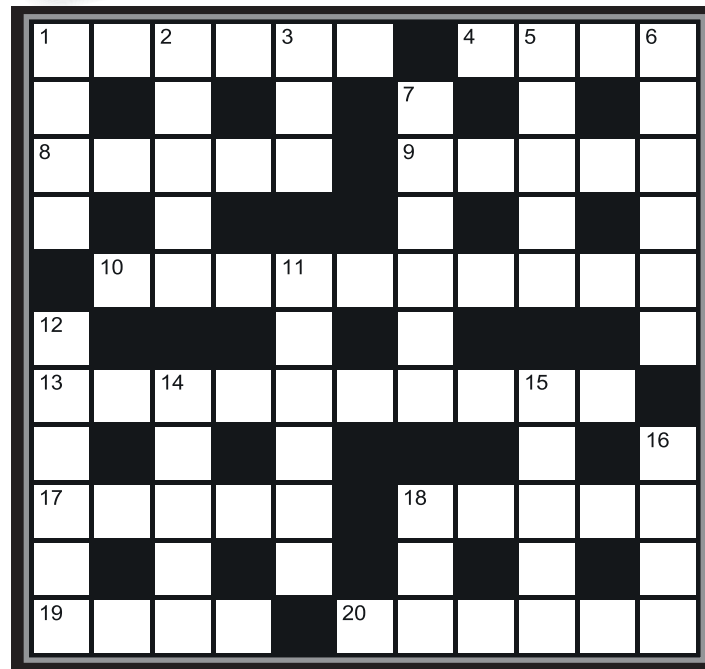
- 16 A colourful scene created by gold on furniture (7)
- 17 Beef's good and ready for eating (5)
- 19 Drink from fractured pipes (5)
- 21 Society to do away with talent (5)
- 22 Fish detected by its odour? (5)

Code Breaker

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



Quick



Across

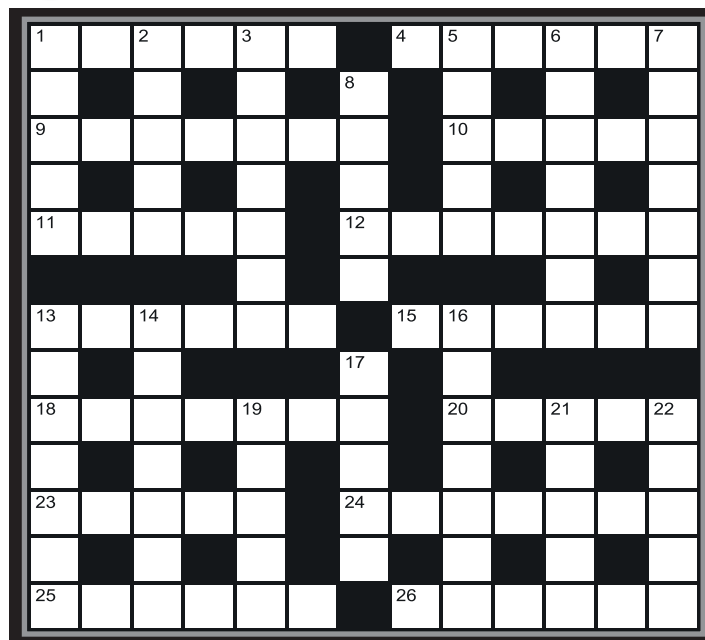
- 1 Stout, strong and sturdy (6)
- 4 Strong wind (4)
- 8 Cause fear in (5)
- 9 Loud cry (5)
- 10 Harmonica (5,5)
- 13 Workplace for the conduct of scientific research (10)
- 17 To yearn or long for (5)
- 18 Reddish (5)
- 19 Outbuilding (4)
- 20 Unequivocally detestable (6)

Down

- 1 Over hasty (4)
- 2 Informal party or social event (5)
- 3/18 Become angry (3,3)
- 5 In the middle of (5)
- 6 Stretch out (6)
- 7 Companion (6)
- 11 Serving dish (6)
- 12 Casual pants (6)
- 14 Courageous (5)
- 15 Exhibition of cowboy skills (5)
- 16 Organs of sight (4)
- 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Saturday (6)
- 4 Sword (6)
- 9 Calf (animal) (7)
- 10 Estar de acuerdo (5)
- 11 Autumn (5)
- 12 Fencing (sport) (7)
- 13 Antena (6)
- 15 Esfera (6)
- 18 Calefacción (7)
- 20 They (f) (5)
- 23 Molar (tooth) (5)
- 24 Breath (respiration) (7)
- 25 Trapo del polvo (6)
- 26 Avispón (6)

Down

- 1 Wise (5)
- 2 Bug (insect) (5)
- 3 Defeat (7)
- 5 Jerga (5)
- 6 Línea aérea (7)
- 7 Promedio (7)
- 8 Panadero (5)
- 13 Avergonzado (7)
- 14 Lectores (personas) (7)
- 16 Prefix (7)
- 17 Equal (5)
- 19 Imagen (5)
- 21 Lino (ropa) (5)
- 22 Corto (longitud, distancia) (5)

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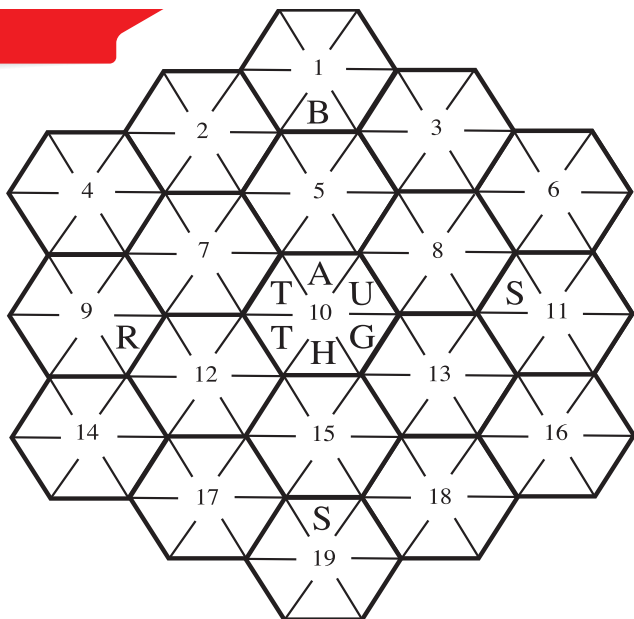
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Hexagram

- APATHY
- AVIARY
- BREAST
- CHANCY
- CITRUS
- CREAKY
- CRUTCH
- EXPECT
- FICKLE
- HARASS
- OBLONG
- OCULAR
- PSYCHO
- QUAHOG
- SPHINX
- SQUEAK
- STUCCO
- TAUGHT (10)
- TONSIL



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

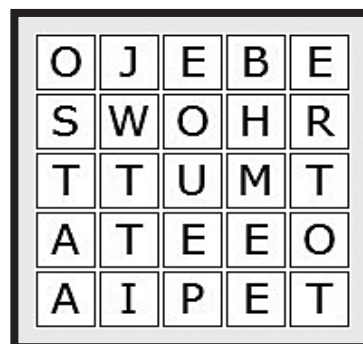
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Beyond 2 Medico 3 Screen 4 Gravid
- 5 Myriad 6 Raised 7 Judged 8 Ironic
- 9 Girdle 10 Jangle 11 Tundra 12 Valued
- 13 Pagoda 14 Please 15 Bedlam
- 16 Blanch 17 Versus 18 Employ
- 19 Beggar

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 23
- Good: 32
- Very good: 45
- Excellent: 59

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

leer terra terras tree trad trash true
trues reel rete veer vert flee fleet flier
flop flour flout floe float floaty rhea
rheas rash rase rues dart darter dash
durra dues duet duty dopy dour doty
dote plod play plot purr purdah purdahs
poly pour pout pouty poet lour loud lout
hart hard hear heard head advert
auto your shard shad shear sheet sard
sear ease turret tour typo tear teas
tease tees atop

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.



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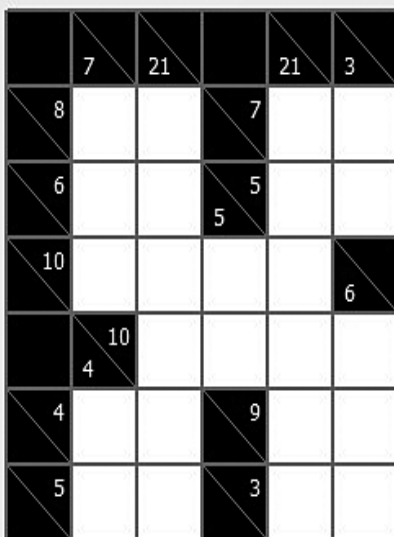
- Average: 18
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 21

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

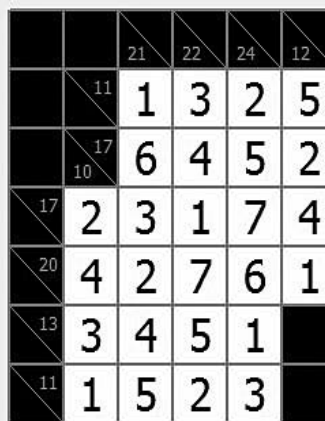
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conte conte count dined donut dunce induce noted ounce tined
toned tonic tuned tunic undid unite untie coined docent induce
induct induced noetic notice united untied conduit counted
induced noticed education inducted DEDUCTION

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

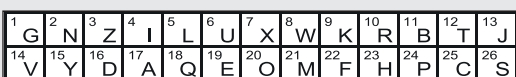


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 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



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.

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.

App of the week



Citymapper

An app that lets users see the public transport schedules and systems of cities in detail. Users can check nearby departure times, find the fastest routes, follow step-by-step directions and receive alerts if lines are disrupted. New routes can also be created.

QUIZ: LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

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**.

Answers:

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

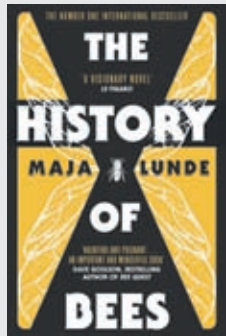
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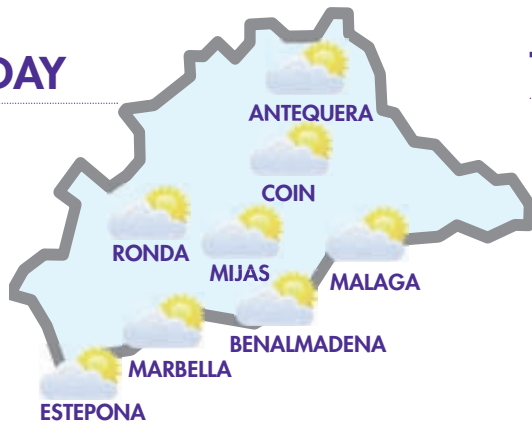
All three narratives on humans relating to nature and each other come together in Maja Lunde's *The History of Bees*.

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TODAY



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BIRTHDAYS

- **Brendan Gleeson, Actor; March 29, 63**
The Dublin-born actor played Alastor 'Mad Eye' Moody in the Harry Potter film series, and has also featured in Gangs of New York, In Bruges and Troy. Gleeson worked as a teacher before debuting first in a play and then in Mel Gibson's *Braveheart*.
- **Eric Clapton, Musician; March 30, 73**
Clapton first found success playing guitar for The Yardbirds. He went on to play for Cream and Derek and the Dominos and has also had a lengthy solo career. He is

- nicknamed Slowhand due to the slow clapping from audiences while he replaces broken guitar strings onstage.
- **Al Gore, Politician; March 31, 70**
The Former Vice President of the United States and Nobel Prize-winning climate activist served under Bill Clinton from 1993 to 2001. He also ran against George W Bush for the Presidency in 2000 in an election controversially decided by the Supreme Court.
- **Susan Boyle, Singer; April 1 57**
Boyle was born and raised in

- Blackburn, Scotland and shot to international fame in 2009 for her rendition of Les Miserables' *I Dreamed a Dream* at a Britain's Got Talent audition.
- **Michael Fassbender, Actor; April 2, 41**
The star of *Inglourious Basterds* and *12 Years a Slave* made his debut in the *Band of Brothers* TV series. He was born in Heidelberg, Germany and moved with his parents to Kerry in Ireland when he was two years old. He married Alicia Vikander in 2017.



Susan Boyle.

Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT



Snow is forecast for today (Thursday) but skies should clear up over the weekend with highs of three degrees. It is expected to snow again on Monday and then temperatures will rise up to seven degrees as the skies clear. 117 of the 128 Sierra Nevada ski slopes are now open.

286 - Maximian appointed
Roman Emperor Diocletian grants the general Maximian the title of co-emperor, giving him control over the western territories of the Empire. He would go on to spend much of his time in the position putting down rebellions.

801 - Barcelona falls
King Louis the Pious of the Franks captures Barcelona from the Moors following a siege which lasted several months.

1492 - Alhambra Decree
Castile Queen Isabella orders all 150,000 Jews and Muslims living in her kingdom to convert to Catholicism or face expulsion in the Alhambra Decree.

1549 - Brazil capital
The first capital of Brazil, Salvador da Bahia, is founded by Portuguese settlers. It later became the seat of the first Roman Catholic diocese established in the country.

1800 - Beethoven premier
Ludwig Van Beethoven premieres his First Symphony at a concert in Vienna. He would go on to compose eight more, including the well known Fifth and the Ninth.

1856 - Crimean War ends
The Treaty of Paris is signed between Britain, France, Russia and the Ottoman Empire (modern-day Turkey), formally ending the Crimean War and making the Black Sea a neutral territory.

1959 - Dalai Lama flees
The 14th Dalai Lama arrives in India and gains political asylum following an uprising against Tibet's occupation by China which began in 1951.

2017 - Brexit begins
The British government formally triggers Article 50 of the Treaty of the European Union, officially setting in motion its departure from the bloc.

DVD

Into the unknown



SCIENCE lover August 'Auggie' Pullman (Jacob Tremblay) is every inch the ordinary boy. But he doesn't look it, he says. He has undergone 27 surgeries after being born with facial deformities.

For most of his life he has worn an astronaut helmet in public to hide his face and he was home-schooled, with his parents fearing the reaction of other children.

Auggie's first day at school sees him and his family face new challenges in the film *Wonder*.

RACE
RICE
RIME
RIMS
ARMS
ARMS
Solution

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Word Ladder

ARMS

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

RACE

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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7 Tips for back pain

WHEN back pain strikes it can leave you feeling stuck and helpless, especially when you're busy, on holiday or away from home.

So if you've been struck this Easter try my top tips to keep moving:

- **ICE** - a pack of frozen peas will do. Always wrap it in a damp tea towel to protect your skin. Use it for 10 minutes every half hour.
- **TOILETS** - If you have a really bad back, sitting on the loo can be a struggle. How do you get down and then get back up? The answer, sit facing the cistern and use it to support yourself down and back up!
- **CAR SEAT** - Getting in and out of the car (perhaps to get to your physio appointment?!) can be tricky. A simple trick is to lay a



By Estelle Mitchell

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- plastic bag on the car seat (to reduce friction), sit down with both legs still out and swivel round. Do the opposite to get out.
- **POSITION** - Changing position can often seem the hardest part, but staying too long in one position can leave you feeling stiff and make it harder to move. So try and shift positions every 20 - 30 minutes.
- **BAR STOOL** - Possibly the only time I'll recommend a bar for treatment! Perching on a bar stool can often be the most comfort-

able position as you are supported but not in a full sitting position. But while one brandy is medicinal, more slows the healing process!

- **STAND TALL** - try and concentrate on standing well. Focus on your core muscles and pelvic floor and use them to support you. If you're in front of a mirror (cleaning your teeth is good!) pull your chin in so your ears are over your shoulders, draw your shoulders back and down and bring ankles, hips and shoulders into a line.
- **GET HELP** - pain is a protection mechanism - it gets you to stop moving so your body can recover. But if it lasts more than 24-48 hours get proper, qualified help!

For more information about treating and managing back pain please check out our blog – www.TheBodyworksClinic.com or call us on 952 883 151.

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.

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Update on food, drink, entertainments, what's on and weekly happenings

The Stick Men are coming

THIS is a band of three much respected musicians who have links with Robert Fripp and King Crimson going back 20 years.

The members of the trio are all users of the Chapman Stick which is akin to a guitar but has between 10 and 12 strings and can be used to play bass and guitar runs and the band is named in honour of this instrument.

Born in Boston, Tony Levin started in classical music, playing bass for the Rochester Philharmonic.

Then, moving on to jazz and rock, he has had a remarkable career, recording and touring with John Lennon, Pink Floyd, Yes, Alice Cooper, Gary Burton, Buddy Rich and many more.

He has also released five solo CDs and three books. Besides travelling with Stick Men, for more than 30 years he has been a member of King Crimson and Peter Gabriel Band, and of the jazz bands Levin Brothers and L'Image.



THE STICK MEN: Ready to entertain.

It's very rare for a drummer to forge a new career once he leaves a successful band. Phil Collins and Dave Grohl have achieved this, as has Pat Mastelotto, a self-taught drummer from northern California. He has spent his entire life moving genres from pop to progressive, and electronic music with such artists as Mr Mister, XTC, David Sylvian, The Rembrandts, and for the last 20 years with King Crimson.

The third member of the group Markus Reuter is a composer, guitarist and producer. Initially trained as a pianist, he later studied Guitar Craft by Robert Fripp and learned to play the Chapman Stick, then moved on to the U8 Touch guitar.

He has released several solo recordings and worked extensively with other musicians including the experimental band Centrozoon.

The band will be playing their only gig in Andalucia at the Garage Cabaret in Malaga City on Saturday.

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Spirit Medium to visit Costa del Sol

SELF proclaimed Spirit Medium Derek Acorah is bringing his Love, Life Laughter tour out of the UK where he appears regularly and will be in Gibraltar at the Inces Theatre on Friday June 22 and at the Sunset Beach Hotel Benalmadena on Saturday September 1.

For the past 35 years he has developed his skill as a Spirit Medium, writing 11 books about his psychic experiences, some of which have been translated into Russian and Mandarin as well as appearing in different TV programmes for the past 20 years whilst also undertaking private readings for a range of people both well-known and members of the public.

Regardless of whether you believe him to be a gifted psychic or a gifted charlatan, he has brought a deal of comfort to a large number of people and he is said to have worked tirelessly for charities which include Dogs for the Blind and the Anthony Nolan Trust. Just last year he was a finalist in Celebrity Big Brother and this visit to Gibraltar and Benalmadena is bound to attract large audiences.

There will always be controversy about



Photo Credit: Derek Acorah Facebook

DEREK ACORAH: And a lucky horseshoe.

his gifts, but there is little doubt that those who do believe in his abilities are ready to praise him through his fan club whilst oth-

ers who are more cynical try to prove that he is unable to gain guidance from the spirit world.

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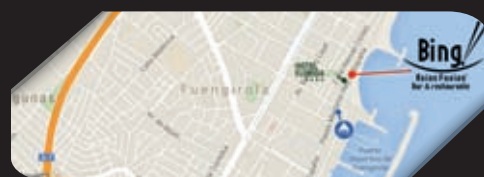


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VINHO VERDE: A Portuguese gem.

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 Amarel grapes have an inky texture, are low in alcohol, have sour flavours and are seldom exported. The roses are fresh and fruity, and usually from Espadeiro and Padeiro grapes.

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

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

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

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Kaleido continued from front page

THIS popular establishment has been thoroughly renovated with different moods running throughout the venue from the industrial-themed covered terrace to the oasis of the open-air terrace (with flowing water and palm trees) to the London Soho feel of the Second Bar.

The biggest change however is the addition of COAST, a stylish and contemporary restaurant offering modern international cuisine in the most fashionable of surroundings. A fun cocktail list is complemented by an international wine list.

The menu includes Japanese favourites such as sushi and Black Cod, Mediterranean mezze, Spanish dishes, a little Italian, American and English too. Something for everyone. Gluten-free and children are also well catered for.

As before Kaleido will offer all-day tapas to accompany drinks. The centre of attention will be a fantastic new bar, offering temptation in the form of a tantalising new menu of signature cocktails crafted by expert Mixologists. There is also the tremendous view over the world-famous marina.

Gastro Bar Kaleido will offer drinks, light snacks (from breakfast to evening) and a lively vibe with chilled music. It's the kind of setting where you want to be, and more im-



A WARM WELCOME: Awaits visitors to the two new hotspots in Benalmadena.

portantly where you want to be seen!

The décor in both establishments is stylish and contemporary but both have a unique character of their own.

Renowned designer Chema Sobrado, famous for his creations at Mosh, Playa Padre and Babilonia at Olivia Valere, has created a very unique ambience that is refined and welcoming at the same time. Sobrado's

self-professed endeavour is 'to always be original and to keep raising the bar.'

Both Kaleido and Coast have opened in time to welcome all of the Easter visitors flocking to the vibrant marina.

Find out more at www.coastpuertomarina.com and www.kaleidomarina.com.

Capoeira returns during Holy Week

THERE will be a great deal of energetic fun in Marbella this weekend as the 2018 Capoeira Na Beira Do Mar takes place on Saturday and Sunday.

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music which was developed in Brazil at the beginning of the 16th century.

It is known for its quick and complex manoeuvres, predominantly using power, speed, and leverage across a wide variety of kicks, spins, and other techniques.

Supported by the Marbella Delegation of Youth and a number of local businesses, this will be the 10th demonstration of its kind over recent years.

Among the invited capoeiristas are five times world champion Magrela from Segovia, and Professor Dumbo from Almeria.

It is going to be an intensive weekend of



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CAPOEIRA: Energetic.

capoeira in which there will be samba, maculelé, songs typical of Brazilian popular folklore, as well as the usual capoeira instruments such as berimbaus, tambourines, tabaques and a host of capoeira performed by some of the best capoeiristas at national Spanish and European level involving pirouettes, jumps and ac-

robatics which all need plenty of energy.

On Saturday at 11am there will be a series of courses taught by guest teachers at the Parque de la Constitución and then at 5pm there will be a chance to see a range of acrobatics at the beach of the Puerto Deportivo.

The following day at noon sees a number of courses and displays at the Teatre Momo in Calle Jacinto Benavente.

For details of regular Capoeira workouts in Marbella visit organiser Marinho Parafino's Facebook page Capoeira Marbella.

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The young and enthusiastic cast in character.

and thought provoking production brought to life on stage of the classic novel and the production features a cast of energetic young actors who enact the iconic characters from the book.

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Thursday March 29

- Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00-13.00 at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches, above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. They offer advice, support, help and friendship, and look forward to seeing you. Lifeline 652 537 615.
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
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- San Pedro street market: Every week from 9am-2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.
- American Club of Estepona (ACE [all nationalities welcome]): Open Mon-Sat, 1-4pm. Calle San Roque 65 (three blocks west of old bus station). For more information contact 952 793 059 (club times) or www.acestepona.org.
- Walking Football: every week from 10.30am at the Estadio Santa Maria in Elviria. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.
- 1st Fuengirola scout group meets at St Anthony's College Fuengirola on Thursday 5pm to 7pm for all young people between six and 18 years. Contact Robert Troost: 610 755 995 or Robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk

Friday March 30

- Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30-13.00 at Bar

DO NOT MISS....

'Correr la Vega,' Antequera Thursday March 29 to Friday March 30

EASTER celebrations are guaranteed to be spectacular across Spain, but are especially worth seeing in Antequera.

The locals have kept the same unique traditions for centuries which help the village to stand out in the mass of parades that are happening during Holy Week.

One of the stand-out Easter events in Antequera is the 'Correr la

Vega,' a custom highly anticipated by both the locals and the many tourists who visit the town at this time.

The origin of 'Correr la Vega' is, according to town lore, a tradition that involves taking the religious idols to the highest part of the city in order to bless the farmland surrounding the town.

At the end of the processions on



Photo credit: Belen Jimenez/Twitter

IMPRESSIVE: Last year's 'Correr la Vega' celebrations.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the locals carry the idols to the foot of a hill and, when the bell rings, embark on the emotional procession.

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

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Saturday March 31

- Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
- Organic market: Every week from 10am-1pm at Guadalhorce — Las Chapas.
- Puerto Banus street market: Every week from 9am-2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.
- Triple A: Every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.
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Sunday April 1

- Benahavis second-hand market: Every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.
- University of the Third Age: Every week coffee morning from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadelsol.com.
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Monday April 2

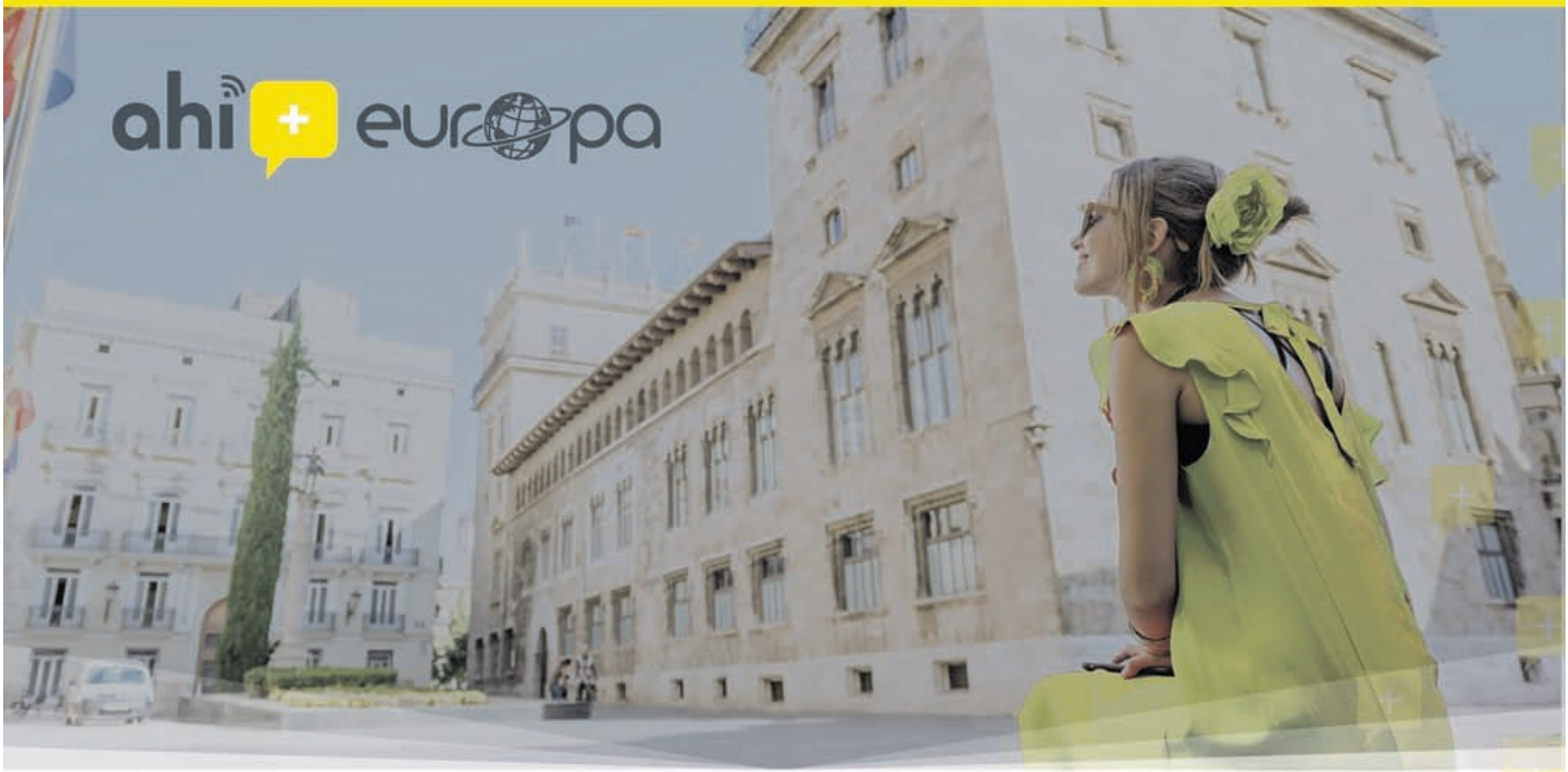
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- Walking Football: every week from 7.30pm at the El Retamar pitch by the Butterfly Park in Benalmadena. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballspain.com for details.
- 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Brevia 2), Marbella. Confidential helpline: 602 553 470.
- Walking in Andalucia: The Field Club meets every Monday at El Hogar de Pensionistas, Fuengirola, between 10.30am and 11.30am to book walks on our Long and Short Walk programmes, social events, holidays and dinner/dances. Visit www.thefieldclub.es or call in and have a chat about what they do.

Tuesday April 3

- Age Concern Estepona and

- Manilva coffee morning at Ricks Gin and Tonic in Estepona port. Come along to air your questions and problems over a cup of coffee from 11am to 1pm.
- The Costa del Sol Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association hold a Coffee Morning Social at Restaurante Venta los Morenos, Alhaurin el Grande on the first Tuesday in the month starting at 12 o'clock. Everyone is welcome, members or non-members.
- Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.
- Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For information contact Ali 677 251 058.
- Fuengirola Ukulele Singalong Group: meets Tuesdays 8pm at Cabaret Club in Fuengirola (next to Bioparc Zoo).
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar Paseo Maritimo Los Boliches 12- 1.30 pm. For more information contact Tony

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 - The Good Vibrations Singing Sessions runs Tuesday nights at 7.30pm at Huber Plateforme De Arte, Calle San Antonio, Estepona. €100 pre-paid concession, €15 casually. Go to 'Find Your Voice Vocal Studio' on Facebook for details.
- ## Wednesday April 4
- The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.
 - Age Care Association: Weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Salon Varietes Theatre in Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
 - Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12-1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
 - Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in La Cala. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
 - Malaga Picasso Museum: guided tours in English every Wednesday at 11.30am. Entry €8, children under 18 go free.
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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 Man-

**Peach Mandevilla.**

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devilla 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.

Caring for orchids

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

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

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

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

Many orchids given as gifts are potted in the wrong conditions to promote long-term growth.

They are often put in plastic pots with

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

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

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

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

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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 responsible for

making sure the animal arrives safely.

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

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

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

most European airlines.

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



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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.'

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

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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.

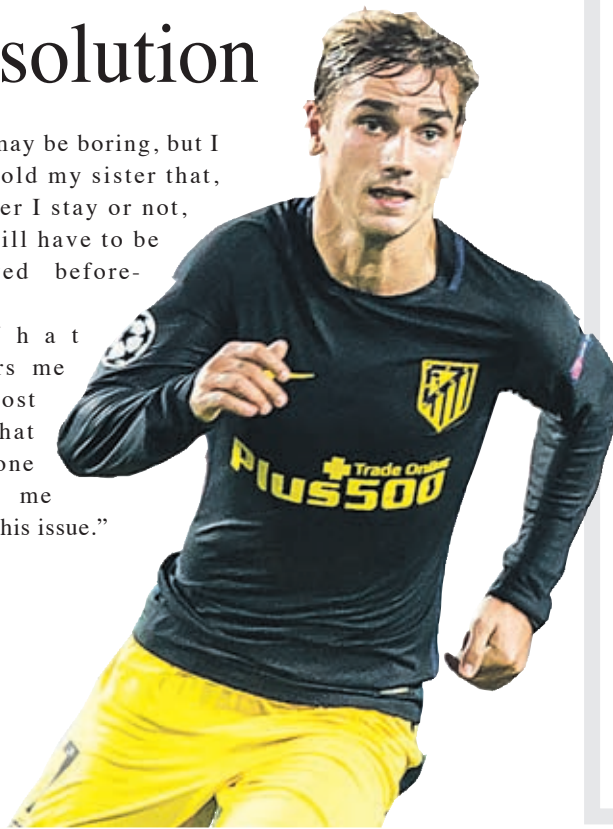
Griezmann told *L'Equipe*: "I want to travel to Russia without this concern."

"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."

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

"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."



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."

Isco shines as Spain smash Argentina

REAL MADRID midfielder Isco scored a hat-trick as Spain ran riot in a thumping 6-1 win over Argentina on Tuesday night.

Diego Costa put the home side ahead with a brave effort before Isco put La Roja two ahead but Manchester City's Nicolas Otamendi halved the deficit before half-time.

Spain then turned on the style in the second half as goals from Tiago Alcantara, Iago Aspas and a further two from Isco made sure the 2010 World Cup Champions emphatically continued their unbeaten run since Euro 2016.

Argentina could have gone ahead early in the first half before Costa made them pay just



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STAR OF THE SHOW: Isco was ruthless against Argentina.

a few minutes later, after he stole a march on Manchester United keeper Sergio Romero to prod the home side ahead in Madrid.

Isco grabbed his first of the night midway through the first half after latching onto Real Madrid teammate Marco Asensio's deft pass; before Nicolas Otamendi got one back for the 2014 World Cup finalists, powerfully heading home Eva Banega's corner.

Isco quickly restored his side's two goal lead after the break following some unselfish play from Aspas before Thiago made it 4-1 following some fortuitous play.

Aspas then got himself on the score sheet following David de Gea's long punt upfield before Benelmadena-born Isco became the first player to score a hat-trick for Spain since 2013 as he rounded off the scoring with a fine half volley.

Next up for La Roja is a final double header against Switzerland and then Tunisia on June 3 and 9, before they officially open their World Cup campaign with the Iberian derby against Portugal on June 15.

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