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Jumbo shock

Elephant killed in horror crash

by Joe Gerrard

Drivers were diverted from a motorway after a lorry bound for Murcia crashed and its cargo of elephants was left roaming around the road.

One of the animals died and two were reportedly injured after the vehicle overturned between kilometres 22 and 23 of the A-30 near Pozo Cañada, Albacete on Monday evening. The driver was not hurt.

Photographs and video footage appeared to show the Indian elephants roaming freely along the road.

One of the circus elephants seemed to be lying by the roadside struggling to get up. It is unclear if that was the animal that later died.

Pozo Cañada Council has since sheltered the elephants in an enclosure where the authority said they would be safe while the injured animals recovered. They will remain there for three to four days, the



Credit: Guardia Civil

EL'S BELLS: The elephants walked around the road until they were led or lifted off.

council said on Twitter.

Gregorio Serrano, the Interior Ministry's General Traffic Director, said the cause of the accident was still being established.

He added initial investigations suggested the lorry had overturned when moving into the right hand lane of the road.

Ignacio Pedrera, a spokesperson from Circos Reunidos which owns the animals, said

the company was not ruling out any possible cause for the accident, including sabotage.

"Very radical animal groups are dedicated to this type of action. It would not be the first

time," he said.

Silvia Barquero, president of the PACMA animal rights group, said: "If we do not stop circuses the animals will once again have a life of misery."

One dead after crash

A 52-YEAR-OLD man has died after his motorcycle collided with a car in Zarandona.

The incident occurred on the Camino Viejo de Monteagudo in Zarandona, Murcia, which also injured the man's companion, a woman in her 20's.

Two ambulances attended the incident, but the man was found unconscious and bleeding from various parts of his body and was later pronounced dead at the scene.

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NEWS EXTRA

A port of call

OFFICIALS from different national Port Authorities have met in Cartagena for the eighth annual Works and Projects Workshop, which saw attendees listen to talks and share good practices on current initiatives.

Band aid

ALICANTE'S Diputación has approved a total of €300,000 in grants to 139 music groups in the province to help with the organisation of concerts, with aid ranging from €1,900 to €2,400 per band.

Bridge call

MORE than 600 people from Orihuela Costa took to the streets of the town to demonstrate in favour of a pedestrian bridge to span over the AP-7 toll road, which divides the town in two.

Doctor care

MURCIA is set to become the first of Spain's autonomous communities to offer coordination between doctors and pharmacists for the care of those with long term illnesses following an agreement between authorities and health associations.

No room at the inn! Easter boom for local hotels

Search for missing man

POLICE are currently looking for a 41-year-old man who was last seen on Monday, March 26.

Jose Diego Solana was last seen by his family leaving home in Los Dolores, Cartagena at 8.30am on Monday, March 26.

He had reportedly gone to meet another man at his home at nine that same morning but never returned home.

His family is now very worried about the 'strange situation' as he 'left the keys of the car, his mobile phone inside the box, and all his clothes stored in bags.'

He has also reportedly erased his social media profiles and has not taken any belongings, or money, leaving them 'fearing the worst.'

He is described as being 1.75 metres tall, 85 kilograms, with short, straight black hair.



Jose Diego Solana has not been seen since Monday, March 26.

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LA MANGA: Achieved 90 per cent occupancy.

HOTELS in Murcia reportedly reached 91 per cent occupancy during this year's Holy Week period.

Tourists flocked to the region for the Holy Week celebrations despite figures for those holidaying in the region reportedly falling in March.

Of the region's coastal areas, La Manga registered 90 per cent occupancy, even with the extra 700 places provided by the new Dobleamar Hotel, while Mar Menor reportedly recovered from the 86 per cent it achieved in 2016 to reach 93 per cent.

Occupancy in the region's urban areas has grown by one point to 93 per cent, reaching full occupancy in Lorca-Puerto Lumberras while Murcia and Cartagena both equalled last year's figures of 93 and 91 per cent respectively.

General Director of the Institute of Tourism, Manuel Fernandez-Delgado told local news outlets: "Even under these circumstances, it (the region) has managed to attract a large number of tourists to the interior, to the city and to snow destinations.

"The data has endorsed the

best forecasts, with a 90 per cent occupancy on the Costa Cálida, the same figure that was obtained in 2016, the last year in which Holy Week was celebrated in March.

"The region continues to demonstrate the potential that its tourism offers both on the coast and inland, with claims such as its diversity, its multi-experience offer and its cultural legacy, which encompasses gastronomy, traditions and claims as the Holy Week is now declared of international, national and regional tourist interest."

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River rescue

OFFICERS from Murcia's Local Police have pulled a man out of the Segura River near the regional capital, according to reports. The officers were assisted by a local in their efforts to rescue the man who suffered hypothermia as a result of being in the water.

Factory fire

A FURNITURE plant has been gutted by a blaze that started due to unknown causes in the Churra area of Murcia, according to reports. Around 24 firefighters worked to put out the fire from just after 10.30pm last Friday to 4am the following day.

Bus links

A TOTAL of 15 public transport projects affecting around 1.2 million people are being examined by the Generalitat of Valencia. Plans include increasing the number of buses travelling between Alicante and its airport to 53 daily in summer and 48 in winter, the authority said.

Homeless help

MORE than 1,760 rough sleepers were offered accommodation by the Abandoned Jesus Foundation and the San Juan de Dios Hospital Order in the Murcia region last year. The news comes as works to expand the Welcome Centre in Murcia City continue, where many homeless stay.

Drugs bust

FIVE men and one woman who allegedly trafficked drugs to the Lorca area before selling them on have been arrested by National Police.

The suspects, also under investigation for organised crime and possessing weapons, used a car sales business as a front, police alleged.

**THE BIG PICTURE Nº 8**

Tickled pink!

ON THE MARCH: Greater flamingo males.

IT is Europe's second largest congregation of greater flamingos, and the only inland site where they breed.

And the courtship dance of 40,000 of the majestic birds is underway at Laguna Fuente de Piedra, one of the largest natural lakes in the Iberian Peninsula.

Measuring 6.5 kilometres long by 2.5 kilometres wide, the lagoon is set for a bumper year after drying up completely in 2017.

Recent rains have filled the shal-

low basin, serving up ideal conditions for the flamingos, which are attracted by teeming brine shrimp in the salty water.

The tiny crustaceans give the birds' feathers their pink hue, with those of youngsters plain grey.

Their courtship ritual sees many separate colonies form, with groups of 15 to 50 males at their centre.

They perform an elaborate dancing display with exaggerated neck stretching, head stretching and preen-

ing, plus group moves in which they march and turn as one.

And once the chicks hatch they are raised in a 'creche' watched over by many adults.

The dance of the flamingos can be seen throughout April both at Fuente de Piedra and other sites along Spain's Mediterranean coast, including Doñana National Park, Mar Menor in Murcia, Santa Pola in Alicante, and the Ebro Delta in Cataluña.

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Fair enough

**ANDALUCIAN PASSION:** Women wearing traditional flamenco dresses dance a Sevillana.

IT was voted number one in travel guide Lonely Planet's top 10 cities to visit in 2018.

And as the dust settles on Andalusian capital Sevilla's world famous Holy Week celebrations, the city is already gearing up for another of its internationally renowned events.

The week-long Feria d'Abril (April Fair) traditionally takes place a fortnight after the end of Easter, and this begins on Sunday April 15.

Women rock flamboyant, glamorous flamenco dresses, while men slip on their best attire and parade on horseback throughout the vibrant festivities, which feature plenty of eating, drinking and dancing the time-honoured Sevillana.

Dating back to 1847, the event was started as a livestock fair by two councillors from northern Spain, the Basque Jose Maria Ybarra and Catalan Narcisco Bonaplata.

Their idea was approved by Queen Isabella II - who ruled Spain from 1833 until 1868 - and the first fair took place at the Prado de San Sebastian on the outskirts of the city centre.

But just a year later the fair began to mutate, as the first three casetas, traditional wooden buildings

housing bars and eateries still used today, sprang up.

They belonged to the French Duke and Duchess of Montpensier, the city council and Sevilla casino, and their introduction eventually saw the event become an enormous celebration which today brings together more than 1,000 casetas and tens of thousands of people on a new site in the Los Remedios neighbourhood.

The casetas mostly belong to important local families, clubs, trade associations, political parties or groups of friends. They function as informal restaurants during the day but from around 9pm to 6am are filled with crowds of dancing revellers drinking sherry, beer and wine.

There is also a giant amusement park for families.

But the daily proceedings begin with a parade of carriages and horse riders carrying leading citizens to the La Real Maestranza bullring for the controversial daily bullfights.

For more information about this year's feria see the website: www.feriadesevilla.andalunet.com/?lang=en.

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Man held over family killing allegations

A 27-YEAR-OLD man who stands accused of killing his brother and their mother in Las Torres de Cotillas in the region of Murcia has been remanded in custody without bail.

Ivan GP is currently under investigation for the murder of the 23-year-old and the 56-year-old, according to Murcia court sources reported in Spanish media.

The accused arrived at the Superior Court of Justice of the Region of Murcia in handcuffs to testify last Friday morning.

Luis Santos, the lawyer acting on behalf of the accused, spoke to reporters outside the court and said his client claimed the killings may have happened due to drug debts. He denies involvement.

Santos added the defence



Credit: Wikipedia

FATAL FAMILY FUED: the accused stood accused in Murcia's Superior Court of Justice.

was waiting for the results from forensic tests carried out by the Guardia Civil before deciding how to proceed.

The 27-year-old was arrested

and detained last Tuesday March 27 and had previously reported the death of his mother and brother to Guardia Civil officers. The case continues.

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Harry's style goes Spanish

HE donned suits by Gucci and Givenchy at the recent Victoria's Secret Fashion Show.

And former One Direction singer Harry Styles, 24, became the new face of Andalusian designer Palomo Spain during his shows in Madrid and Barcelona this week.

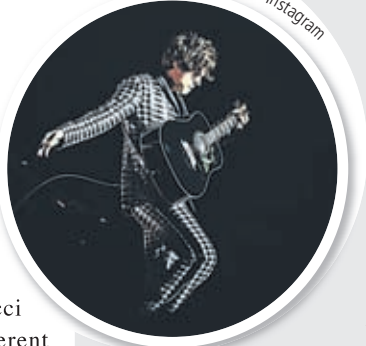
The *Sign of the Times* hitmaker temporarily dropped his signature Gucci style, slipping into a different black-and-white outfit by the Cordoba-based fashion house at each of the gigs.

Harry rocked a houndstooth-style checked blazer with flared trousers in the Catalan city, then opted for a matching finely-striped outfit with white lapels in the Spanish capital.

Designer Alejandro Gomez Palomo has just turned 26 and was creating clothes for doll brand Barbie three years ago, but a meteoric rise has seen him open shows at Paris Fashion Week, with stars including the Rolling Stones, Beyonce, Miley Cyrus and Rita Ora buying into his whimsical style.

SHE'S GOT FRONT: The star chose to go braless.

Photo credit Paloma Spain/Instagram



NEW DIRECTION: The mega star in Barcelona.



Photo credit Eiza Gonzalez/Instagram

Eiza does it!

SHE shot to fame in last year's hit action movie *Baby Driver*.

And Mexican actress Eiza Gonzalez, 28, has jetted to Spain to film new flick *Paradise Hills* in Barcelona.

The star set pulses racing after strolling to the set wearing just a loose-fitting t-shirt and skinny jeans.

She is rumoured to be dating *Transformers* star Josh Duhamel, 45, after the pair met at a Superbowl party.

Light as a feather

SHE recently revealed that she has lost two stone.

And *Loose Women* star Linda Robson, 60, showed off her toned figure as she posed in a swimsuit in Marbella.

The former *Birds of a Feather* actress was enjoying a sunshine break with son Louis and daughter Roberta, and she shared a series of snaps on social media.



TOP BREAK: Linda Robson.

Photo credit Linda Robson/Instagram

Eleven out of ten for new pay packet



STRANGER CHING: Millie Bobby Brown.

MARBELLA-BORN actress Millie Bobby Brown is set for a giant pay rise.

The 14-year-old *Stranger Things* star has reportedly put pen to paper on a contract worth €2.6 million ahead of filming the third series of the hit Netflix series.

And while all the young stars of the supernatural drama have been rewarded with improved deals after the second series received rave reviews, Millie's agents

have negotiated the biggest salary.

According to US media reports she was due to receive €19,500 for each of the upcoming series' nine episodes, but will now take home at least €200,000, with some rumours suggesting she will be paid a whopping €285,000 per show.

That would put the Emmy-award nominated performer in the same wage bracket as cast-mate Winona Rider.

Dyer straits

DANNY DYER'S daughter, Dani, has been spotted frolicking on a Costa del Sol beach.

Having recently being forced off the ITV2 show *Survival Of The Fittest* due to injury, the reality star, 22, was pictured in a range of skimpy swimwear as she enjoyed a spot of bat and ball on the sand.



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Red faces over blue passports

THERE seemed to be an incredible irony surrounding the decision to move back to blue passports to show that Britain was recapturing its true independence from Europe.

Firstly it appears that in actual fact the move to a red passport was only a strong recommendation from the European Union and had Britain decided that it wanted to keep the colour blue (or some argue black), then it could have done so.

The real controversy has raised its head with the fact production of these new passports has been put out to tender in accordance with EU rules which meant effectively any qualified printer in any member states could bid to undertake the work.

Almost predictably, the bid from British printer De La Rue - which currently holds the contract - was rejected as being too expensive and it appeared that the job would be given to a printer based in France and Holland.

Quelle horreur, this symbol of Britishness would for the first time be printed outside of Britain at a time when the country wanted to be seen as standing strong and outside of European domination.

It is suggested that the winning bid was £120 million (€137 million) cheaper than De La Rue, but the company has managed to win a respite of a further two weeks in order to allow them to challenge the decision, based on the fact that they believe that their product will be better and more secure.

Time will tell but you couldn't make this story up!

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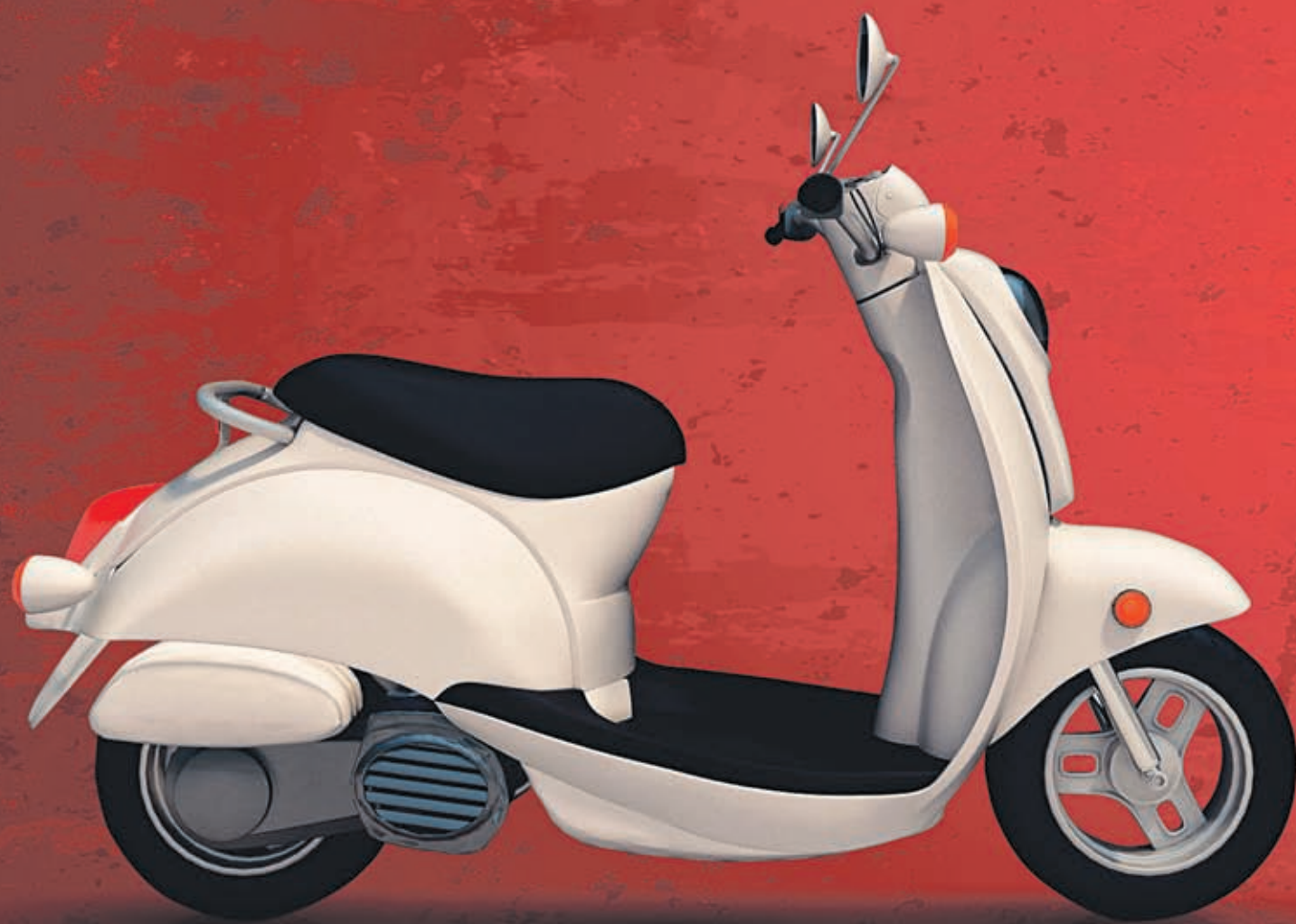


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Two taken down after attack

TWO men have been arrested in Murcia after allegedly assaulting and threatening five people with knives in Murcia.

Officers were first called to an incident in San Pio X amid claims that two people were attacking a group of people with knives.

According to reports, the victims, five Bulgarian people, told police they were walking in the street when they were approached by two men carrying an iron bar and

knives, who threatened and began to attack them.

Following the attack, the five people fled to a nearby shop to seek refuge, with the owner of the shop closing the shutters to try and keep them safe, but one of the men allegedly attempted to break through the shutters, stabbing the metal an estimated 14 times.

When police officers arrived on the scene, they reportedly saw two people on

the road close to the establishment who ran when noticing the officers' presence while also allegedly attempting to ditch the iron bar they were carrying.

After they were caught, officers found one of the men to be carrying a butterfly knife, also known as a fan knife, while the other was also carrying a knife in his pocket with both subsequently arrested on suspicion of assault.

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One arrested following alleged assault

A 27-YEAR-OLD individual has been arrested in El Raal after allegedly attacking a man with an iron bar.

Reports suggest that police in El Raal, Murcia were first called by the owner of a local premises claiming that a fight had broken out between two people.

The owner of the premises and a client had to separate the pair, with the victim suffering some minor injuries as a result of the alleged attack.

The man was taken to a local emergency centre to receive medical attention for his injuries, but he was then reportedly attacked again by the same person before officers arrived and were able to intervene and eventually arrest the individual.

According to local Spanish news outlets, the victim later claimed that he had been attacked because his current partner had had a previous relationship with the individual.

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Two jailed in Britain over attempted drugs smuggling from Spain

by Joe Gerrard

A MAN and a woman found guilty of attempting to smuggle around €148,000-worth of marihuana on a flight from Alicante to Britain have been jailed.

Rune Hoglund, 31, and Michelle Hallissey, 44, were handed sentences of 22 months and 20 months respectively. They pleaded guilty at Leeds Crown Court to being concerned in carrying prohibited goods.

The court heard the pair were arrested next to the baggage carousel as they waited for their luggage after arriving at Leeds Bradford Airport from Alicante.

Around six kilograms of marihuana were found in

Hallissey's suitcase during a search, with seven uncovered in Hoglund's.

The pair reportedly denied knowing each other or travelling together despite police finding the same credit card was used to book their tickets.

Lorraine Harris, Hallissey's defence lawyer, told the court the mother of three believed she had agreed to traffic illegal cigarettes when asked by others to take the bag.

Harris added Hallissey, who lived in Spain with her partner and children, was having money problems when she agreed to carry the case for around €570.

Hoglund was also experiencing financial problems

when he agreed to take his bag for the same fee. The Swedish national told police during questioning he was asked to transport the drugs on behalf of a man known as 'Slim.'

Carmel Pearson, for the prosecution, told the court the marihuana seized from the pair had an estimated street value of up to €148,000 or about €66,125 wholesale.

Judge Simon Phillips QC, sentencing, said it was clear Hallissey and Hoglund had worked together to try and import the drugs.

"You were both motivated, undoubtedly, by financial gain and that puts this case into a significant category," he said.



JAILED: The pair were arrested while waiting for the bags containing the drugs at Leeds Bradford Airport.

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Man loses child assault appeal

A MAN fined after being found guilty of injuring a boy under 11 and threatening him if he touched his daughter has lost his appeal against the sentence.

The Provincial Court of Murcia upheld the €540 fine and €180 compensation order made after the defendant was found guilty of the assault. The man had based his appeal on a lack of evidence for the assault.

The court heard during the original trial that the man confronted the boy over his behaviour towards his daughter at 5.30pm on February 18, 2017.

He reportedly threatened to 'burst him' if he touched his daughter again. The man also grabbed the boy by the chest and lifted him up, leaving him with injuries to the upper part of his back.

The victim required medical attention following the assault. His injuries took six days to heal but were not serious, prosecutors claimed.

The court fined the man €540 after they found him guilty, to be paid in €6 instalments daily for three months.

He was also ordered to pay €180 in compensation at a rate of €30 every day for



APPEAL LOST: The man appeared in the Provincial Court of Murcia for the trial and appeal hearings.

six days, which took into account the time the boy was recovering from his injuries.

The defendant lodged an appeal after the verdict, arguing there was no evidence to suggest he had grabbed the victim.

He also questioned the value of the boy's testimony, claiming he broke down during

his appearance as a witness due to being overwhelmed by being in court.

He added he had only spoken to him to warn him against harassing his daughter and that there were no obvious signs of injuries. The court dismissed the appeal and upheld the previous penalties.

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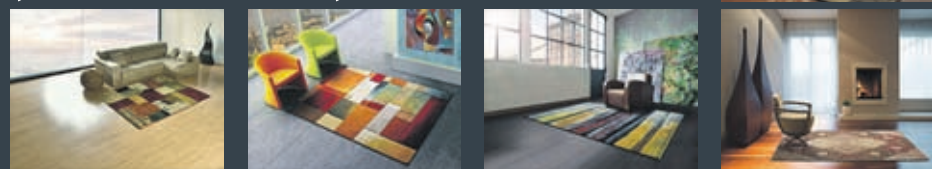
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Toll position

THE Ministry of Development has said it is considering all options for the future of the Alicante to Tarragona stretch of the AP-7 Mediterranean Motorway after tolls end on it on December 31, 2019.

Culture fair

PHILOSOPHER Marina Garcés, artist Andres 'El Roto' Rabago and writer Amador Fernandez-Savater are among those set to attend the Cartagena Piensa which runs from April to June.

Woman assaulted during alleged burglary

FOUR men who allegedly broke into a home in Altorreal, beat a man and sexually assaulted his wife were being traced by National Police today.

The group reportedly forced their way into the house at around 1am on Monday morning. The men, who wore hoods and masks, took knives from the kitchen to intimidate those inside.

They beat the man who lived there and sexually assaulted his wife before making off with jewellery and money. The woman was taken to hospital afterwards for treatment, according to reports.

The group are also reportedly believed to be behind several other burglaries in the urbanisation and in Monteprincipe, both in the Molina de Segura area of Murcia.

Police are investigating the break in at the Altorreal home as well as two others believed to have taken place in Monteprincipe at 10pm and 10.30pm on Sunday respectively.

Officers believe a total of five assailants were involved in the burglaries. Four robbers are thought to have conducted the



AT LARGE: Four men allegedly broke into a house in the Altorreal urbanisation.

break-ins while a fifth waited outside in a car acting as a getaway driver.

The town's council met in an extraordinary meeting on Monday to discuss the break-in. Measures to improve security in the area by creating an 'operational response group' made up of four to six Local Police officers were agreed by councillors.

Esther Clavero, the mayor of Molina de

Segura, said that although crime rates in the area had declined, events such as the break-ins were taken seriously.

"If you have attention elsewhere, divert it to Molina," Mayor Clavero said.

Investigators have reportedly been examining footage from security cameras on the Altorreal urbanisation this week to help trace the alleged burglars.

House prices rising

MURCIANS need the equivalent of 4.9 years of full salary to buy a home, according to the study 'Real Estate Trends' carried out by the Evaluation Society.

However, in Spain as a whole the average is 7.5 years, with the Balearic islands topping the charts with a depressing 15 years of salary needed to buy a house.

Madrid and Cataluña came in at eight years and 8.5 years respectively, with La Rioja the most affordable area at 4.8 years.

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Compensation stalls for Nazi victims

THE 85 Murcian victims of Nazism continue to wait for their financial redress despite the fact that the Diputación de Murcia approved payments for them back in June 2017.

It has led the PSOE to issue a statement condemning the inaction, saying that "it is neither just nor rational to delay indefinitely."

Councillor Begona García Retegui added that "nine months is more than enough time for our regional authority to pay homage to these Murcians who suffered deportation and repression."

Last year a motion agreed by all the political groups expressed their "admiration and gratitude" to the 85 concentration camp captives, of which 53 were killed in Mauthausen, Dachau and Buchenwald.

The motion also recognised that the deportation of 9,300 Spaniards to Nazi camps "was allowed as part of the Franco dictatorship's repression" and because the victims were "fighters against Nazism in the Allied ranks during the Second World War."



FAIR REDRESS: Councillor Begona García Retegui demands for justice for victims.

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FALLING: The number of unemployed in Murcia fell between March 2016 and 2017.

Murcia jobless figures released

Region sees one of the smallest decreases

by Joe Gerrard

THE number of people registered as unemployed in Murcia stood at almost 108,600 at the end of March, 5.41 per cent less than at the same time in 2017.

Across Spain the number of those registered at the offices of the State Public Employment Service (SEPE) fell by 47,697 to about 3,422,550 at the end of last month. That is a fall of 7.56 per cent compared to March 2017, according to data.

Registered unemployment fell in all but one of Spain's autonomous communities during the last 12 months. The exception was in the Spanish enclave of Ceuta, where it rose by 0.26 per cent.

Political figures in Murcia have weighed in on the latest figures, with some welcoming the fall while others said not enough was being done to get people back into work.

Marcos Ortuño, the conserva-

tive Partido Popular's (PP) employment spokesperson in Murcia's regional assembly, said the figures showed the province's economy was outperforming Spain's.

"The policies of the PP are giving good results and our jobs figures are already back to pre-crisis levels," he said.

"March data is showing a move towards the goal of getting more stable and higher quality jobs, which is reflected in the 7,190 fixed contracts signed," Ortuño added.

Antonio Guillamon, the leftist Partido Socialista Murcia Region's (PSRM) labour spokesperson in the assembly, said the figures showed the province saw one of the worst rates of year-on-year decline.

"Almost 80 per cent of decrease in the number of unemployed during that time is due to temporary contracts signed in the service sector," he said.

"Despite the attempts of the

regional government of the PP to pretend employment has improved in our region, the reality is that there is no improvement.

"In addition it is transforming the labour market into a precarious, provisional environment, with poor quality jobs in which the rights of workers are violated," he added.

Miguel Lopez-Morell, a deputy for centrists Ciudadanos in the assembly, said regional authorities had shown 'inaction and passivity' on unemployment in Murcia. He added measures introduced by his party into the regional budget had helped to improve the situation.

"Measures such as training checks and salary boosts for young people were included in the budget thanks to Ciudadanos," he said.

"Our proposals aimed to fight against long-term unemployment which affects around 18,600 people in the region," Lopez-Morell added.

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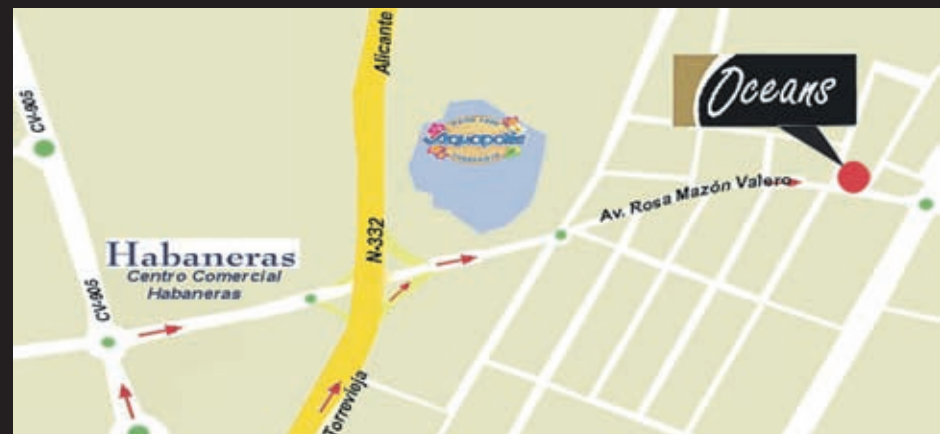
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Masai the vulture is gone with the wind

A LOST African vulture is on the loose in the area of Lorca castle, and its feathers may well be ruffled.

The unfortunate creature, named Masai like the renowned tribe, has gone missing during an exhibition of birds of prey run by their owners, Pepe and Nieves.

During the flight show, it is believed that a strong gust of wind hit Masai, disorientating him and forcing him to fly higher than normal.

As a result, the poor vulture was blown off course and did not return to the scene.

"We think that he descended the face of the mountain near the castle and was not able to orient himself again," explained Nieves.

Both owners believe that Masai has not moved signif-



Credit: Las Aguilas del Sol

WING AND PRAYER: The search effort for Masai continues.

icantly from where he would have landed, since he never showed any sign or desire to leave during previous exhibitions.

The vulture has spent its entire life with Pepe and Nieves and their 'Las Aguilas del Sol' company, and 'does not know any-

thing else.'

They have employed social media to raise awareness of the incident, and to help with a search party.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the owners through the telephone numbers: 609 674 437 and 674 928 103.

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Horse hell found on private farm

THE Guardia Civil is investigating a case from Muchamiel in Alicante where seven horses have been shockingly neglected, forced to live in a farmyard of manure, garbage and sharp objects.

Officers found the animals in a malnourished and dishevelled state, with empty feeders and minimal water.

The Nature Protection Service is reviewing the matter and the owner of the animals, a 24-year-old Spaniard, is accused of crimes related to domestic animals and the protection of wildlife.

A police operation began then they were notified by a member of the public about the appalling condition of the horses.



Credit: Guardia Civil

WASTING AWAY: The horses were found in an awful condition.

The farm was found to be in a dreadful state with mud levels far too high, manure spread all over the riding area and garbage piled high.

In addition to the disregard for basic hygiene, the premises were profoundly

unsafe with sharp objects such as forks and scissors scattered on the ground.

The young owner has not registered the animals through the council and lacks all the equine documentation necessary.

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Just how much inheritance tax do you want your loved ones to pay?

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



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FIREBALL: Astronomers said a rock from an asteroid created a trail of flames visible in the skies over Murcia.

Great ball of fire

Space debris spotted over Murcia

by Joe Gerrard

A TRAIL of flames in the sky seen by astronomers was caused by a rock from an asteroid, the Astronomical Complex La Hita in Toledo said.

The phenomenon was reportedly visible from Murcia, as well as Almeria and Granada, at around 6.17am on Monday.

It was recorded by monitors operated by the University of

Huelva and astronomical observatories in Calar Alto, Almeria, La Sagra and the Sierra Nevada, both in Granada and Sevilla.

Professor Jose Maria Madiedo, of the university, analysed data from the sighting which suggested the fireball had been caused by the debris' entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

Astronomers believe the rock was travelling at around

83,000 kilometres per hour when it passed over southern Spain.

It was sighted first over Granada before crossing into the skies above first Almeria and then Murcia, where it was about 29 kilometres high.

The monitoring was undertaken by the SMART project which aims to track the skies to record the impact of rocks from space on the Earth's atmosphere.

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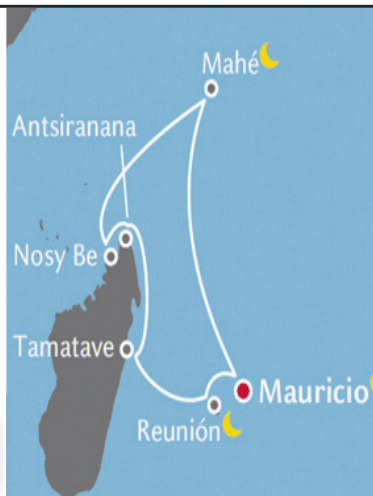


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La Manga Club all smiles after latest partnership

AWARD-WINNING Murcian sports venue La Manga Club resort has reportedly agreed a new sports partnership with one of the UK's leading sports tour operators, Smile Group Travel.

According to reports, the Essex-based company, who are the official travel partners of the England netball team, has agreed a deal with the famous resort to promote it in the UK on an initial three-year basis.

Smile Group Travel has become renowned for offering tours across the world for all sports including netball, rugby, cricket, football, tennis and golf, while it has also worked with some of the biggest names in sport including county cricket champions Essex.

They will now promote La Manga's wide range of sports facilities, which include the only European cricket performance centre, three 18-hole golf courses and a 28-court tennis centre.

La Manga's Director of sport, Chad Harpur, told British media: "The resort is thrilled to be working with Smile Group Travel for the next three years. Their track record in organising sports tours in a wide range of different markets is second to none and we've been extremely impressed with the professionalism and expertise they've shown when we've worked



Credit: Twitter

SMILE: La Manga Club and Smile Group Travel have reportedly signed an initial three-year-deal.

with them before.

"La Manga Club is regarded as one of the world's premier sports destinations, and this new partnership will only serve to enhance our global reputation as a leading venue for sports groups of all levels and ages."

The news comes after La Manga had already secured several other sports partnerships over the winter, with the resort hosting a new Chelsea FC Foundation soccer school this Easter, while also reportedly signing a three-year deal to host the prestigious European senior club tennis championship.

€2 million splashed on beaches

by Tom Woods

THE Valencian Tourism Department plans to invest €2 million to improve the area's beach facilities, to make them stand out for visitors.

Changes will include a bathing area for people with reduced mobility, and the addition of six smart trees.

The solar-powered trees will enable the charging of mobile phones, and are bound to attract the interest of passers-by.

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Promoting beach activity while maintaining their hygiene is high on the council's agenda, and the investment is intended to guarantee an enjoyable experience throughout the year.

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Emergency services called to root out swarm from a home

To bee or not to bee

FIREFIGHTERS have been called out to clear a bee hive from the roof of a house in Torrevieja.

Thousands of the insects were reportedly living in between the tiles on the roof of a home on Calle San Juan de Los Montesinos.

Firefighters arrived at the house dressed in beekeepers outfits on Friday morning to begin the removal operation.

Officers placed the queen bee inside a box in order to attract the rest of the hive from their nest. Bees are instinctively drawn to defend the queen if they believe she is in danger. The box with the queen bee inside was left overnight to ensure the whole hive was drawn into it.

Firefighters then delivered the insects to a beekeeper for release in an area



Credit: Bomberos de Alicante

UN-BEE-LIEVABLE: The queen of the beehive was placed inside a box to draw the other insects into it.

where they would not disturb humans, according to Fire Brigade sources. Bees are protected for their role in plant pollination.

The operation comes as emergency services removed another hive from Rafal in Vega Baja last Sunday.

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War of the old world

COMPROMIS spokesman Carles Mulet has criticised the council over its continued inaction regarding the location of the Lady of Elche statue.

The limestone bust, from the fourth century BC, is an artefact of great historical interest but currently resides in the National Archaeological Museum of Spain in Madrid.

Mr Mulet has written to the council to ask that it apply for the return of the Lady of Elche, in the same way that the historical artefacts of the Huesca monastery of Sijena were returned from museums in Cataluña.

GOING BUST: The debate over the Lady of Elche's location rumbles on.



AN American aboard a US submarine off the coast of Murcia was transferred to Valencia's La Fe hospital after an accident, according to the region's Government Delegation.

The rescue, which involved the Salvamento Marítimo and the Spanish navy, saw the injured crew member lifted from the vessel to the helicopter. He was then taken for medical treatment, according to reports.

American submarine crew member rescued off Murcia's coast

Francisco Bernabe, the government's delegate in Murcia, said the operation had been effective and that it highlighted the professionalism of Spain's coast guards.

He added he was grateful for the dedication shown by members of the Salvamento Marítimo and the Spanish navy during the operation on the last Wednesday night.

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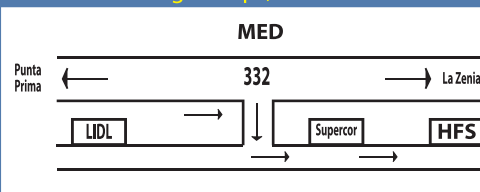
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TORREVIEJA'S water plant could be set for an increase in capacity, treble that of current output, to help meet the water needs of urban areas and farms.

The government in Madrid has announced €45 million in investment for the site, with expansion set to take place in two phases. Works for the first phase are set to be completed by the end of summer this year.

The plant, which is one of the largest in Europe, currently processes some 240,000 metres cubed of water a day. It could produce some 720,000 according to estimates of the future results of the plans.

Isabel Garcia Teherina, Spain's agriculture and environment minister, unveiled the plans during a visit to the plant last week.

The minister said the current government

had invested around €400 million in water treatment in the Levante region to guarantee supply.

"When this government took office, the Torre Vieja plant was still unfinished. We finished it and now we are working to deliver 120 cubic hectometres of capacity per year which nobody thought possible at the time," she said.

Garcia Teherina added works to water infrastructure including opening wells, improving pipelines and exempting irrigators from payments were among initiatives enacted by the government.

"The irrigators know that without a government that is committed to rural areas this would have been impossible," she said.

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Holiday horror

Irish boy, 10, killed in hit-and-run

TWO men have been held after a 10-year-old Irish schoolboy was killed in a suspected hit-and-run accident while on a family holi-

day in the Canary Islands.

Carter Carson, from Newtownabbey in County Antrim, described as 'a happy go lucky wee boy,' was

on holiday with dad Stuart and his partner Claire when he was hit by a car in Adeje, Tenerife.

The little boy died from his injuries in the intensive care unit at hospital the following day.

The occupants of the red Alfa Romeo fled the scene and did not stop to offer assistance, with Spanish investigators later revealing that two Latvian men have been held in connection with the incident.

Initial press reports suggested the suspects were British.

In a statement Joanne Griffith, principal of Abbots Cross Primary School said, "The whole school community is deeply saddened by the sudden loss of one of our pupils, Carter Carson.

"Carter was a quiet, hard-working boy with lovely manners and a gentle, car-



TWO QUIZZED: The red car with black wheels allegedly involved in the fatal accident.

ing nature. He loved a game of football and was an enthusiastic member of our school running club and our football club.

"He was recently our star pupil of the month and no one had a bigger smile than Carter when he received his Star Pupil Award.

"Our thoughts and

prayers are with Carter's immediate and wider family circle and we, as a primary school family, will do all we can to support them and Carter's many friends in school in the weeks and months ahead.

Friends of the Carson family have been raising money to pay for the repa-

triation and funeral costs, and have incredibly now raised almost £12,500 after setting a £3,000 target.

On the crowdfunding page it said, "Carter was a happy go lucky wee boy who just loved his footy. I can't even put into words how heartbreaking this is. Sleep tight wee man xxx."

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JACK KNIFE: The man careered into a parked car before being pinned down by police.

Well fuelled!

A 'DRUNK' British holidaymaker was held by Spanish police after stealing a Coca Cola delivery lorry in Benidorm.

Footage emerged online showing the unnamed man shouting in English while being pinned down by an officer as horrified pedestrians look on.

He reportedly made off in the vehicle while the driver and his colleague were making a delivery on the corner of Avenida Mediterraneo and Calle Filipinas, before crashing into a parked car.

The video was shot by one of the delivery men, who explains that "this drunk foreigner stole our

lorry and everyone is watching. We called the police and pulled him out before they arrived.

"It was just unbelievable."

The culprit reportedly refused to undergo a breathalyser test before he was taken away, but it is unclear if he has been held in custody.

As he protests one of the police officers is heard to say in English: "Don't move a bit, buddy."

Benidorm's security councillor Lorenzo Martinez told local press that the dramatic incident showed "once again how effective our police are."



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TRAGIC CRASH: Phillip J Rasmussen was killed.

Roadside death crash

THE director of a Welsh tech firm has been killed in a bicycle crash on Menorca, Balearic Islands.

A 25-year-old American man has been held in connection with the incident after he failed a police breath test.

Dad-of-three Phillip J Rasmussen, 47, of Aberporth, Ceredigion, was hit on the road from Sant Lluís to Alcaufar at kilometre eight.

Medics were unable to save the financial officer for Cardiff company IQE, who died at the scene of the accident.

"The news of Phil's death has shocked and distressed all of us at IQE," said chief executive Drew Nelson. "We will do everything we possibly can to preserve his legacy at IQE and continue with the shining example he has set for all of us."

A Foreign Office confirmed: "We have offered bereavement advice to the family following the death of a British man in Menorca."

Murder suspect held

Brit teen hands himself in to Dutch police

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH teenage murder suspect who was thought to be holed up in Spain has handed himself into police in the Netherlands.

Detectives have been hunting fugitive Bradley Blundell, 18, since John Pordage, 34, was shot through the heart outside a petrol station in Chelmsford, Essex, last summer.

And Essex police have confirmed that extradition papers are being readied after Blundell turned himself in at a station in Dutch capital Amsterdam on Saturday.

Detective Chief Inspector Martin Pasmore, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, told UK media that the victim's family have been informed.

"A number of agencies both in the UK and abroad, including the National Crime Agency (NCA), have been involved in this search, and we extend our thanks for their



Photo credit Essex Police

GOT HIM: Bradley Blundell and (inset) victim John Pordage.

welcome assistance," he added.

Mr Pordage died from a single gunshot during an early morning confrontation at a BP garage on August 5 last year.

A 16-year-old boy was last month cleared of the attack but charged with perverting the course of justice during a

trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

And 18-year-old co-defendant Saul Stanley was found guilty of firearm offences before being jailed for five years.

Investigators initially thought that Blundell had fled to Ibiza in the wake of the shooting.

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Human traffickers caught Iraqi group 'smuggled migrants from Spain to UK'

EUROPOL has supported Spain's Guardia Civil in dismantling a criminal group believed to have been smuggling migrants - mainly Albanian citizens - from Spain to the UK, as well as refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Syria.

The gang used regular ferries from the northern Spanish ports of Santander and Santurtzi to carry out their criminal activities.

Their modus operandi was to smuggle the migrants through restricted areas at the ports and hiding them in trailers, containers, caravans and lorries waiting to board the ferries in restricted parking bays.

The gang also helped transport the migrants to the Spanish towns of Cantabria and Biscay from

other countries and temporarily housing them there.

The investigation, known as investigation Hegira, began when the Spanish authorities detected a growing number of Albanian citizens had been intercepted trying to access the port of Santurtzi. Further investigations revealed there was an organised crime group operating in Cantabria and Biscay.

The Guardia Civil raided three houses in Bilbao, Portugalete and Santander, two of which were used as safe houses where the authorities seized numerous IT and mobile devices, bank cards and ID documents and passports from different countries.

The investigation also saw the collaboration of the Belgian police, who as-

sisted with the house searches in Spain.

Seven members of the network were arrested - Iraqi, Albanian and Spanish nationals.

Europol's European Migrant Smuggling Centre (EMSC) supported the investigation by providing analytical and operational support and hosting an initial operational meeting at its headquarters in The Hague.

During the action days, Europol provided on-the-spot support by deploying an analyst to Bilbao equipped with a mobile office and a Universal Forensic Extraction Device.

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‘Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun’ heads

HIT British TV series Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun is saying ‘adios’ to the Costa Blanca and heading further south to Spain’s Costa del Sol.

The Channel 5 reality series

has followed the lives of Brits who opted to move to Benidorm for a low-cost life full of fun in the sun.

But, speaking exclusively to the *Euro Weekly News* this af-

ternoon series producer Bob Brear said they were moving on.

“In the new series we will be filming all types of Brits between Malaga and Marbella.

“We will start in earnest looking for people next week and then come to Spain to meet people around the last week of the month.

“Then we will start shooting for 10 weeks from May 14.”

In today’s surprise announcement Bob said, “It is with a heavy heart that I have to say we are moving on to pastures new.

“After three years of BLBITS and four years of Benidorm ER, the last seven years in Benidorm have been wonderful.

“Over 50 hours of top notch, fun, emotional, exciting and downright bonkers TV has been made and broadcast by us in brilliant and beautiful Benidorm. Friendships and lifelong memories have been made for both us and all the

people we have filmed.

“Myself, the production teams and all Blakeway North TV would like to thank you for your continued support and love of our beloved Bargain Loving Brits In The Sun.

Bob explained, “The Bargain Loving Brits show had a little summer holiday to Blackpool recently and Channel 5 have decided it’s time to get back out on the road again. Mainly because every one of us loves a bargain and there are plenty of other Bargain Loving Brits out there who deserve a chance to get on the telly and show us how they ‘live twice the life at half the price.’

“The Costa Blanca has been our home for almost a decade so it seems only fair to give another Costa a crack of the whip and we are heading to the other British home from home; the Costa del Sol to film this year.

“We hope to find as many wonderful, charismatic and su-

perb folk as there are in Benidorm, nearby fancy Albir and the rest of the Costa Blanca.

“It’s sad to go (some might say it’s very much “NOT Happy Days”) but I hope you will all wish us well on our new adventure.

“BUT... it’s not all doom and gloom, the series could keep running and running for who knows how long so this isn’t goodbye it’s more a ‘hasta luego’ for now, a little breather if you will - or a mini break from our home from home in Spain.

“We will all miss Beni so much, so I hope we can come back soon. Actually, saying that, if you have any ideas for documentaries and shows in Benidorm please let us know. Any excuse to come back would be much appreciated!

“Thank you so much, we are nothing without the fans and viewers who tune in every week and the great people who let us film them.”

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Fine of €30,000 in animal cruelty boost

NEW amendments to animal protection laws in Spain now mean that owners who abandon or beat their pets

could face fines of up to €30,000.

With an estimated 140,000 dogs alone being

abandoned on the street every year in Spain the legislations are designed to give authorities teeth in their battle against animal cruelty.

Organising, hosting or having your pet take part in any animal fighting rings will also incur fines of up to €30,000.

Shelters will also no longer be allowed to put animals down for non-medical reasons, as there were some operating on a 10 to 20-day period to home them.

Owners could also face fines of up to €2,000 for not carrying out mandatory medical procedures such as vaccinations, keeping their pets in squalid conditions and not feeding them sufficiently.

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FATALLY GORED: The Easter bull-running festival in Arcos de la Frontera, southern Spain.

Easter death shock

One killed and 20 injured in bull run

A MAN has been fatally gored at an Easter bull-running festival in southern Spain and a further 20 people hurt, one seriously.

The well-known local man, in his 50's, was gored in the lungs by a 510-kilo bull named Trampero, in the first run of the bulls at the festival in Arcos de la Frontera in Andalusia.

Despite being rushed to hospital in Jerez the man died from his injuries.

A shocking video of the incident that drew screams from horrified onlookers has been widely circulated on Twitter.

Another man was reported seriously in-

jured in the second bull run when his stomach was pierced. He was treated at the field hospital before being transferred to Villamartin.

More than 20 minor injuries were reported during the afternoon.

Over 120 safety and security personnel took part in the festival including Guardia Civil officers, Local Police, Civil Protection volunteers and paramedics.

In a statement, the mayor, Isidoro Gambin, expressed his 'support and affection' towards the family and close friends of the deceased.



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Political standoff

PSOE seeks to get Franco Foundation banned

MEMBERS of the leftist Partido Socialista (PSOE) have tabled a motion in the Spanish Senate calling for a probe into a foundation dedicated to the country's former dictator Francisco Franco.

The motion asks the upper house of parliament's Constitutional Commission to report on whether the Francisco Franco Foundation should be outlawed.

The document cites the foundation's alleged violation of the Law of Foundations, the Law of Historical Memory and the country's Constitution.

"It does not seem very logical that a foundation that exalts the dictatorship fits within the framework of the law," the motion stated.

"It projects its ideology on Spanish society and defends the regime's violation of human rights," it added.

The motion was presented after the Foundation posted a tweet last Sunday to commemorate the end of the Spanish Civil War. The conflict ended on April 1, 1939.

"Today we celebrate a just and deserved victory," the tweet read.

The PSOE's motion went on to state that the Foundation 'offers its services' to towns,

councils and individuals in order to help them break the Law of Historical Memory.

One of the Foundation's stated purposes is to oppose the Law of Historical Memory, according to its website.

"The Foundation considers that the aforementioned Law is seriously damaging to co-existence among Spaniards.

"It is sectarian in its analysis of Franco's Spain and unconstitutional in that it restricts freedom of opinion and investigation," the website states.

The Foundation's other stated purposes are to promote the study of Franco, his life and his regime, according to the site.

"The Foundation enjoys legal status as a cultural institution, without its activity or objectives being political or partisan in any way," it states.

The PSOE's motion stated the Foundation publicly promotes and incites 'hatred, hostility, discrimination or violence' against the victims of the Civil War.

Proposals to ban the organisation also featured in reforms put forward for the Law of Historical Memory, presented by the PSOE in the Congress of Deputies. It was vetoed by the government.

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Shining light on suicide and self-harm

PIETA House's flagship fundraising awareness event celebrates its 10th year this May in over 150 venues in Ireland and across the world.

Darkness Into Light began in 2009 when 400 people came together in Dublin's Phoenix Park to raise awareness about suicide and self-harm.

From these humble beginnings, Darkness Into Light has blossomed into a global movement against suicide and self-harm, with over 200,000 expected to take part on Saturday May 12 this year. This unique event will begin at 5.15am as participants walk 5km routes in different locations and finish as the dawn is breaking, journeying together from darkness into light.

An engagement event to launch Darkness Into Light for the first time on the Costa Blanca will be held this Saturday and Sunday at Gogarty's at La Zenia from 12.00 noon until 3.00pm.

Executive manager of the Costa Blanca committee, Beverley Duffin, is encouraging people to attend and register to take part in the walk on May 12. She said: "We have been incredibly pleased with the support we have received since taking part in the St Patrick's Day Parade, as suicide and self-harm are serious problems across the globe including here in



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Spain and we need to face them together."

Speaking on the importance of the event, Pieta House CEO, Brian Higgins, said: "I want to ask everybody to wake up and join us in support of families and friends affected. All of our services are free, but the demand for them is ever-increasing. We all need to wake up to the stigmas that lead people to self-harm and into suicidal crisis, and to open the doors of Pieta House."

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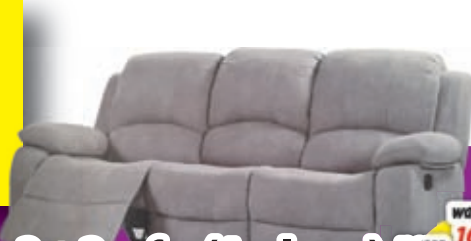
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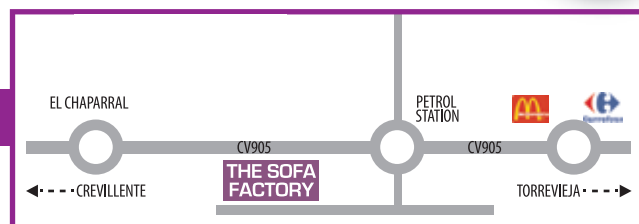


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FOLLOWING the success of last year's production of A Night at the Oscars, Marcia's Dance Centre and Stage School is proud to present their annual charity show on Wednesday May 9 at the Casa de Cultura, Calpe. This year, they will be supporting the Club de Leones de Calpe y Benissa, part of Lions Clubs International. The proceeds will be donated to local charities.

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ence on a journey through time and destination before arriving at Broadway. So, come on board with them, fasten your seat belts and take a ride on Flight MCD 2018!!

Tickets cost €10 for adults and €5 for children. For further information, please contact Marcia's Dance Centre and Stage School on 607 290 896 or 965 830 980, find them on Facebook or visit their website www.marciasdancecentre.com.

Alcoholics anonymous hold open meeting

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS is hosting an open meeting on Friday April 13 at 1pm at Calle San Miguel de Salinas 2, (Corner of Calle Santomera) in Torrevieja. During the meeting, Al-anon members will talk about their own experiences, how Alcoholics Anonymous had helped them to stop drinking and, more importantly, how it has helped them to stay off alcohol.

There will also be a speaker representing the Samaritans, an organisation which receives calls from people suffering either with their own drinking problems or those of family or friends.

You are welcome to attend if you are concerned about your own drinking behaviour or the drinking behaviour of someone you know, either personally or professionally.

Attendees to the event are under no obligation to speak or actively participate. If your life is made difficult by a close relationship with a problem drinker, the fellowship of Al-anon offers help and support irrespective of whether or not the alcoholic is seeking help themselves.

If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, why not talk through your concerns on the helpline or by email.

Your enquiry will be handled sympathetically and in confidence by a recovering alcoholic,

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Easter parades



Credit: Bill Saunders/HELP Murcia Mar Menor

WINNERS: Of the bonny bonnet competition.

EASTER MONDAY saw 30 members of HELP Murcia Mar Menor and friends enjoy a menu de día at the Aqualinas Restaurant in San Pedro. After a great meal some of the ladies paraded around the restaurant displaying their Easter bonnets much to the delight of all the diners, both English and Spanish.

The winner was long-time HELP member Tricia Brister, seen here on the right with Dianne Daniels who was awarded second place. Guest Jim Branningam won the day for the men, being the only man who was brave enough to enter.

The hat contest was followed by a Grand Raffle of 20 prizes, the top prize was a

basket of Easter goodies won by Megan Johnston.

This event was held by the HELP Friendship Group who will be hosting events every month all year through. All are welcome to these events, both HELP members and non-members. For further information please contact the HELP office on 968 570 059.

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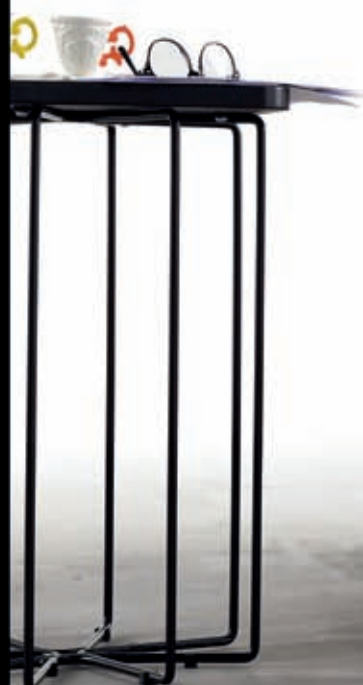
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SUITS YOU SIR! Ladies and gents show off their bonnets.

Freemasons hold Easter bonnet extravaganza

ON Friday March 30, local Freemasons of Caledonia Lodge held a very successful Easter Bonnet competition.

This was held at the La Cosheca restaurant in Benijofar and was very well attended by both Masons and guests. As well as a delicious dinner the guests were royally entertained by cabaret act Marie O'Hara who, by general consent, was excellent.

As well as the Easter Bonnet

parade, where many of the Ladies (and indeed a few of the gentlemen!) tried on and paraded in, their Easter bonnets, there was also a grand raffle in aid of local charities which raised €300. This will be added to other money raised over the year and donated to a charity of the Masters' choice.

This was a well organised and well attended meeting which was enjoyed by all and

which raised a substantial amount of money for the less fortunate among us. All in all a great evening and our thanks must go to the Master of the Lodge and all involved in organising this event.

If you have an interest in Freemasonry and would like any questions answered, please contact William G Turney at the following email address: pena@glpvalencia.com.

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Men of the Med swing their clubs



Credit: B Taylor

'SAY TEESE': The Men of the Med.

THE Med Bar Golf Society set off from El Raso to tee off at Hacienda Riquelme Golf Resort last week. Weather was looking good and the course was in excellent condition and enjoyed by all.

Buck Taylor was the overall winner of the day, he also won the silver division with Dave Capper coming in second place.

The winner of the gold division was Ray Mutton, with Bill Martin coming in second place. John Goulder, Dave Capper and Andy Trefry were nearest the pins on par 3s and Bob Day was nearest the pin in two on par 4. The two football card winners were John Goulder and Andy Trefry. The society would like to thank Steve and his staff

at the Med Bar and Bistro for the lovely buffet provided.

The next outing will be in Alterreal on April 10. Anyone wishing to join the society is welcome to do so and can either contact them by email at medbargolf2016@gmail.com or visit the Med Bar where you can leave your details and they will get in touch with you.



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SUMMONED: Western diplomats were called to meetings at Russia's Foreign Ministry.

Diplomats expelled as spy spat deepens

SEVERAL Western diplomats have been summoned to Russia's Foreign Ministry following measures taken in the wake of the poisoning of a former spy in Britain. The ministry told the officials, including the British ambassador, how many of their diplomats would be expelled following punitive actions taken against Russia over Sergei and Yulia Skripal's poisoning. Moscow denied any involvement.

Ghouta offensive

THE Russia-backed military operation in Damascus' eastern suburbs is close to being over after Syrian rebels were left holding one town in the Ghouta area, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesperson. The offensive marks the heaviest defeat for the insurgents since they were pushed back from Aleppo in 2016.

Patriot bill rejected

KREMLIN officials have rejected proposals from the ruling United Russia party which aimed to boost patriotism in the country, ac-

cording to reports. The draft 'patriotic upbringing' legislation, which aimed among other things to boost birth rates, was deemed by authorities to overlap with other laws and to be too vague.

Crime boss sent down

ZAKHAR KALASHOV has been handed a nine years and 10 months prison sentence after being found guilty of extortion following a shootout at a Moscow restaurant in 2015. The criminal boss, who is also known as Young Shakro, was arrested in June 2016 after extorting money from the restaurant's owner following the shooting that left two dead.

Missile test

RUSSIA has tested a new anti-ballistic missile defence system from a site in Kazakhstan, according to the country's Defence Ministry. The weapon, which is reportedly designed to protect Moscow from attack, was launched successfully from the Sary-Shagan testing site, the ministry said.

Official resigns

AMAN TULEYEV, the governor of the Kemerovo region, has quit his post following a fire that swept through a shopping centre leaving at least 64 dead. President Vladimir Putin accepted the resignation and thanked Tuleyev for his service, with the former governor saying the heavy burden made it impossible to work.

FIRE: The blaze in the shopping centre left at least 64 dead.



Spanish firm wins UK deal

A SPANISH construction firm has landed a €161 million contract to build a motorway in the UK.

Madrid-based Sacyr beat off the competition to bag a 60 per cent slice of the €250 million scheme for the 26-kilometre A6 motorway between Dungiven and Durmahoe Dualling in Northern Ireland.

The stretch is part of the North Western Transport Corridor connecting Belfast and Londonderry, and the remaining 40 per cent of the project will be carried out by local Willis Bros.

Summer cheer for TV fans

SOME of the UK's biggest television broadcasters have relaxed their online regulations.

Britons in Spain and mainland Europe are now able to access pay-TV subscriptions, including Premier League football, without breaking the rules due to a new European Union digital single market decree.

Firms including Sky, ITV, Netflix and Amazon have been forced to open up their online TV services Now TV, ITV Hub+ and Prime Instant Video to users on the continent since Monday.

By Matt Ford

Prior to the move subscribers were unable to legally access their accounts and were forced to miss their favourite shows or rely on illegal streams.

"The new portability rules for online content is great news for TV lovers everywhere," said Gidon Katz, managing director of Sky's Now TV service. "Holidays are all about unwinding and it is clear TV is a big part about how Brits relax, so it's great news that you can swap your sofa for a sunbed and your

cuppa for a cocktail and never have to worry about missing your favourite TV on holiday again."

Free TV service providers are not adopting the new measure, however.

The BBC says that its iPlayer registration system is not secure enough to stop non-licence fee payers accessing content, while ITV and Channel 4 currently rake in around €1.1 billion per year selling shows to European broadcasters, meaning they are unlikely to ever follow the recommendation.

Airlines' €4m payout insult

MORE than 10,000 British travellers are being denied compensation from airlines totalling €4.6 million.

TUI, formerly known as Thompson, owes the most, with 5,000 passengers awaiting claims totalling €2.7 million, with budget carrier easyJet failing to reimburse more than 3,000 holiday-makers €1.7 million.

Travellers are entitled to compensation if their flight is more than three hours late, but law firm Bott and Co said that TUI in particular "displays ignorance" by disobeying court rulings.

Quote of the Week

Under plausible assumptions, the de-leveraging process of the public sector towards levels considered safer will be very gradual in Spain... possibly taking up to several decades." Bank of Spain Governor Luis Maria Linde.



MPs set to vote on delayed budget

THE Spanish government has presented its 2018 draft budget, six months late.

It comes after political instability in troubled northern region Cataluña delayed the process.

Finance Minister Cristobal Montoro said he forecasts a 2.7 per cent rise in gross domestic product and that unemployment will fall to 15.5 per cent this year.

State expenditure is to climb by 3 per cent to €327.9 billion, of which €246.28 billion will be set aside for pensions, payments to regional governments and unemployment benefits.

State income from taxes will soar by 6 per cent to more than €210 billion, the wage ceiling for income tax exemption has been boosted by €2,000 to €14,000 per annum, and there will be rebates for those earn-



BETTER LATE THAN NEVER: Spain's finance minister Cristobal Montoro and President of the Congress of Deputies Ana Pastor Julian present the long overdue 2018 draft budget.

ing less than €18,000 per year.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's cabinet has already approved the draft, which now faces a parliamentary vote amid calls for the leader's resignation should it fail to be passed.

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Bubble alert checked out

INDUSTRY experts have warned that Spain faces a 'supermarket bubble' after the total reached 20,100 by the end of 2017, up from 17,148 in 2008 and equivalent to 3.4 for each 1,000 citizens compared to a European average of 2.6.

Pretty penne

SPAIN'S Ebro Foods - one of the world's leading rice producers - has snapped up 70 per cent of Italian filled pasta firm Bertagni, the world's oldest, for a fee in the region of €130 million, according to reports.

Jobs boom

THE number of people registered with social security in Spain has topped 18.5 million for the first time since December 2008, but critics say that more than 80 per cent of employment contracts issued in March were temporary.



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Travel giant forks out

EUROPE'S largest travel and tourism firm TUI has splashed €110 million to buy back part of Spanish hotel room company Hotelbeds Group.

The sale includes the group's Destination Management division, which comprises the global brands Destination Services, Intercruises and Pacific World.

TUI sold Hotelbeds for €1.2 billion in 2016, but CEO Fritz Joussen said that it had proven

impossible to split the company at the time, and that the purchase represents good value for money.

He added that the aim is to sell additional 'in-destination' activities to holidaymakers between them booking and leaving on their trips.

"That's a period where we can virtually exclusively offer these customers such services," the executive said.

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Associated British Foods	2,500.00	9.00	0.36	19,807.69
Admiral Group	1,847.50	3.50	0.19	5,350.55
Ashtead Group	1,959.50	19.50	1.01	9,559.29
Antofagasta	922.50	1.50	0.16	8,979.18
Aviva	497.00	1.10	0.22	19,977.91
AstraZeneca	4,860.00	-35.50	-0.73	62,613.23
BAE Systems	583.00	1.60	0.28	18,343.26
Barclays	209.00	2.50	1.21	35,156.77
British American Tobacco	4,150.00	19.00	0.46	93,672.48
Barratt Developments	529.00	-1.40	-0.26	5,388.74
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,894.50	105.50	2.78	5,080.62
British Land Co	640.50	-1.50	-0.23	6,333.68
BHP Billiton	1,395.00	-8.60	-0.61	29,083.23
Bunzl	2,095.50	0.00	0.00	6,943.75
BP	474.00	-5.25	-1.10	93,909.29
Burberry Group	1,597.50	-98.50	-5.81	7,100.15
BT Group	224.20	-3.30	-1.45	22,398.70
Coca-Cola HBC	2,450.00	-184.00	-6.99	9,488.16
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Just Eat	754.20	55.80	7.99	4,711.35
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Micro Focus International	989.50	2.70	0.27	4,277.55
Mediclinic International	700.50	99.50	16.56	4,215.56
Marks & Spencer Group	270.00	-0.20	-0.07	4,341.33
Mondi	1,885.50	-29.50	-1.54	7,051.02
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	213.45	0.00	0.00	4,911.92
National Grid	817.05	14.85	1.85	27,016.11
NMC Health	3,276.00	-124.00	-3.65	7,070.56
Next	4,840.00	81.00	1.70	6,923.15
Old Mutual Group	215.00	-24.30	-10.15	11,695.61
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Persimmon	2,739.50	209.50	8.28	7,900.95
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Standard Chartered	710.50	-2.20	-0.31	23,576.31
St James's Place	1,068.25	-18.25	-1.68	5,766.98
Severn Trent	1,950.00	106.00	5.75	4,366.32
Tesco	205.50	-0.40	-0.19	20,059.10
TUI AG	1,633.50	105.50	6.90	8,998.77
Taylor Wimpey	183.45	-1.15	-0.62	6,075.86
Unilever	3,899.50	-56.00	-1.42	48,229.84
United Utilities Group	691.00	-24.40	-3.41	4,936.87
Vodafone Group	195.50	1.28	0.66	51,718.66
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3M	212,620	-3,14%	-6,900	126.571,69
AMERICAN EXPRESS	91,0000	-2,44%	-2,2800	78.333,29
APPLE	166,680	-0,66%	-1,100	845.736,49
BOEING CO	322,440	-1,66%	-5,440	189.227,19
CATERPILLAR	143,890	-2,37%	-3,490	86.076,04
CHEVRON	112,24	-1,58%	-1,80	214.597,85
CISCO SYSTEMS	41,010	-4,38%	-1,880	202.737,94
COCA-COLA	42,67	-1,75%	-0,76	181.987,52
DOWDUPONT	62,04	-2,62%	-1,67	144.464,46
EXXON MOBIL	73,22	-1,86%	-1,39	310.436,48
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,1200	-2,67%	-0,3600	113.928,55
GOLDMAN SACHS	247,35	-1,79%	-4,51	93.825,04
HOME DEPOT	172,9000	-3,00%	-5,3400	200.045,61
IBM	150,07	-2,19%	-3,36	138.248,88
INTEL CORP	48,9200	-6,07%	-3,1600	228.945,60
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	107,8500	-1,93%	-2,1200	370.308,32
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,5600	-2,80%	-3,5900	334.256,63
MC DONALD'S CORP	157,7200	+0,86%	1,3400	125.316,15
MERCK AND CO. NEW	53,27	-2,20%	-1,20	143.518,22
MICROSOFT	88,520	-3,01%	-2,750	682.895,51
NIKE	64,12	-3,49%	-2,32	83.258,67
PFIZER	35,0500	-1,24%	-0,4400	208.676,39
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	77,400	-2,37%	-1,880	195.050,06
TRAVELERS CIES	134,84	-2,90%	-4,02	36.640,06
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	123,48	-1,86%	-2,34	98.866,65
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	217,20	+1,50%	3,20	210.447,33
VERIZON COMMS	47,16	-1,38%	-0,66	194.853,40
VISA	118,39	-1,03%	-1,23	213.340,62
WAL-MART STORES	85,5500	-3,84%	-3,4200	253.342,86
WALT DISNEY CO	98,6600	-1,77%	-1,7800	148.157,14

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Credit Suisse AG	\$ 11.20	1.78 ▲ 18.90%
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Allena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 13.07	2.05 ▲ 18.60%
Forward Pharma A/S	\$ 2.44	0.27 ▲ 12.44%
ProShares UltraPro Short NASDAQ Biotechnology	\$ 11.75	1.29 ▲ 12.33%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.55	0.25 ▲ 10.87%
Commvault Systems, Inc.	\$ 63.40	6.20 ▲ 10.84%
Mannatech, Incorporated	\$ 17.40	1.70 ▲ 10.83%
ArQule, Inc.	\$ 3.18	0.30 ▲ 10.42%
Clementia Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 16.72	1.57 ▲ 10.36%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 21.90	1.90 ▲ 9.50%
Most Declined		
SORL Auto Parts, Inc.	\$ 4.99	1.52 ▼ 23.35%
Alkermes plc	\$ 45.23	12.73 ▼ 21.96%
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 101.18	17.92 ▼ 15.05%
Rhythm Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 17.02	2.88 ▼ 14.47%
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Ovid Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 6.16	0.91 ▼ 12.87%
Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 27.50	3.65 ▼ 11.72%
Proshares UltraPro Nasdaq Biotechnology	\$ 28.11	3.72 ▼ 11.69%
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EURO

EUR/GBP: Down from £0.89 to £0.87

EUR/USD: Up from \$1.21 to \$1.24

The outlook of the European Central Bank (ECB) has been a major source of movement for the euro in recent weeks amid discussions over when the bank would seek to begin raising interest rates.

While the ECB's March policy meeting saw the bank remove the easing bias from its policy statement, the news that the ECB would be winding up its stimulus programme was undermined by a dovish outlook from President Mario Draghi.

The euro also found its advance limited in March as more modest Eurozone economic data was seen as further evidence that growth in the bloc may have begun to level out in 2018.

Looking ahead, the ECB's path towards tightening monetary policy is likely to remain in the spotlight for EUR investors over the coming



THE POUND: On the way up at the moment.

month, with the euro possibly spiking if the bank strikes a more bullish tone in April's policy meeting.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.12 to €1.14

GBP/USD: Up from \$1.37 to \$1.41

Speculation of an upcoming rate hike from the Bank of England (BoE) was the main contributing factor to the pound's advance in March, which saw GBP climb to its highest levels of 2018.

Some impressive UK wage growth figures saw most investors lock in a May rate hike from the BoE, limiting the impact of hawkish comments from policymakers in the wake of the BoE's March policy meeting.

Sentiment was also lifted by some positive progress in Brexit negotiations as the UK and EU were able to come to an agreement over a transition period.

Brexit developments are likely to continue dictating the direction of the pound over the next month, with market sentiment likely to dip again unless some positive progress is made towards a post-Brexit trade deal with the EU.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Down from £0.72 to £0.70

USD/EUR: Down from €0.81 to €0.80

The Federal Reserve voted to raise interest rates again in March, with anticipation of the hike lending some underlying strength to the US dollar throughout the month, although a more cautious outlook from the Fed saw USD tumble in the immediate wake of the decision.

The US dollar has also faced considerable pressure in recent weeks as Donald Trump shocked markets by announcing blanket tariffs on steel, triggering concerns about the possibility of a US-led trade war.

The potential for further US political or trade uncertainty is likely to keep USD on its toes over the coming weeks, with any further shake up in the White House likely to reflect negatively on the US dollar.

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'HOLY GRAIL OF SHIPWRECKS' ROW GOES ON €14bn treasure hunters

THE Colombian government has sparked outrage after pledging to spend millions in public funds to raise a treasure-filled Spanish warship from the depths.

The galleon San Jose was found by an American search team in 1981 after lying at the bottom of the sea for more than 300 years.

The 60-gun Spanish navy vessel was transporting a six-year haul of gold, silver, and precious jewels back to Spain from the Americas in 1708, when it was attacked by the British Royal Navy.

But the ship was blown up after a battle broke out, with almost 600 Spanish sailors drowning as it sank in the Caribbean Sea near the Colombian port of Cartagena.

According to estimates, the booty on board is now worth €8-14 billion, and president Juan Manuel Santos last week revealed plans for a €57.5 million splurge



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GOLD RUSH: The wreck could be the world's richest and (inset) a painting by UK artist Samuel Scott shows the San Jose being destroyed by the British navy.

to recover the precious cargo.

He said that some of the cash will be spent on building a laboratory and museum for preserving archaeological and cultural remains.

However there is an ongoing dispute between Spain, US-based salvage company Sea Search Armada (SSA), which found the wreck, and Colombia over who should claim the haul.

Madrid has always claimed that

the boat flew the state flag, was crewed by Spaniards and that the site is a Spanish war grave, a tactic it has successfully used to reclaim sunken warships in the past.

The SSA agreed to share details of the galleon's location with Colombia in 1984 on the understanding it would receive a 35 per cent cut of the treasure.

But the Colombian parliament failed to honour the deal, passing a law entitling SSA to a 5 per cent 'finder's fee' taxed at 45 per cent.

SSA sued, sparking an 18-year legal battle which ended in 2007, when the Colombian Supreme Court ruled that SSA should receive 50 per cent of the hoard.

In 2015, President Santos claimed that a Colombian team had located the wreck in a different location to that reported by SSA and reasserted ownership of the ship.

He appears set to push on with plans to raise the San Jose as the decades-long quarrel rumbles on.

Built on deep foundations

A SPANISH banking foundation has been named the third-largest organisation of its kind in the world.

The Foundation of the Valencia-based La Caixa group is worth €24 billion, according to the Coordinadas Institute of Governance and Applied Economics.

The organisation - which manages social welfare body Obra Social - is beaten only by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has assets valued at €32.8 billion, and the UK-based Wellcome Trust, worth an estimated €26.3 billion.

La Caixa also ranks third globally in terms of annual investment, having spent more than €500 million on philanthropic projects for the 10th consecutive year in 2017.

The Gates Foundation last year laid out €3.4 billion and Wellcome Trust €1.4 billion.



High street battle goes on

SUPERMARKET TAKES AIM AT ONLINE GIANTS

FRENCH supermarket giant Carrefour is to massively expand the number of products available to Spanish internet shoppers.

The retailer's offshoot Carrefour Spain wants to increase its range of goods by launching a digital marketplace open to third party suppliers.

And the move will see the firm's catalogue skyrocket from its current 100,000 items to more than two million.

It comes after the chain successfully opened online marketplaces in France and Poland, with a Belgian version in the pipeline.

Rafael Sanchez-Sendarrubias, director of ecommerce for Carrefour Spain, said: "We consider that it is a disruptive and quite interesting idea for our customers."

"The biggest advantage of a marketplace is the speed: to be able to have a wide offer in a very short time."

"A marketplace is a magical place that can bring together the interests of customers and sellers."

One intriguing aspect of the marketplace platform is the 'click and collect' service, allowing customers to pick up their goods from a local hypermarket or smaller outlet.

High tech digital terminals will also be installed in the firm's shops so customers can make online purchases if they are unable to find what they need in store.

As internet market leader Amazon proved after installing collection lockers in American supermarkets, introductions like these can increase footfall.

Carrefour's online offering is already established in Spain, attracting 87 million visits, 35 million unique users and around 320 million page views per year, according to figures from the National



ONE STOP SHOP: Carrefour hopes the new platform will send sales soaring.

Institute of Statistics.

Carrefour says that third party suppliers will be able to list their products on the marketplace free of charge and with no fixed time limit, and will also consider selling popular products in its stores.

Business-owners can simply upload their products to the platform and wait for the orders to come in via email from the marketplace team.

They must then pack and send out the orders, before being paid by Carrefour, which will snap up an unconfirmed cut of each sale.

The move marks an increasing trend by brick and mortar retailers to increase their range by hosting third party suppliers online as they struggle to compete with Amazon and eBay.

Power supplier scoops €770m mega contract

SPANISH multinational electricity firm Iberdrola has bagged a €770 million contract to link the United States and Canada.

The Bilbao-based company beat off competition from 45 rivals to win the 20-year agreement.

It will see a new 230-kilometre high voltage line built, which when complete will send electricity generated from 'clean' wind and water sources from Canada to Maine, New England.

The scheme is expected to generate 3,700 jobs and become operational in 2020 according to Iberdrola president Ignacio Sanchez Galan.

He added: "The awarding of this contract reaffirms our commitment to clean energy and long-term infrastructure projects... while also increasing our presence in the US, a key market for future investment."

The project is expected to supply 1.5m customers while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by the equivalent of 296,000 cars.



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SUCCESS IN SOLIDARITY: Women standing united at the recent International Women's Day march in Madrid.

Women marching to success

OVER the past 40 years, Spain has undergone tremendous transformations. The country progressed with speed from living under fascist rule to upholding the rule of law and valuing equality for all.

One of Spain's major success stories is how the role of women in society has advanced. Today, women hold numerous important public positions and play pivotal roles across the nation.

Indeed, many of these achievements were celebrated earlier this month on International Women's Day when the nation celebrated women throughout history and the successful role they have played in the ongoing progression of Spanish society.

After the death of Franco, the changes in everyday Spanish life for women were radical. Under the deeply conservative regime, a

married woman, for example, needed her husband's permission to sign a work contract, open a bank account, own property and even travel away from home.

As the country modernised at lightening speed, women entered the workforce, established businesses and took up political positions. In a short few decades, women had begun to make their presence felt in politics, the labour market and all other public and private spheres.

Unlike the UK, Spain can't yet boast of a female prime minister but women do hold powerful political positions across the country.

Cristina Cifuentes is the regional president of Madrid, Manuela Carmena is the mayor of Madrid, Ada Colau is the mayor of Barcelona and, even closer to home, Susana Díaz is the president of the regional government of Andalucía.

And it's not just in politics where

women can celebrate their success. Women hold leading positions across all spheres of life: Irene Cano is the director general of Facebook for Spain and Portugal, Mariela Bickenbach is the HR director for Deutsche Bank Spain and Nuria Oliver is the scientific director at Telefonica R&D.

It's not all a success story, however. Today, women make up only a third of the Spanish cabinet and just under 40 per cent of all parliamentarians. And statistics show that, on average, women hold only 37 per cent of top-level positions and can earn up to 30 per cent less than their male counterparts.

In fact, the marches on International Women's Day weren't just about celebrating achievements.

The 120 demonstrations across the country saw hundreds of thousands of women - and men - take to the streets to voice their anger against sexual discrimination, do-

mestic violence, the pay gap and inequality.

The protestors also declared a general 24-hour 'feminist strike', calling on five million workers to stage a walkout and for all women to abandon their usual duties for the day, including childcare, cooking and household chores.

Even Penelope Cruz took up this call, as she stood in solidarity with other women by cancelling her public events and going on 'domestic' strike - leaving her partner Javier Bardem to look after their two children.

The international dimension of the recent marches for International Women's Day showed how women in Spain have gone from being voiceless within the home to having a voice on an international stage.

Yes, women in Spain have much cause to celebrate, but there is also still much work to be done.



MAKING A STAND: Penelope left Javier to care for their children.

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This expansion has allowed them to take their name even further afield and to carry out work in other countries in Europe and north Africa.

They have invested in a team of technical operatives by creating a set of specialised and motivated professionals who are focused on innovation and implementing new technologies. They're also very conscious at Toldos Guardamar that they're not simply selling an awning - it's a very important part of a daily lifestyle!

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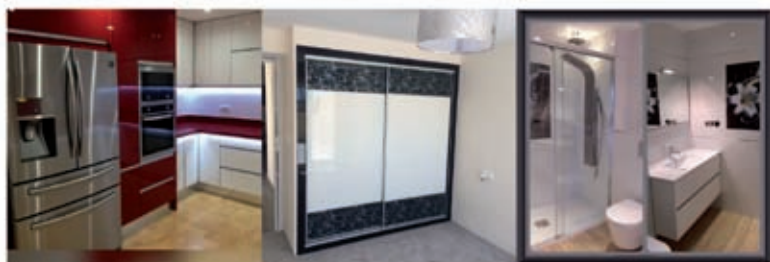
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Great Spanish inventions

EVERY country can lay claim to a number of great inventions and Spain is no exception, although some are more mundane than others.

The first moon walk and astronauts floating around in space would not have been possible had it not been for Spaniard Emilio Herrera Linares, inventor of the first ever spacesuit in 1935. One small leap for man, one giant leap for Spain!

Guitars come in all shapes, sizes and colours, but around nine centuries ago, there were just two variations being plucked across Medieval Spain. They were eventually lost to a new design, la vihuela, the first guitar to use six strings, in the 15th century.

Little changed again until the 19th century when Antonio Torres Jurado, a Sevillano, made alterations to give us the acoustic guitar of today.

In 1949, Spanish teacher, writer and inventor Angela Ruiz Robles had the idea to lighten the weight of the books carried by her students. She came up with a device she named the Mechanical Encyclopaedia, which was the first electronic book and was awarded a patent for her invention.

Someone had to come up with the idea of fortifying the sweet Spanish wine from Jerez de la Frontera and as sales

were reduced dramatically by the Napoleonic wars, much of the unsold sherry began to oxidise.

Port which was becoming a firm favourite with the British, and was easily available, was created by the addition of brandy and by the time that the Bodegas in Jerez were free to export their wines again, they experimented with different blends and discovered that brandy not only strengthened their wine but also slowed down oxidation.

The rest as they say is history.

The traditional Spanish beret, or boina, is one of the oldest Spanish inventions as it was created by shepherds in the Basque Country.



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WITH the opening of a second office in Benijofar, 2018 has been one of the busiest in the history of Worldwide Horizons, a British-owned travel agency, founded over 12 years ago, but officially bought in its current form by Yvonne Hollywood, in 2014.

"So far the reception has been amazing in Benijofar," says Yvonne. We've been able to offer our services to the people in Quesada, Rojales and La Marina, many of whom felt that La Zenia was just too far away to visit.

The new office is bright and sunny and has lots of parking around, very much like that of our new office in La Zenia too!"

The La Zenia office is now located on Calle Alhambra, beside Mapfre, Inmo Investments and Easy Cover Insurance. With lots more space in these purpose built offices, Laura and Katie continue to sell their usual mix of cruises and holidays. Meantime, Yvonne is based in the new office in Benijofar close to Bar Sonia, along with new

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team member, Rheana.

"It was certainly a lot for us to do just before Christmas, says Yvonne. "We had to move location in La Zenia, and at the same time open the office in Benijofar. Once internet and telephones were installed, it was back to

business as usual!"

With everything now settled into place, the team can now focus on the holidays which they are known for, mainly long haul destinations, exotic holidays and fabulous cruises, including World Cruises from MSC, Cruise and Mar-

itime and many others.

They also specialise in river cruising from destinations that connect directly from Alicante, cutting out the need to return to the UK to start them, and hold contracts with Viking River Cruises and APT, among others. Offers

are available now for 2019 for river cruises, with huge discounts available.

Other favourites are holidays to Tenerife and Menorca as well as Christmas holidays and cruises which are now on sale.

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Manolo Blahnik the heart and soul of shoes

BORN in the Canary Islands to a Czech father who had a pharmaceutical empire and a Spanish mother whose family grew bananas, Manolo Blahnik loved fashion.

His parents wanted him to become a diplomat but the flamboyant young man decided that he was more suited to design and went to Paris to study art.

At the age of 26, he moved to London as a fashion buyer and then presented some of his own shoe designs to the editor of Vogue who liked his concepts and advised him to stick to designing shoes.

This was to be his future and he was commissioned by the late Ossie Clarke to design runway shoes and then began supplying his creations to up market stores in London, before eventually finding an opening in the US through high-end department stores.

Managing to build a very successful business

amongst the wealthy and trendy in the US, he became a household name when Carrie Bradshaw, style icon in the highly rated Sex and the City TV series, regularly promoted the fact that she loved his shoes and in one episode she was even mugged for her Manolo Blahniks!

Settling in Bath where he keeps two properties housing examples of all of his shoes, the so called Salvador Dali of shoe design was made an honorary CBE in 2007.

Now aged 75, this increasingly eccentric member of the high fashion world last year saw 200 of his favourite shoes, designed and produced over the last 45 years, on display at the Museo Nacional de Artes Decorativas in Madrid.

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Business barons blaze a trail

THEY may enjoy their privacy, but there is no doubting the impact that certain Spanish businessmen have had on the world stage.

The most notable of these would have to be Amancio Ortega Gaona, from Leon, who is the founder of the Inditex international fashion group best known for its chain of trendy Zara clothing shops.

In March 2015 he was ranked as the fourth richest person in the world by Forbes with a net worth of €50.7 billion, and is generous with charities including a €20 million donation to Catholic relief organisation, Caritas Internationalis.

Florentino Perez, who



FASHION FIGUREHEAD: Amancio Ortega built his empire from scratch.

hails from Madrid, has quite a CV as a businessman, civil engineer, former politician and current president of both Real Madrid FC and ACS Group.

He is credited with creating the Galaticos, Real Madrid's expensively assembled team of stars in the early 2000's, with players including Zinedine Zidane and David Beckham.

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|by Chris Thornley|

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Now aged 33 and in what many would consider the twilight of his

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A veteran of 15 La Liga campaigns, 2017-18 will be his 16th, and six major tournaments with Spain, for who he has amassed 123 caps, Iniesta's ability to unlock defences and produce match winning moments over the years has

at the famed La Masia academy.

Iniesta made his Barcelona debut in a Champions League tie away to Club Brugge in 2002 and continued to earn first team opportunities before becoming a key component of the La Liga winning side in the 2004-05 season.

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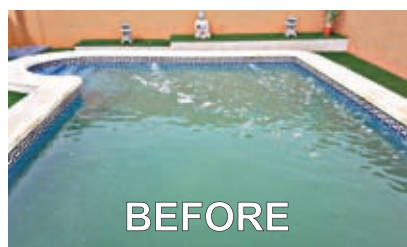
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Spain's sporting success

| by Chris Thornley |

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That was until Euro 2008 where Spain shook off their under performers tag in the most impressive fashion.

Spain won the tournament in 2008 before em-

barking on an incredible run that peaked with World Cup victory in 2010 and culminated with a dominant defence of their European crown in 2012.

That squad of players, led in 2008 by Luis Aragones and from 2010 by Vicente Del Bosque could lay claim to being one of the all time great international sides.

Captained by Iker Casillas the side made up predominantly of Barca and Real players, put aside their domestic differences to create a dynasty featuring some of the best players of this or any other generation.

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The young designer originally studied architecture at university but before long was designing jewellery pieces for Dior,

Givenchy and Balenciaga.

By 1966 he had opened his own fashion house and was known for using unusual material such as metal, plastic and paper in his designs.

He is known for designing the green costume worn by Jane Fonda in the 1968 science fiction film Barbarella, and apparently once showed his sketches to Salvador Dali who told him to keep going.

Rabanne's name is probably most widely associated these days with his fragrance line.

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HEN Gold Rush first started in 2012, their slogan was 'you are not dreaming, it is real' as people were always shocked and impressed at the amount of genuine watches and diamonds in the store.

Now, having developed and grown over the last few years, their slogan is now 'we buy, we sell, we share' better encompassing the values and ideals of the company.

Gold Rush, at the Zenia Boulevard shopping centre is run and owned by businessman, Cesar Ripanu and it is so much more than a pawn shop. It is a company born of love and enthusiasm for gold, diamonds and precious stones.

It is set in luxurious and elegant surroundings, making every customer feel like they are the only customer. But Cesar's customer service is outweighed by his expertise. As a jewellery expert he often gets customers coming in and asking advice about pieces and collector's items, with Cesar happy to depart and share his knowledge.

They have the best microscope for jewellery analysis on the market that allows people to view on a small screen what Cesar sees, another reason why they are so popular as he 'shares' what he sees: "We share information and I explain to them the process and value and answer any questions, it is not some secret code. It is also about building up that bond and relationship of trust with customers and many re-

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turn time and time again."

The secret to their success is no secret at all, they operate an honest and professional service and will value a whole jewellery item for people wanting to sell, not



ELEGANT SURROUNDINGS: Unique store is open seven days a week.

just the gold as Cesar explains that other companies will ignore antique and unique pieces of jewellery and their precious stones and simply go on the weight of the gold: "This is criminal in my opinion and we will keep unique pieces for our own shop."

Their reputation is now so strong across Europe that Cesar works with a lot of professional dealers helping them source specific items, and has recently welcomed a team of buyers from a company in Singa-

pore who bought from Gold Rush to take back to the Asian market.

They also have numerous Rolex watches in store and use an authorised experienced Rolex technician so all Rolex repairs and services will receive a recognised repair sheet listing exactly what was carried out.

Cesar is very conscious of his customers' security and safety when buying an expensive piece of jewellery. He warns them to always be aware of the infamous 'hugger' thieves who, to use his words are "like magicians and illusionists" in the way they operate. "They know exactly what they're looking for," says Cesar, "although some impressive and continuous work by the Guardia Civil has helped to significantly reduce the number of incidents."

So to buy or sell jewellery or gold pieces, or for jewellery repairs or a bespoke design service, visit Gold Rush situated within the Alcampo supermarket gallery, Zenia Boulevard. Open seven days a week from 10am. Tel: 966 793 952.

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CUBIST CHAOS: Guernica is arguably Picasso's most famous work.

Brushing themselves into history

| by Tom Woods |

SPAIN has produced some of the most celebrated names in painting, and the story of the art form could not be told without mentioning names like Diego Velazquez, Francisco Goya, and of course, Pablo Picasso.

Diego Velazquez was a member of King Philip IV's royal court and was responsible for many celebrated portraits of the nobility.

In addition to his por-

traits, Velazquez produced scenes depicting historical and cultural events, with his masterpiece being Las Meninas (The Ladies-in-Waiting). Often referred to as the last of the old masters and the first of the moderns, Francisco de Goya rose to prominence through his series of tapestry cartoons, before becoming a royal court painter.

After an illness left him completely deaf, Goya's work became progressively darker and he is known for portraying

haunting themes with a bold use of paint which inspired many.

The mastery of Pablo Picasso spans across a range of artistic styles, and he not only became a master of expressionism and surrealism, but is also seen as the father of cubism.

Picasso's pioneering nature led him to introduce abstraction in sculpture too, and in painting his distorted forms in bold, flat colours, his revolutionary take on reality changed the face of art.

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SPAIN can certainly hold its own when it comes to producing musicians that will stand the test of time.

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A student of the prestigious music academies of Leipzig Conservatory and the Royal Conservatory, Albeniz's piano compositions took him around the world, and the world loved him back.

Andres Segovia is regarded as one of the greatest classical guitarists of all time, but taught himself to play after being inspired by a performance from Gabriel Ruiz de Almadovar.

Popularising the guitar with the help of new technologies in recording and radio, Segovia is credited with establishing it as a legitimate concert instrument.

Julio Iglesias is a singer-songwriter and gained worldwide recognition by singing in a number of different languages.

He won the 1988 Grammy award in the Best Latin Pop Album category, and has performed with Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton and Diana Ross.



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LATINO LEGEND: Placido Domingo belts out another classic.

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"If you've got a favourite colour, then



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it'll be in the shop," said Gary Russell, who runs Carpet Heaven in Avenida Del Mar 33B, Los Montesinos with his wife Kate. "Our customers are pleasantly shocked when they come in and see just how many colours we have."

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The way forward

Mata leads football's Common Goal



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LAST year, Spain and Manchester United midfielder Juan Mata broke new ground in an attempt to use football's power and wealth for the greater good.

In collaboration with 'streetfootball-world', Mata helped launch an initiative that they hope will change football for the better.

"It's a very simple idea," Mata told *The Guardian*.

"But some of the best ideas are simple ones and, when it comes to football, the power of the game is incredible.

"Anyone who understands football will know why we are so hopeful and ambitious with Common Goal."

The Common Goal initiative, which launched in August, asks footballers, managers and professionals across the game to donate just 1 per cent of

MATA: Leading the Common Goal initiative.

their salaries to Common Goal.

More than 30 other professionals have already pledged their commitment to the cause, including high profile stars such as Mats Hummels, Giorgio Chiellini, Kasper Schmeichel and Shinji Kagawa, as well as leading women's footballers Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe.

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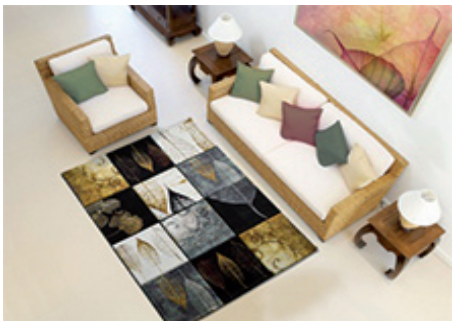
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Ian studied dentistry at Liverpool University for five years while Alison is a qualified oral health educator, radiographer and dental nurse and the couple owned a large family practice in Manchester for 10 years before moving to Spain in 2004 where they set up Carredent which is opposite Carrefour in Torrevieja.

Since then they have dedicated themselves to serving an international client base offering the latest equipment and services in the dental world at affordable prices with a professional and friendly team.

Their family-run dental clinic focuses on being just that; a family practice where you are treated as a member of the family and where focus is given on creating a welcoming atmosphere and professional, gentle, one-to-one care.

Carredent has a fully professional and highly qualified team and has recently welcomed dentist Jonathon to the team. The practice is fully legal and registered with the Valencian Health Authority and Sanidad and their prices follow the guidelines set out in the association of Alicante dentists so patients can rest assured they are not being overcharged.

The practice specialises in cosmetic dentistry such as crowns, dentures, white

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Recognising that not everyone is comfortable with a trip to the dentist, Ian is renowned for his careful and gentle treatment of nervous patients. Contrary to popular belief root canals and most procedures are painless and there is nothing to fear as you are in the hands of caring and certified professionals, but recognising not everyone is comfortable with a trip to the dentist, the team put every patient at ease from the moment they walk through the door.

Practice manager Alison said: "We pride ourselves on our excellent stan-



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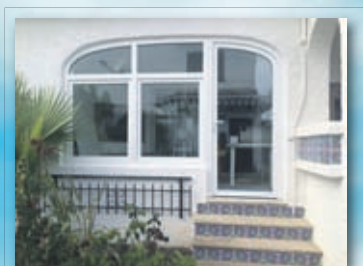
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MALAGA PORT: Take a stroll along the sunny waterfront promenade.

A happy and healthy berth

| by Liam Quinn |

LOCATED at the mouth of the city, Malaga's port has played a central role in its development. Until fairly recently, it was off limits to the public but in late 2011 an €80 million project saw 14,000m² of shops, restaurants and bars open their doors along Quay One (Muelle Uno).

Shortly afterwards, Quay Two (Muelle Dos) was developed, offering tourists and locals alike a sun-drenched waterfront promenade of gardens, playgrounds and water features.

Since then, 11 docks have been opened up as shipping and cruise ship

terminals. This has established Malaga's port as one of the most important in Spain and brings over 700,000 passengers into the city's sunny streets every year.

In fact, ongoing expansion and modernisation, coupled with year-on-year growth of 20.61 per cent, will place the port among one of the best in the Mediterranean basin.

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He is one of the most enjoyable and readable of all ancient philosophers, and his moral writings have offered sound advice for life down the ages.

Jose Gasset was born in Madrid in 1883 and was a philosopher, socialist theorist and politician.

His famous maxim was "I am I and my circumstance" which meant that life is a drama that exists between necessity and freedom.

Maria Zambrano became a prominent



WRITER REBEL: Maria Zambrano spoke out against Spanish Nationalists.

figure in the 'Generation of 36', a group of intellectuals who fought against the dictatorship in 1936.

Hailing from Velez-Malaga, (although she moved to Madrid as an infant), Zambrano was an essayist and thinker who studied under Gasset and actively campaigned for the establishment of

the Spanish Second Republic.

In 1988 she became the first woman to be awarded the Miguel de Cervantes prize.

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ALTHOUGH Antoni Gaudi tends to be the first name that springs to mind when the topic of Spanish architecture comes up, the country actually has a much bigger pool of talent that is deserving of recognition.

One of the biggest names in the field in the modern day is Santiago Calatrava Valls, an architect, sculptor, structural engineer, and painter who is best known for designing the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Turning Torso tower in Malmo, Sweden, and his largest project, the City of Arts and Sciences project in Valencia, his hometown.

Born in Benimamet - an old borough now officially part of Valencia City - in 1951, Calatrava studied at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris before enrolling in the Higher School of Architecture at the Polytechnic University of Valencia.

He was then awarded a doctorate in the department of architecture from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, after which he immediately opened his own office.

After several projects in Switzerland, he built his first bridge, the Bac de Roda Bridge in Barcelona, Spain, and his career really began



SANTIAGO CALATRAVA VALLS: A modern day icon in the architecture community.

to take off.

He then went to build the Puente del Alamillo Bridge in Sevilla, the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge in Dallas, Texas, Palace of Congresses in Oviedo and the Gare do Oriente in Lisbon among many other notable works.

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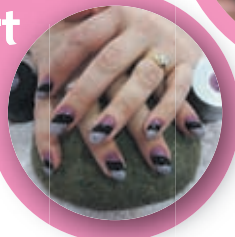
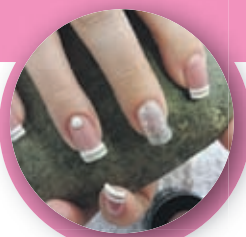
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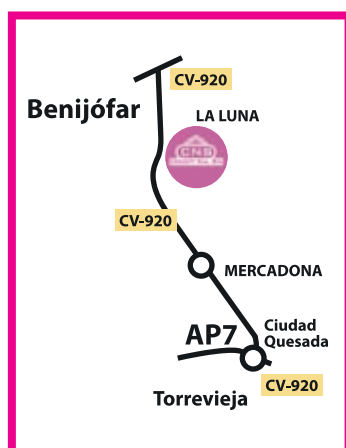
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In the 20th century English poet, Laurie Lee set out on foot from his native Gloucestershire to explore Spain in 1934.

He gives us his account of roughing it from Galicia to Andalusia in *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning*. The follow up work, *A Moment of War*, documents his time in the International Brigade



INSPIRED: Ernest Hemingway (centre) helped document the Spanish Civil War.

Success stories: Spain in literature

fighting Franco's nationalist forces during the Spanish Civil War.

Ernest Hemingway came to Spain, first as an American expat after the First World War to witness Pamplona's famous Bull Run, which he recounts in *The Sun Also Rises*.

He later returned to

make a documentary about the Civil War and wrote *For Whom The Bell Tolls* after being inspired by the heroism of the Republican army.

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Spanish cinematic success

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One of the first successful directors from the silent era was avant-garde film-maker Luis Buñuel, who collaborated with painter Salvador Dali on *Un Chien Andalou* (An Andalusian Dog). It premiered in Paris in 1929 and went on to have a limited but successful run in cinemas.

Spain's movie making was disrupted during the 1930's and for decades after due to the Spanish Civil War and the subsequent dictatorship of Francisco Franco.

Foreign film-makers were not deterred and from the 1950's several blockbusters were made in Spain with the country's landscape providing the backdrop.

The American actor and

director Orson Welles was one of the first pioneers and had lived in Spain for many years previously.

King of Kings, *Lawrence of Arabia*, and Spaghetti Westerns including *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly* were made on Spanish soil, with the latter shot in Tabernas in Almeria.

Spain's cinematic success and the involvement of film-makers from overseas has continued to the present.

Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven*, a co-production with a Spanish firm, was the largest in the country's film history.

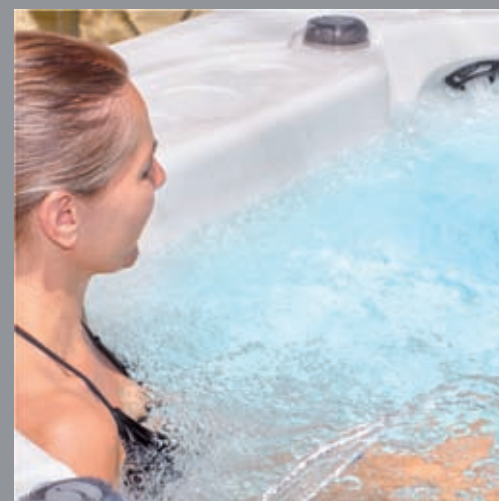


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The Spanish have also made significant contributions to medicine and biology. The wheelchair was invented for King Phillip II who suffered from gout which prevented him from walking.

Abu al-Qasim al-Zahrawi, who lived in Spain when the country was ruled by the Moors, is considered the father of modern surgery. He devised more



GREAT IDEA: Pedro Chacon's Gregorian calendar remains the standard today.

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In the past year alone the company has given away a car in a prize draw, raised money for two major appeals, sponsored a motor racing team and moved into its state-of-the-art new offices.

It has also picked up back-to-back national media awards - including Professional Trajectory and Best Free Publication - from the Madrid-based Spanish Periodical Association.

And of this is not enough, a ground-breaking 12 months has seen sister brands *RTN Newspaper* and *Sol Times* join the company's portfolio.

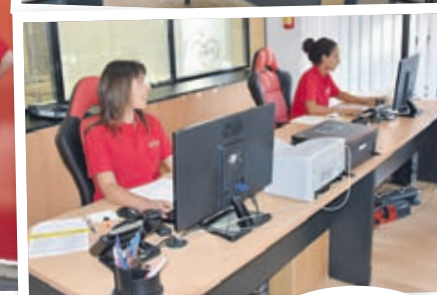
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OTHERS THINK IT



OH dear. Poor little dinkums.

Didn't the sight of all those weeping willow wielders fair bring a tear to your eyes? Well it didn't mine. These so called Australian 'sportsmen' were not sports at all. They were cheats. They weren't crying because they were repentant, they were crying because they got caught.

Had their underhanded, unsporting actions gone undetected, they would have been splashed across the media all butch bronzed and beaming - with eager sponsors queuing up to pour even more money into their already over-stuffed coffers. And there's the rub. These days sport is all about money. Gone are the glorious days of true sportsmen and women who competed against each other out of pure pride and sporting rivalry.

During the amateur days of yore, apart from a couple of countries who used events as propaganda exercises, I can't recall any accusations of cheating by the competitors or officials. Nowadays they are all at it. Doping, drugging, betting and game throwing are now regular features on the back pages of the nationals. Hardly any corner of the sporting world has not been infected by this



'CRYING BECAUSE THEY GOT CAUGHT': Australian cricketers Cameron Bancroft (left) and Steve Smith face the media in the wake of the ball-tampering scandal.

greedy virus that leads to the 'win at any cost' attitude that prevails among the athletes of today.

And you know what really sticks in my craw. Sooner or later they all seem to wheedle their way back in. Even those who commit, what are to my mind unforgivable offences, are, after the authorities have considered their wrists have been

slapped hard enough, allowed back in to carry on as though nothing has happened!

Well, if I had my way, this unsporting bunch of arrogant manipulators would never be allowed to partake in any sporting event again. I also think they should be heavily fined and stripped of all past medals and winner's awards. After all, who

knows how long they have been at it? We must bear in mind, that they have also been cheating the public. When sports fans indulge in these events we like to think that everyone involved is competing against each other in an equally fair and legal manner, otherwise what's the point?

No, they can cry all they like. If it comes on top, they should all get the chop. Don't lie and cheat if you can't take the heat! That's my opinion anyway. After all it's just not cricket is it clobber?

Another pair of wailers this week were the despicable duo who were dubbed 'the Beatles' (I bet that pleased Paul and Ringo!), by their equally despicable Daesh leaders after they were quite rightly relieved of their UK citizenship.

'We don't belong anywhere' they simpered. 'We won't get a fair trial.'

'Who's going to campaign for us.' What?! 'Our Mums won't know where we are,' they drivelled on. You really couldn't make it up. Perhaps they should have thought of these things when they were sawing off the heads of journalists or torturing and crucifying innocent aid workers. I wonder what sort of a fair trial those poor victims got? Not a lot I'll be bound.

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3:00pm	Judge Rinder	12:00pm	FYI Daily	10:50am	Judge Judy	11:35am	The Saint	9:00pm	Ghost in the Shell	2:45pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming	4:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	11:55am	Around the World in 80 Days	11:20am	Inspector Morse	12:40pm	The Avengers	1:00am	Assassin's Creed	5:05pm	Run the Tide	4:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Leagues 1 & 2
5:00pm	Tipping Point	12:55am	FYI Daily	1:35pm	The Royal	1:50pm	Ironsides	3:10am	Eliminators	6:45pm	Cars 3	5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
6:00pm	The Chase	12:00pm	Around the World in 80 Days	2:35pm	Heartbeat	2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.	4:50am	Batman Forever		<i>Constantly outshined and outraced by a fleet of hi-tech rookies, former champ Lightning McQueen must find a new way to win.</i>	5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:15pm	Emmerdale	3:40pm	Coronation Street	3:55pm	Minder			8:30pm	Special	5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	2:15pm	You've Been Framed!	4:15pm	Coronation Street	4:55pm	The Saint			9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist	6:00pm	La Liga Preview
8:00pm	Emmerdale	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:45pm	Judge Judy	6:00pm	The Avengers			10:50pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming	7:00pm	SPFL Matters
8:30pm	Coronation Street	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:10pm	Carry on Henry	7:05pm	Storage Wars			1:10am	Double Date	7:30pm	EFL Matters
9:00pm	Love Your Garden	5:50pm	Judge Rinder	6:55pm	Heartbeat	7:30pm	Storage Wars Texas			2:50am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain	8:00pm	Football
9:30pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm	Pawn Stars			4:45am	Insyriated	11:15pm	The Debate - Live
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	8:30pm	Pawn Stars					12:15am	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	American Pie	11:00pm	The Syndicate	9:00pm	The Motorbike Show					12:30am	La Liga Icons
11:30pm	ITV News London	12:30am	Family Guy	12:05am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan	10:00pm	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera					12:45am	La Liga Icons
11:45pm	Hellboy II: The Golden Army	12:55am	American Dad!	1:10am	Rising Damp Forever	11:00pm	First Blood						
1:50am	Jackpot247			2:15am	Rising Damp Forever	12:00am	FYI Daily						
4:00am	Take on the Twisters			3:05am	Rising Damp	12:05am	First Blood						
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen			4:45am	Million Dollar Princesses	1:05am	The Americans						
				5:35am	Murder, She Wrote	2:05am	Minder						
						3:05am	Fifth Gear						
						3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen						
						4:00am	Teleshopping						



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

FANS of *Saturday Night Take Away*, *Saturday ITV* might have wondered how the show would feel with Dec flying solo for the final programmes. The show is after all Ant & Dec's Take Away and we all know that the Two Ronnies wouldn't have been the same with just one pair of enormous black rimmed glasses.

So, the big question was something like 'will Dec cope without Ant'? Answer, Yes. There were the predictable mutterings in some of the Sunday newspapers about Dec's body language showing he was nervous and him speaking more quickly than usual, but I didn't notice any problems. Of course there was an Ant-shaped gap for most of the show, but it lost none of the energy and bounce fans tune in for.

The penultimate show was packed with a gaggle of stars including Davina McCall and Paloma Faith and didn't Paloma look stunning in red leather? The 'This Time Next Year' segment featured Davina wearing enormous white boats, rather than shoes and a lovely Mum who was poorly on Mother's Day weekend so was surprised by her children last Saturday.

Her son Paul sang with the Jersey Boys, daughter Katie conquered her fear of flying

A take away on Saturday evening, a fondue set and a cuddly toy



JOB WELL DONE: Dec flies solo for the first time.

with some therapy and a packet of hob-nobs (who knew?) and second son Craig sat so far away from Davina on the sofa I think they must have had competing aftershave and perfume on - clearly someone was worried about them getting too close. Oh and Craig introduced Mum's half-sister who nobody had seen for 30 years.

Cilla would have been proud. The final Take

Away of the current run is on ITV on April 7.

In TV news this week, Ben Fogle claims he was sacked from Countryfile because he sounded too posh. Well, the sacking was in 2009 and I don't think him sounding too posh was the real issue, do you? The Island with that Bear bloke is back and social media went into meltdown when the contestants were split into two groups according to their income.

The 'rich' team didn't want to engage with the 'not so rich' team - I didn't want to engage with any of them to be honest. Picture you knowing you are on a TV show, on an island and your outfit of choice is a black bikini top under a wet, white t-shirt and you are half way there. Oh, and the Have I Got News for You team are ramping up for yet another series of this never-ending show by claiming female politicians are not robust enough to host the show. Bull, red rag, you do the maths.

Another duo in the form of Mel and Sue have brought *The Generation Game* back to BBC1 on Sunday evenings, albeit for a very short run. I'm not sure what some people were expecting, but a show born and raised in the 1970's was always going to look just a little bit naff in 2018 and rely on some canned laughter. We still have the conveyor belt of prizes and if you are old enough to remember Sir Bruce and the cuddly toy, you probably weren't disappointed.

Finally this week, BBC TV is covering the 21st Commonwealth Games until April 15. If the opening ceremony was anything to go by, we are in for a sporting treat. *Happy viewing.*



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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Golf
	<i>All the action from the latest golfing events.</i>
3:15pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
5:30pm	Final Score
6:15pm	A Question of Sport
6:45pm	Doodlebugs
7:00pm	Ready or Not
7:30pm	BBC News
7:40pm	Regional News
7:45pm	Weather
7:50pm	Pointless
8:40pm	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
12:55am	Commonwealth Games 2018
5:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC TWO

4:35am	BBC News
7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
11:00am	Robot Wars
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
	<i>Property experts visit three properties before they go up for auction.</i>
1:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
3:15pm	MasterChef
3:45pm	MasterChef
4:45pm	Escape to the Country
	<i>Series which helps prospective buyers find their dream home in the country.</i>
5:15pm	Money for Nothing
6:00pm	Big Cats About the House
7:00pm	Today at the Games
8:30pm	Golf
1:00am	Having You
2:30am	Civilisations
3:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:35am	BBC News

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Insect Worlds
8:30pm	Commonwealth Games Extra
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	Boy George and Culture Club: Karma to Calamity
1:00am	Young Guns Go For It
	<i>Documentary series examining the music and the musical icons of the 80s</i>
1:30am	The Man Who Brought the Blues to Britain: Big Bill Broonzy
2:30am	John Williams at the BBC
3:30am	Trad Jazz Britannia

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	Mobil 1
	The Grid.
7:45am	Motorsport
8:40am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Frasier
11:35am	The Big Bang Theory
12:05pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	F1: Grand Prix Practice 3 Live
3:30pm	F1: Grand Prix
3:55pm	F1: Grand Prix Qualifying Live
6:45pm	Car S.O.S
7:40pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
9:00pm	Britain's Most Historic Towns
10:00pm	Legend
12:35am	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter
2:30am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Traffic Cops
1:30pm	Traffic Cops
2:30pm	Aviva Live
	Premiership Rugby: Bath v Leicester
5:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
6:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	The Secret Life of Owls
9:00pm	Everest: World's Greatest Mountain
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
	Goal Rush.
11:30pm	20 Moments That Rocked the 90s
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Other Guys
5:55am	Great Scientists

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5:35am	Rules of Engagement
7:00am	Made in Chelsea
7:55am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
8:55am	The Goldbergs
9:25am	The Goldbergs
9:55am	Dragonball Evolution
11:35am	Ice Age: The Great Egg-Scapade
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	Young Sheldon
1:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:55pm	Eragon
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	G.I. Joe: Retaliation
11:10pm	Contraband
1:15am	Gogglebox
2:15am	Naked Attraction

sky sports main event

7:00am	Live Rugby 7s: Hong Kong
8:40am	Rugby Archive
8:50am	Rugby Archive
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Masters Breakfast - Live
12:30pm	Football
1:30pm	Live Premier League
	<i>The Merseyside derby returns as Everton host Liverpool at Goodison Park in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:00pm	Football
6:30pm	Football
9:00pm	Masters - Live
1:30am	Football
3:35am	Live Rugby 7s: Hong Kong
	<i>Day three of the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series stage at the Hong Kong Stadium in Hong Kong.</i>

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9:30am	Thunderbirds are Go
10:05am	Adventure Time
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:20pm	The Harbour
1:50pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:00pm	Info not available
2:30pm	Change Your Tune
3:30pm	Britain's Brightest Family
4:00pm	Tenable
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	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Take Away
9:30pm	The Voice UK - Live Final
11:10pm	ITV News
11:30pm	Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows
1:35am	Jackpot247

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6:50am	ITV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:10am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:55pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Take Away
2:30pm	Britain's Got Talent: Top 10 LOL Moments
3:30pm	You've Been Framed!
4:35pm	The Smurfs
5:35pm	FYI Daily
5:40pm	The Smurfs
6:40pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean Bean's Holiday.
7:40pm	FYI Daily
7:45pm	Scrambled! Mr Bean Bean's Holiday.
8:30pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
9:30pm	FYI Daily
9:35pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2
11:10pm	Celebrity Juice
12:00am	Family Guy

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5:35am	Murder, She Wrote
6:25am	Judge Judy
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Mutiny on the Buses
	<i>The second spin-off from the popular comedy television series</i>
8:00am	On the Buses
	<i>This bold, bawdy and brash sitcom hit British screens in 1969.</i>
9:00am	Murder, She Wrote
10:05am	Lewis
12:00pm	A Touch of Frost
2:10pm	A Touch of Frost
4:20pm	Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Vera
2:00am	Road to Avonlea
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

8:30am	BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights
9:30am	British Superbike Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	The Big Fish Off
12:30pm	Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment
1:30pm	FYI Daily
1:35pm	Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment
2:20pm	Football's Greatest
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Kempton
5:00pm	Red River
6:05pm	FYI Daily
6:10pm	Red River
7:40pm	Live and Let Die
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	Live and Let Die
10:05pm	Lethal Weapon 2
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	Lethal Weapon 2
12:25am	The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

3:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
5:30pm	The Huntsman: Winter's War
7:40pm	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
10:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
12:15am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
2:35am	Kiss of the Dragon

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:20am	Sweet Home Alabama
11:20am	Runaway Bride
1:20pm	Snatched
3:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
4:40pm	Love Actually
7:00pm	White Chicks
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
12:20am	White Chicks

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:45am	Insyriated
6:30am	Special
7:00am	Run the Tide
	<i>Taylor Lautner (The Twilight Saga) stars as a Texas twentysomething determined to keep his younger brother away from their ex-con mother</i>
8:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:00am	Cars 3
11:00am	The Emoji Movie
12:30pm	The Hurricane Heist
2:30pm	Special
3:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
5:20pm	Cars 3
7:20pm	The Emoji Movie
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
10:50pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
1:10am	Unforgettable
2:55am	The Hurricane Heist
4:45am	Double Date

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football
3:45pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	Football
1:05am	EFL Goals: Championship
1:30am	Football
3:35am	MLS Greatest Games
3:45am	La Liga Icons
4:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
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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8:30am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
2:30pm	BBC News
2:40pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
5:30pm	Songs of Praise
6:05pm	Celebrity Mastermind
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
12:30am	Commonwealth Games 2018
5:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC TWO

7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
10:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
12:00pm	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
1:30pm	MasterChef Long running cookery show which searches for the country's next star chef.
2:30pm	MasterChef
3:00pm	The Secret Helpers
4:00pm	Emma
6:00pm	Today at the Games
7:30pm	Golf
1:00am	The Rookie
3:00am	Countryfile News and stories concerning the heart of the British countryside.
3:55am	Holby City
4:55am	Weather for the Week Ahead
5:00am	BBC News

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Commonwealth Games Extra
10:00pm	Folk Awards 2018
11:00pm	The Sky at Night A look at the world of astronomy.
11:30pm	Horizon The story of how our solar system will be transformed by the ageing sun before coming to a spectacular end in about eight billion years.
12:30am	Conversations
1:30am	When Wrestling Was Golden: Grapples, Grunts and Grannies
2:30am	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century
3:30am	Horizon

CHANNEL 4

8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:45pm	The Simpsons
2:15pm	The Simpsons
2:45pm	The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer
4:00pm	F1: Grand Prix Live Build Up
4:45pm	F1: Grand Prix Live Reaction
7:20pm	F1: Grand Prix Live
7:45pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	Jesus' Female Disciples: The New Evidence
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:00am	Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy
2:25am	Shubh Mangal Saavdhan
4:15am	KOTV Boxing Weekly

CHANNEL 5

5:55am	Great Scientists
6:20am	Wildlife SOS
6:50am	Access
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:45am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:20am	Football on 5
12:15pm	Football on 5
12:50pm	Traffic Cops
1:50pm	Oliver!
4:40pm	The Deep End of the Ocean
6:50pm	Marley and Me
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	When Live News Goes Horribly Wrong
12:55am	Football on 5: The Checktrade Trophy
1:50am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
2:05am	Super Casino
4:10am	Resident Evil: Afterlife
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:30am	The Goldbergs
11:00am	The Goldbergs
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	Step Up 4: Miami Heat
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:55pm	Young Sheldon
7:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:50pm	Night at the Museum
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Tattoo Fixers
2:10am	The Inbetweeners
2:40am	The Inbetweeners
3:15am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

sky sports main event

3:35am	Live Rugby 7s: Hong Kong
7:00am	Live Rugby 7s: Hong Kong
10:00am	Masters Breakfast - Live
1:00pm	Goals on Sunday
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday Arsenal meet Southampton at the Emirates Stadium in the Premier League.
5:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday Chelsea meet West Ham United at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League.
8:00pm	Masters - Live
1:30am	Steel Magnolia: Willett's 2016 Relive all of the drama with a look at Danny Willett's 2016 Masters win.
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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9:10am	Mr. Bean: The Animated Series
9:30am	Spy School
10:05am	Adventure Time
10:25am	ITV News
10:30am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	The Voice UK - Live Final
12:40pm	Info not available
1:40pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:00pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Take Away
3:30pm	Info not available
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	You've Been Framed!
5:30pm	ITV Evening News
5:45pm	Regional News and Weather
6:00pm	Tipping Point
7:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
8:00pm	Change Your Tune
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Info not available
1:15am	100 Year Old Driving School

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:15am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:40pm	The Voice UK - Live Final
2:30pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
3:30pm	FYI Daily
3:35pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
4:40pm	Smurfs 2
5:40pm	FYI Daily
5:45pm	Smurfs 2
6:45pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
7:50pm	FYI Daily
7:55pm	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
9:00pm	Spectre
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Spectre
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	Family Guy
12:50am	Family Guy
1:20am	Family Guy
1:50am	American Dad!
2:20am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Carry on at Your Convenience
9:05am	Heartbeat
10:10am	Heartbeat
11:10am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:20pm	Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind
2:55pm	A Touch of Frost
5:00pm	Vera
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	Larry Grayson: Shut That Door Larry Grayson was one of the biggest television stars of the 1970s and 1980s.
11:00pm	An Audience with Victoria Wood
12:10am	Carry on Dick
2:00am	Inspector Morse
3:55am	Blue Murder
5:10am	Murder, She Wrote In the early 1900s a young rich girl is sent to live with relatives on Prince Edward Island.

itv4

7:00am	Storage Wars
7:25am	Storage Wars
7:55am	Storage Wars
8:25am	Pawn Stars
8:55am	Pawn Stars
9:20am	Pawn Stars
9:50am	Pawn Stars
10:20am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	Pawn Stars
11:15am	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:15pm	Snooker v Darts Sports short film.
7:25pm	Pawn Stars
7:55pm	The Big Fish Off
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:25pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	An Audience with Billy Connolly
11:05pm	Conan the Destroyer
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Conan the Destroyer
1:15am	Six Bullets
2:15am	FYI Daily
2:20am	Six Bullets
3:25am	The Protectors
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:50am	12 Rounds
10:45am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:05pm	Fast and Furious 8
3:25pm	Central Intelligence
5:30pm	Baywatch
7:30pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
10:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
12:20am	12 Rounds
2:20am	Central Intelligence
4:25am	Marauders

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:40am	You Don't Mess with the Zohan
11:40am	Fist Fight
1:20pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
1:50pm	Look Who's Talking
3:30pm	Look Who's Talking Too
5:00pm	Look Who's Talking Now!
6:40pm	Spanglish
9:00pm	30 Minutes or Less
10:30pm	Fist Fight
12:10am	Spanglish

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
8:50am	Cars 3 Constantly outshined and outraced by a fleet of hi-tech rookies, former champ Lightning McQueen must find a new way to win.
10:45am	The Emoji Movie
12:30pm	Special
1:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
3:00pm	Cars 3
5:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
7:20pm	The Emoji Movie
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist Full-throttle thriller about a team of hackers using a devastating hurricane as cover to steal millions
10:50pm	The Free World
12:35am	Spider-Man: Homecoming
2:55am	Double Date
4:35am	The Hurricane Heist

sky sports football

9:00am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
9:15am	La Liga Icons
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:40am	The Story of Las Palmas
11:55am	Football
2:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
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3:30pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
12:05am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
12:20am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

New speed radars approved for use

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.



Photo credit Guardia Civil

BRAKING THE LAW: A Velolaser in situ and (inset) a close-up of the new device.

THE DGT has taken delivery of around 60 new portable speed detecting units, Velolaser, which have undergone extensive testing around the country. These devices have now been approved for use and can enter service protecting the country's roads.

The Director General of Traffic, Gregorio Serrano, announced the certification just in time for one of the most intense road planning periods, the Easter holiday.

Small enough to fit in the panniers of a motorcycle, the units can be set up in seconds, either on a tripod, a vehicle mount, or on roadside features such as crash barriers. It should be noted, despite many speculative reports to the contrary, these devices are not mounted on the motorbikes but are carried to locations where they are set up on tripods or similar mounts.

The device manufacturers say that the units obtain the best results in sensitive urban areas (zone 30, schools, parks, children's areas, etc), and thanks to their versatility they can work using vehicles available at any time, in any area,

including those places otherwise inaccessible, and, most importantly, in a minimum time.

The simple, ingenious and innovative solution provides a new way to control speed in a wide variety of situations, on both urban and interurban roads. The devices can monitor vehicles at speeds of up to 250 kilometres per hour, covering two lanes, monitoring both directions of travel, and can distinguish between different types of vehicles, knowing the difference between a car and a lorry, for example.

The units can connect over 3G or 4G telephony, or via WiFi, providing simultaneous monitoring of several devices at the same time, recording information on internal or external storage.

As well as monitoring speed, the devices are clever enough to calculate safety distances, and can operate both day and at night.

They are designed and manufactured in Spain, and come in a range of colours, although the units delivered to the DGT carry the distinctive colours and labelling of the Guardia Civil.

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

Was the election legal?

Q. We have just had our Community AGM. When it came time to elect a president, two committee members put themselves forward. Neither was formally proposed and seconded. Is this a necessary step

for the AGM? The successful candidate is a local builder and is currently tendering for work in the community. Is there 'conflict of interest' in Spain? If so, what is the solution?

S H (Costa Blanca)

A. The short answer is that you have a number of irregularities here, but nothing that invalidates the election of the president. It is not necessary for a candidate for president to be nominated in advance, although this would be the proper procedure.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain

Yes, the concept of 'conflict of interest' exists in Spain, and it certainly seems to exist in your example. However, if the

majority of the community voters accept the situation and elect the builder as president, there is no legal reason to challenge the vote. If it later comes to light that the builder-president awards himself the contract and charges twice the going rate, then you would have a case.

I think it's a liberty!

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I WAS having a chat with a friend of mine and we were discussing bank charges here and I was moaning about charges that appear now and again. It's nothing monstrous but just like, in my case, I hadn't spent enough on my debit card over three months so they 'fined' me.

My friend then proceeded to tell me a horror story and asked my advice. I'm now going to tell you and I hope someone out there can let me know if this is common practice. I can't tell you the name of the bank but here's the story.

He was selling his house to buy a flat - all very simple, no mortgages involved, just straightforward payments in and out. He paid a deposit on the flat of €19,500 and the bank charged him €78 for that which is 0.4 per cent.

He then paid €379,637.82 into to the bank, a bank he has, by the way, been with for 17 years. They charged him €759.35 for paying the money IN to his own account. They then charged another €300 for him to pay €217,646.38 for his new place then another €150 for paying €37k to his lawyer. So, all in all, for making three payments and paying some money in they charged him just under

€1,288. Why? What we don't understand is the charge for paying the money in to your own account - it's horrendous. The charge for the bank transfers are also too high but I appreciate there must be some charge.

When my friend queried these charges the bank refunded €300 but said 'you should have discussed it beforehand.' I think it's a liberty. Has anyone else come across this? He was told, off the record, because interest rates are so low, the banks are instructed to get money off customers any way they can which sounds like when I used to work the markets years ago.

This then brought me on to the subject of cancelling stuff here. Some time ago I got a reminder that my house insurance was due next month - with the same bank as it happens. So I looked around to make sure I was getting the best deal and guess what - I wasn't. We decided to cancel and go with a new company.

The bank then informed us that we can't do that as we have to give three months' notice to cancel the policy! What a joke! When I asked why all I got was the usual 'it's in the terms and conditions, page 105, sub section 96, blah blah.' Anyway we cancelled it and told them to sue us if they want to. We were even told we could get blacklisted. Nothing ever happened and we are now with a new company.

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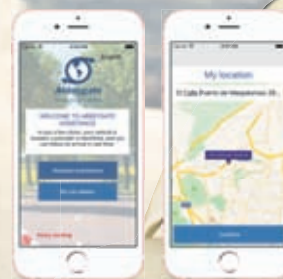
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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Money for Nothing
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Fake Britain
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	MasterChef
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show
1:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018
4:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018

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7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Britain's Home Truths
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Secret Agent Selection : Ww2
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	The Secret Helpers
1:15am	The Silent Child
1:35am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
2:05am	Hugh's Wild West
3:05am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBCFOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
9:00pm	Commonwealth Games Extra
10:00pm	Art Lovers Guide
11:00pm	David Hurn: A Life in Pictures
11:40pm	Cinema Through the Eye of Magnum Photos
12:35am	Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British
1:35am	Top of the Pops
2:10am	Top of the Pops <i>Tony Blackburn and Gary Davies present the weekly chart show, first broadcast on 17 March 1983.</i>
2:40am	Nature's Microworlds
3:10am	Art Lovers Guide

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
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	Escape to the Chateau: DIY
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	Britain's Diesel Scandal: Channel 4 Dispatches
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	Kiss Me First
12:05am	Indian Summer School
1:05am	Lee and Dean
1:35am	My Online Nightmare

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Great Scientists
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Newlywed and Dead
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	Springtime on the Farm
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Police UK: Armed and Deadly
12:05am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:05am	America's Toughest Prisons

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

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
9:00pm	How the 2018 Masters Was Won
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

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9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	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
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:50pm	The Investigator: A British Crime Story
12:50am	The Kyle Files

itv2

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	Judge Rinder
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	American Dad!
12:30am	The Cleveland Show

itv3

6:00am	Road to Avonlea
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:05am	Scott and Bailey
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:25pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II
12:00am	Red Heat
1:00am	FYI Daily
1:05am	Red Heat
2:05am	Fifth Gear
3:05am	It's Not Rocket Science

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

6:15am	Sky Movies - April 2018
7:00am	Broken Arrow
9:00am	Iron Man 3
11:15am	Doctor Strange
1:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
3:00pm	The Hunter's Prayer
4:45pm	Broken Arrow
6:45pm	Iron Man 3
9:00pm	Doctor Strange
11:00pm	Birth of the Dragon
12:40am	The Hunter's Prayer
2:15am	Armageddon

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:05am	Kicking Off
10:35am	As Good as it Gets
1:00pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
2:40pm	Table 19
4:15pm	The Dictator
5:45pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
7:20pm	Raising Arizona
9:00pm	Table 19
10:35pm	The Dictator
12:05am	Airplane!
1:40am	Airplane II: The Sequel

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am	The Hurricane Heist
6:30am	Special
7:00am	Cars 3
8:45am	Run the Tide
10:25am	The Emoji Movie
11:55am	The Hurricane Heist
1:45pm	Rough Stuff
3:55pm	6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain
5:40pm	Cars 3
7:30pm	The Emoji Movie
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
10:50pm	Rough Stuff
<i>A ragtag crew of gold-seeking drifters team up with a group of environmental activists and head into the Outback in search of a legendary lost haul.</i>	
1:00am	The Free World
2:45am	The Hurricane Heist
4:40am	Double Date

sky sports football

10:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
10:15am	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football
1:15pm	Football
3:20pm	La Liga
5:25pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
7:15pm	La Liga Highlights: Barcelona
7:30pm	La Liga Icons
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	La Liga Icons
8:55pm	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

Spanish Queen's peerless blue diamond at Noble Jewels sale

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



AFTER the Wars of Spanish Succession were concluded more than 300 years ago; at Parma in Italy, Princess Elisabeth Farnese married Philip V of Spain.

While the intrigues of Europe swirled, a spectacular wedding gift was making its way from the Philippines to Madrid. Spain had issued instructions to the Governors of its colonies throughout its overseas empire that suitable wedding gifts were to be sent to Madrid.

A year later in August 1715 a fleet assembled and sailed from the island of Cuba. The Golden Fleet - 12 ships carrying a fortune in gold bullion and a casket of enormous emeralds - set sail for Europe and Spain. Unfortunately 10 days later a hurricane scattered and destroyed most of the fleet off the coast of Florida.

One vessel survived and escaped and she

was carrying a pear-shaped blue diamond sent by the Governor of the Philippine Islands, a gift to the new Spanish Queen.

Blue diamonds were viewed as the ultimate royal gift, blue was identified as the colour of royalty - blue blood - and like the famous Hope and Wittelsbach diamonds the Farnese Blue was found in the Golconda mines of India, which was the sole source of



THE FARNESE BLUE: A historic 6.16 carat pear-shaped fancy dark grey-blue diamond.

diamonds until the discoveries in Brazil in the 1720's.

As Elizabeth and Philip's descendants married into Europe's royal dynasties, Elizabeth Farnese passed the diamond to her favourite son Philip Duke of Parma (1720-1765), continuing down the line passing through four of Europe's dynasties.

Documented by Maria Anna von Habsburg (1882-1940) Arch Duchess of Austria, the wife of Elias Bourbon, Duke of Parma (1880-1959) created a detailed inventory of the family jewels such that a record exists charting the fascinating history of these jewels. Among them the Farnese Blue.

Each May in Geneva ever since, the famed sale of the Jewels of the Duchess of Windsor, Sotheby's auction house has held the Royal and Nobel Jewels sale, this year titled 'Magnificent Jewels and Noble Jewels.'

The fascination of pedigreed 'Nobel Jewels' and their desirability remains strong. Dr Philip Herzog von Württemberg, chairman of Sotheby's Europe said: "With its incredible pedigree, the Farnese Blue ranks among the most historic diamonds in the world. From the first minute I saw the stone, I could not resist its magic and as such it is a huge privilege to have been entrusted with its sale."

The peerless Farnese Blue a 6.16 carat pear-shaped blue diamond has an estimate of €2.99 to €4.28 million. But the story is priceless.



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2:45pm	Doctors
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8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Come Home
11:00pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	This Country
12:15am	Generation Screwed?
12:55am	Commonwealth Games 2018
4:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC TWO

7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Britain's Home Truths
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt <i>Game show in which two teams compete for the best bargains before they go up for auction.</i>
2:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	Great Indian Railway Journeys
10:00pm	Hospital
11:00pm	Cunk on Britain
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
1:15am	The Super League Show

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective. series 1.</i>
8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds <i>Series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems.</i>
9:00pm	Commonwealth Games Extra
10:00pm	The Story of the Jews
11:00pm	Majesty and Mortar: Britain's Great Palaces
12:00am	Chivalry and Betrayal: The Hundred Years War
1:00am	Francesco's Italy
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	Secret Knowledge: Stradivarius and Me
3:35am	The Story of the Jews

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
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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	Class of Mum and Dad
10:00pm	Seven Year Switch
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:05am	One Born Every Minute

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Nightmare 911
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm	Springtime on the Farm
10:00pm	Made in Yorkshire
11:00pm	Secrets of the Great Yorkshire Castle
12:05am	The Great Yorkshire Bridge
1:05am	Housing Yorkshire: Somewhere Called Home
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
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
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12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Underworld: Rise of the Lycans
12:45am	The Big Bang Theory
1:15am	The Big Bang Theory

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8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
12:30pm	Sportswomen
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Revista de la Liga <i>A round-up of all of the latest action and goals from Spain's La Liga.</i>
12:45am	La Liga Icons: Zidane
1:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
2:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News

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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
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7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
9:00pm	This Time Next Year
10:00pm	Last Laugh in Vegas
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	The Cruise: Sailing the Caribbean
12:15am	Heroes and Villains: Caught on Camera

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7:45am	Totally Bonkers
8:10am	Guinness World Records
8:55am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
9:20am	Emmerdale
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	Coronation Street
11:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
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10:00pm	American Pie
11:10pm	FYI Daily
11:15pm	American Pie
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

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7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
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4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:20pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey <i>Drama series following two Manchester police officers.</i>
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

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7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
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8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon 2
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11:10pm	Lethal Weapon 2
12:20am	Conan the Destroyer
1:20am	FYI Daily <i>The latest news from the world of entertainment.</i>
1:25am	Conan the Destroyer
2:25am	Ax Men
3:25am	The Protectors
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:00am	Spider-Man
9:10am	Spider-Man 2
11:25am	Spider-Man 3
1:50pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
4:10pm	Spider-Man
6:15pm	Spider-Man 2
8:30pm	Spider-Man 3
11:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
1:20am	Bloodsport
3:00am	Cyborg 009

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:40am	All About Steve
10:25am	Drillbit Taylor
12:15pm	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
2:10pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
4:00pm	Here Comes the Boom
5:50pm	The Wedding Singer
7:30pm	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
9:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm	Here Comes the Boom
12:35am	Sausage Party

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Rough Stuff <i>A ragtag crew of gold-seeking drifters team up with a group of environmental activists and head into the Outback in search of a legendary lost haul. Aussie adventure.</i>
9:15am	The Emoji Movie
11:00am	Maudie
1:10pm	The Hurricane Heist
3:00pm	Special
3:30pm	The Free World
5:20pm	The Emoji Movie
7:00pm	Maudie
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
10:50pm	Double Date
12:30am	Rough Stuff
2:40am	The Free World
4:35am	Run the Tide <i>Taylor Lautner (The Twilight Saga) stars as a Texas twentysomething determined to keep his younger brother away from their ex-con mother. Drama with Constance Zimmer.</i>

sky sports football

11:30am	Soccer A.M.
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	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
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup
5:30pm	Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Revista de la Liga
6:30pm	Football
7:00pm	Countdowns
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Advertising Feature

LPL strengthening their service

AS founders of LPL we are so pleased to see our Spanish representative Greg Bryan signing an agreement with the Administrador Fincas Colegiado which represents Administrators throughout the Alicante region.

This agreement gives a fantastic cost benefit to their membership. The members are made up of the bulk of community administrators in the region and there will be a direct benefit to the hundreds of communities represented by administrators when instructing LPL by paying fees for successful collection at a reduced rate.

It also allows us to meet regularly with the membership to discuss debt related issues in the UK, Spain and throughout Europe generally.

Of course LPL are pleased to also benefit from the services offered by the Alicante AFC by way of training, marketing, ongoing trends in the market place and as well as updates on Spanish law in particular.

LPL has been proud to also be associated with Malaga AFC with whom we have enjoyed a similar relationship for a number of years. Hundreds of communities in the Malaga



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region consistently benefit from lower costs and over the years we have had the opportunity to meet many administrators and their teams to understand the problems that all communities suffer from time to time.

I hope that the same benefits will

translate to communities in the Alicante region and beyond.

Suffice to say that whilst we would all prefer there to be no community debt, it is a sad fact of life that management fee debt will continue. It is a problem not only in Spain, but LPL

are also working for communities in Portugal, Cyprus and elsewhere, the problems are no different, it is just the language that changes.

It is worth noting that property laws and government controls on property purchase in Cyprus have, up until re-

cently, been very lax indeed, allowing developers and land owners to take advantage of potential and future buyers. Obtaining high value deposits with no prospect of final build and also leaving other buyers obligated to pay high management fees on incomplete developments.

Fortunately the law is changing much along the lines of Spanish Horizontal law but if any of the readership have experienced problems in Cyprus, please let LPL know as we can put you in touch with specialist advisors who may be able to assist.

As some of you may know, LPL recently celebrated 40 years of successful collection. The recent contract signing with Alicante AFC is another milestone in our continued growth throughout Spain.

If your community has any management fee collection problems, wherever you may be situated, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0044 205 514 019, direct to Greg Bryan our representative in Spain on 0034 689 408 412 or email gbryan@lplgroup.com.

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7:00am	Breakfast	7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun	12:20pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	7:00am	Hollyoaks	7:00am	Total Goals
10:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018	10:15am	Oxford Street Revealed	8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	1:10pm	5 News	8:00am	Rules of Engagement	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:00pm	BBC News	11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer		<i>Series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems.</i>	9:30am	Frasier	1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors.	9:00am	How I Met Your Mother	11:00am	Premier League Daily
2:30pm	Regional News	12:00pm	Britain's Home Truths	9:00pm	Commonwealth Games Extra	11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell	2:10pm	Access	9:30am	How I Met Your Mother	12:00pm	Sky Sports Daily
2:45pm	Doctors	12:45pm	Dom on the Spot	10:00pm	Bacchus Uncovered	12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm	Home and Away	10:00am	New Girl	1:00pm	Sky Sports News
	<i>Drama series set in a busy Midlands medical practice.</i>	1:15pm	Bargain Hunt		<i>Ancient God of Ecstasy.</i>	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours	11:00am	2 Broke Girls	2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:15pm	800 Words	2:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018	11:00pm	The Plantagenets	1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	3:15pm	NCIS	12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	12:00am	The Mayflower Pilgrims	2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm	McBride: Murder Past Midnight	1:00pm	The Goldbergs	3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:45pm	Money for Nothing				<i>Documentary exploring the Pilgrims' journey west across the Atlantic in the early 17th century.</i>	3:10pm	Countdown	6:00pm	5 News	2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
5:30pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Eggheads	1:00am	Chef v Science: The Ultimate Kitchen Challenge	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:30pm	Neighbours	3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother	4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
6:15pm	Pointless	7:30pm	Today at the Games	2:30am	Top of the Pops	5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY	7:00pm	Home and Away	4:00pm	New Girl	8:30pm	Football
7:00pm	BBC News	9:00pm	The Secret Helpers	3:00am	Top of the Pops	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:30pm	5 News	5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine		<i>Wolves take on Derby County at Molineux in the Sky Bet Championship.</i>
7:30pm	Regional News	10:00pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story	3:30am	Bacchus Uncovered	7:00pm	Star Boot Sale	8:00pm	World Rally	6:00pm	The Goldbergs	8:30pm	
8:00pm	The One Show	10:50pm	Live at the Apollo			7:30pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Springtime on the Farm	7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory	11:00pm	The Debate - Live
9:00pm	MasterChef	11:30pm	Newsnight			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Housing Yorkshire: Somewhere Called Home	8:00pm	Hollyoaks	12:00am	Sky Sports News
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11:30pm	Regional News					11:00pm	First Dates			9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory	3:00am	Sky Sports News
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11:45pm	A Question of Sport									11:00pm	Naked Attraction		
12:15am	Annie: Out of the Ashes									12:05am	The Big Bang Theory		
										12:35am	The Big Bang Theory		
										1:05am	First Dates		
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals	7:50am	Heartbeat	7:50am	Pawn Stars	12:15pm	Once Upon a Time in Mexico	7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018	9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Lorraine	7:20am	Totally Bonkers	8:55am	The Royal	8:10am	Pawn Stars	2:05pm	Ghost in the Shell	7:15am	Maudie	9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	10:00am	Judge Judy	8:30am	Ironsides	4:05pm	In a Valley of Violence	9:15am	Rough Stuff	10:00am	Scottish Cup
11:30am	This Morning	8:55am	Emmerdale	10:25am	Judge Judy	9:30am	Quincy, M.E.	6:00pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend	11:25am	The Emoji Movie		<i>Greatest Games</i>
1:30pm	Loose Women	9:55am	You've Been Framed!	10:50am	Judge Judy	10:30am	Minder	8:00pm	Behind Enemy Lines		<i>Struggling to find his inner meh, multi-expressional livewire Gene embarks on a daring app-venture.</i>	10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	11:20am	Inspector Morse	10:50am	Minder	10:00pm	Ghost in the Shell	1:05pm	The Free World	11:00am	Revista de la Liga
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather	11:20am	The Bachelor	1:35pm	The Royal	11:35am	The Saint	12:00am	In a Valley of Violence	3:00pm	Special	11:30am	La Liga World
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		1:15pm	Emmerdale	4:50pm	On the Buses	3:55pm	Minder			9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist	2:00pm	La Liga Icons
5:00pm	Tipping Point	2:15pm	You've Been Framed!	5:20pm	On the Buses	5:00pm	The Saint				<i>Full-throttle thriller about a team of hackers using a devastating hurricane as cover to steal millions.</i>	3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
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8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	9:00pm	Endeavour	8:30pm	Pawn Stars					5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:30pm	Coronation Street			11:00pm	The Street	9:00pm	River Monsters					6:00pm	Football Years
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family	5:50pm	Judge Rinder	12:20am	The Street	10:00pm	The Motorbike Show					6:30pm	Football
		6:50pm	Take Me Out		<i>Stan, a dedicated warehouse foreman, is doing his best to ignore his looming retirement.</i>	11:00pm	The Americans					7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	1:45am	The Suspicions of Mr Whicher	12:00am	Lethal Weapon					7:30pm	La Liga World
10:00pm	Benidorm	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen	1:00am	The Big Fish Off					8:00pm	Football's Greatest
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men		<i>Text-based information service.</i>	2:00am	Minder					8:30pm	Football
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	3:30am	Teleshopping	3:05am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive					11:00pm	The Debate - Live
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights	10:00pm	Hell's Kitchen				<i>Celebrities face a survival mission in the South African bush.</i>					12:00am	Eredivisie
12:45am	Play to the Whistle	11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen				<i>Shopping from home.</i>					1:00am	La Liga Icons
		11:55pm	Family Guy										
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		1:25am	American Dad!										
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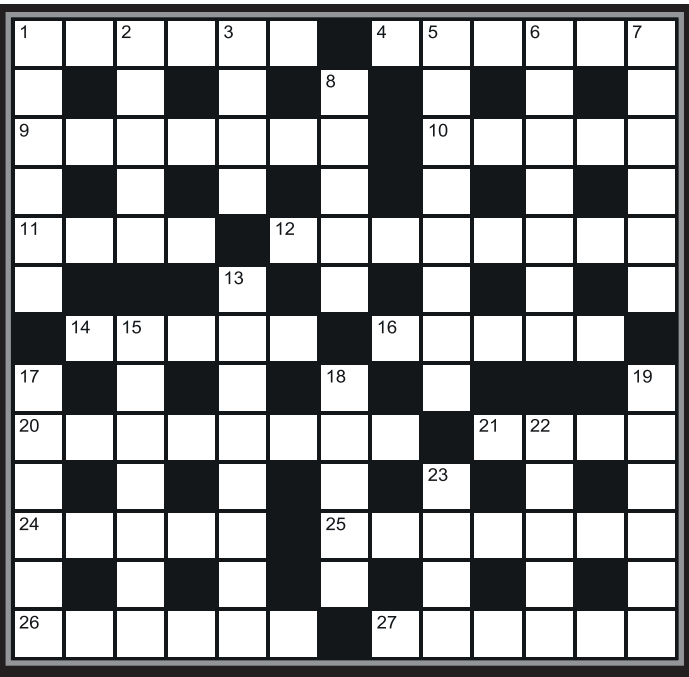
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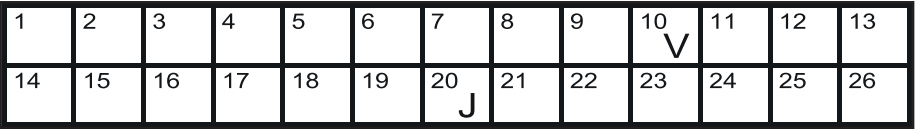
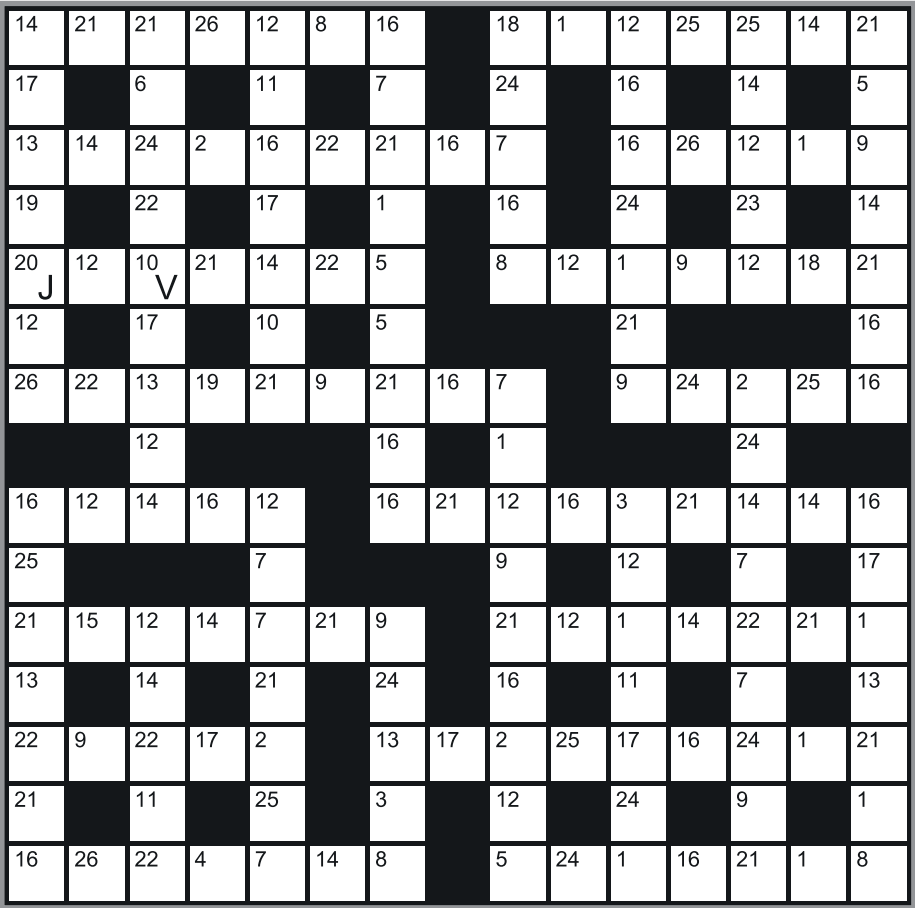
- Across**
- 1 A model you can't miss (6)
 - 4 Expel shoplifter finally discovered in store (6)
 - 9 Trains with a different skilled worker (7)
 - 10 Explicit about king in play (5)
 - 11 Renown for Football Association and yours truly (4)
 - 12 Leap made by old king around Fools' Day (8)
 - 14 Exclusive portion of ice-cream? (5)
 - 16 Some mix up about love for elk (5)
 - 20 The Spanish notice changes of appointment (8)
 - 21 Skilful Latin in Lincoln (4)
 - 24 Prevent Ted returning to meet the Queen (5)
 - 25 I get a pound after an argument about space (7)
 - 26 Not as light as the remodelled red ark (6)
 - 27 Customer with legal right to appear in court (6)



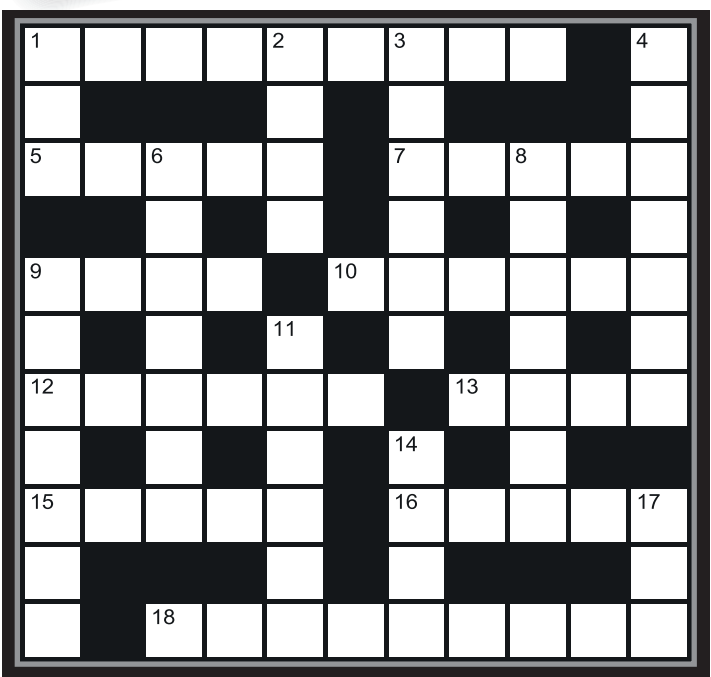
- Down**
- 1 Stick with a Scottish island (6)
 - 2 Add 'em up quickly to get a kind of pole (5)
 - 3 Please, end with simplicity (4)
 - 5 Get Oscar to change the French delicacy (8)
 - 6 Plenty follow old church cats (7)
 - 7 Jack has to fetch Mark (6)
 - 8 Require sound massage (5)
 - 13 Dreamy music is a night scene on canvas (8)
 - 15 God involved a rector (7)
 - 17 Repaired first of machines, then finished (6)
 - 18 Police chase ends in the wood (5)
 - 19 French water added to auction item, red wine (6)
 - 22 Trees, we hear, that will cover billiard table (5)
 - 23 Initially family approval is likely to go wrong (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 10 represents V and 20 represents J, so fill in V every time the figure 10 appears and J every time the figure 20 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



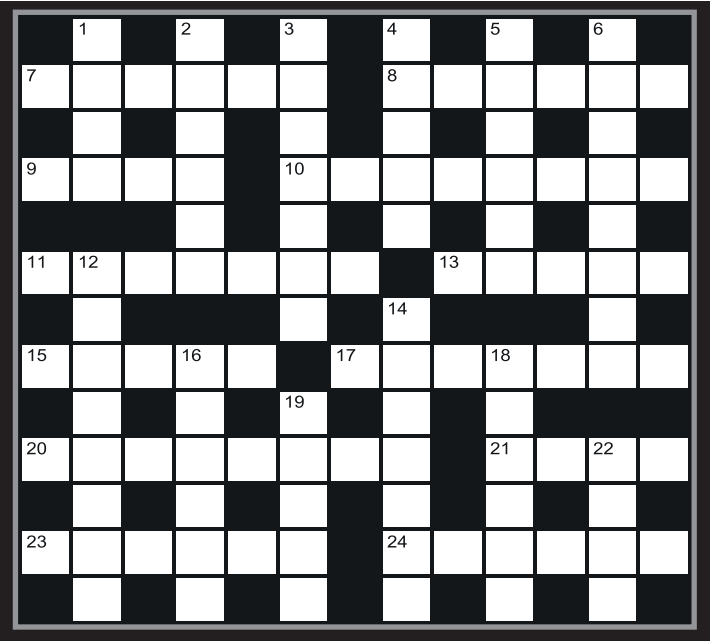
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- Across**
- 1 Failure to notice (9)
 - 5 Thigh bone (5)
 - 7 Private instructor (5)
 - 9 Sound in mind (4)
 - 10 Proceed slowly (6)
 - 12 Address of a religious nature, usually during a church service (6)
 - 13 Young horse (4)
 - 15 Give out (5)
 - 16 Malicious burning to destroy property (5)
 - 18 Aroused to impatience or anger (9)
- Down**
- 1 See 17
 - 2 Separate into lots or classes (4)
 - 3 Rich cake (6)
 - 4 Make right (7)
 - 6 Inferior dog or one of mixed breed (7)
 - 8 Tiresomely long (4)
 - 9 Provide with nourishment (7)
 - 11 Licensed medical practitioner (6)
 - 14 Quick (4)
 - 17/1 Fall asleep (3,3)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 7 Shoulder (anatomy) (6)
 - 8 Kind (nice) (6)
 - 9 Chiste (4)
 - 10 Collar (joyería) (8)
 - 11 Aquarium (7)
 - 13 To believe (have faith) (5)
 - 15 Fine (legal) (5)
 - 17 Monstruo (7)
 - 20 Dormitorios (8)
 - 21 Kiss (4)
 - 23 Flour (6)
 - 24 Subibaja (6)
- Down**
- 1 Silly (person) (4)
 - 2 Grandmother (6)
 - 3 Uña de pie (7)
 - 4 Partido (deporte) (5)
 - 5 To dance (6)
 - 6 Ojo morado (5,3)
 - 12 Chops (culinary) (8)
 - 14 Tener (poseer, disponer de) (7)
 - 16 Nabo (6)
 - 18 Envelopes (for letters) (6)
 - 19 Real (de la realeza) (5)
 - 22 Palmada (4)

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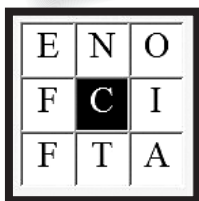
Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

cere cert ever peer peri pert pier rete rice ripe rite rive tier
tire tree trip veer vert citer creep crepe crept eerie erect
evert peter price recti reeve retie revet rivet terce trice tripe
viper pierce privet recipe recite tierce receipt perceive
RECEPTIVE

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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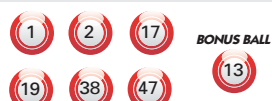
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Sunday April 1

YOUR STARS
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(January 21 - February 19)

You are about to tackle some tough tests. Work and personal hurdles could preoccupy you, but after the weekend you'll be able to sort out the ice from the cream. No matter how awkward things seem on Monday or Wednesday, trust your ability to wait for the right moment, rather than risk spoiling your plans.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Feisty Mars and the fiery Sun are warring with changeable Pluto, so avoid any tearaway temptations on Thursday or Friday. You could be emotionally vulnerable, or even lulled into a false sense of security. However confusing the planets may seem, even out the odds as best you can by ensuring your worries take second place.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Hassles and battles are on the cards. If things don't happen as fast as you'd expected, or domestic and workaday blips assail your patience, transform them into an opportunity to show your special qualities. Potent planetary influences urge you to look, listen, learn and refuse to allow petty stumbling blocks to undermine your confidence on Tuesday and Thursday.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Astrologically, it's not unreasonable to assume that when sparky Mars and the zesty Sun conflict with restless Pluto, life could become a tad frustrating. You might find it hard to tolerate hypocrisy and setbacks, but fortunately, it's all just a passing cloud. Regardless of any lack of continuity, concentrate on keeping going and prepare for next week's brighter outlook.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Punchy Mars and the heady Sun are set for a scramble with touchy Pluto. You've been there before, so despite any administrative bumps, gossip whirls or curious rejections, don't be too sensitive. Add up what you've achieved, subtract your fears and keep your emotions under control.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Upfront Mars and the upbeat Sun will be at loggerheads with powerful Pluto. You might not appreciate some of Friday or

Saturday's antics, so be ready to use your charm, or perhaps your equally wicked sense of humour will do the trick.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

This is an intense week, and if you get stuck with a particular issue, jumble your words, or just can't seem to do anything right, it might be worth finding out if the grass is greener on the other side.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Quirky planetary niggles will surface without warning. A variety of talks, news and last-minute changes surround your family members, friends or colleagues. No matter what affects your personal or occupational activities, stay focused, decide what your goals are and, just as importantly, find the easiest way to move forward without losing your healing sense of humour.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Even the best-made plans can suddenly sink without a trace. Your dreams for a fresh start in one particular direction still need tender, cautious care, and you may equally need to be wary of overstepping the mark where money's concerned.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

You will need bucketloads of humour and understanding as impatient Mars and the sprightly Sun engage with touchy Pluto. Stay well clear if you want to escape potential power struggles.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

If you suspect that some things are not what they seem, you could be right. Repel doubts, ban anxieties and stick to facts and tact. If certain individuals or situations continue to conspire against you, change course and do something entirely different. What goes around will come around quicker than you think.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Storms in tea-cups need loads of sweet-talking. Of course, if you can't be bothered with it all, fair enough; keeping quiet could be the best way to deal with problems, glitches or sudden backfires. If you can't take a break, at least chill out with whatever or whoever brings you the greatest pleasure.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Sábado, 4 Espada, 9 Becerra,
10 Agree, 11 Otoño, 12 Esgrima,
13 Aerial, 15 Sphere, 18 Heating,
20 Elias, 23 Muela, 24 Aliento,
25 Duster, 26 Hornet.

Down:

- 1 Sabio, 2 Bicho, 3 Derrota, 5 Slang,
6 Airline, 7 Average, 8 Baker,
13 Ashamed, 14 Readers, 16 Prefijo,
17 Igual, 19 Image, 21 Linen,
22 Short.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Pledge, 4 Mousse, 9 Antonym,
10 Drill, 11 Stave, 12 Serious,
13 Feeble, 15 Status, 18 Scamper,
20 Basis, 23 Equip, 24 Preside,
25 Scenic, 26 Mullet.

Down:

- 1 Pears, 2 Extra, 3 Genteel, 5 Order,
6 Spin out, 7 Enlists, 8 Amuse,
13 Fosters, 14 Erasure, 16 Tableau,
17 Gripe, 19 Pepsi, 21 Skill,
22 Smelt.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Robust, 4 Gale, 8 Scare, 9 Shout,
10 Mouth organ, 13 Laboratory, 17 Crane,
18 Ruddy, 19 Shed, 20 Odious.

Down:

- 1 Rash, 2 Beano, 3/18 See red, 5 Among,
6 Extend, 7 Escort, 11 Tureen, 12 Slacks,
14 Brave, 15 Rodeo, 16 Eyes.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: SLEEPY HEADS

1. Eric Coates' By the Sleepy Lagoon is the theme tune to which long-running BBC Radio 4 programme, which has been hosted by Kirsty Young since 2006?
2. First screened on Christmas Day 2003, Sleepless in Peckham was the title of the final episode of which popular BBC sitcom?
3. From which 1945 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical does the song When the Children Are Asleep come?
4. The American handed Leamas another cup of coffee and said, 'Why don't you go back and sleep? We can ring you if he shows up.' are the opening lines of which novel by John le Carré, first published in 1963?
5. The Sleeping Beauty, The Nutcracker and Swan Lake are all ballets written by which Russian composer?
6. The title character of which of William Shakespeare's plays speaks the line: "To sleep! perchance to dream; ay, there's the rub"?

7. The tropical disease commonly known as 'sleeping sickness' is caused by parasitic protozoans (trypanosomes) that are transmitted by the bite of which bloodsucking insect?
8. What was the name of the private detective played by actor Humphrey Bogart in the 1946 film version of Raymond Chandler's The Big Sleep?
9. Which 19th century American author wrote the short story The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, first published in 1820?
10. Which British pop group topped the UK singles charts in 1982 with The Lion Sleeps Tonight?

Not a lot of people know that... In general, exercising regularly makes it easier to fall asleep and contributes to sounder sleep. However, exercising sporadically or right before going to bed will make falling asleep more difficult.

Answers:

1. DESERT ISLAND DISCS. 2. ONLY FOOLS AND HORSES (there was another episode, but it was only a Sport Relief special in March 2014).
3. CAROUSEL. 4. THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD. 5. PYOTR IL'YCH TCHAIKOVSKY. 6. HAMLET - it is part of his 'To be or not to be' speech. 7. TSETSE FLY. 8. PHILIP MARLOWE. 9. WASHINGTON IRVING. 10. TIGHT FIT.

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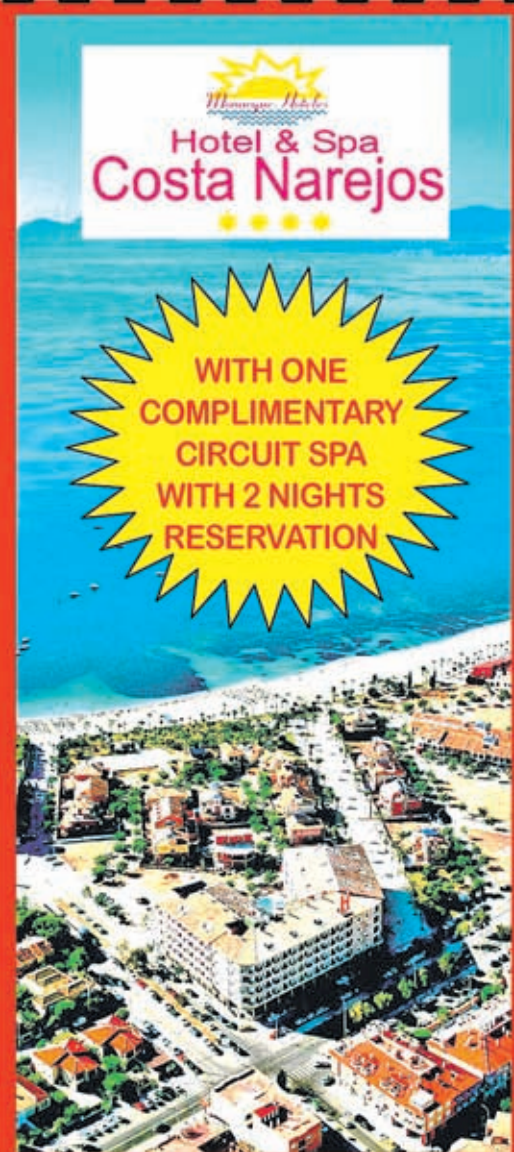
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TECH FOR THE TIMID



REMEMBER when computers were huge chunky towers with noisy fans, colonising vast areas of our desktop or floor?

Oh, how insensitive of me: yours still is. Forgive me if I've become slightly supercilious now that I have a tiny new desktop toy and have seen the future of computing.

A complete computer in a cube, it's barely a CD case on steroids, stuffed with the latest processor, memory and solid-state hard-drive, and it's light-years more powerful than many computer towers big enough to smuggle children across Checkpoint Charlie.

Welcome to the era of the Mini PC. Albeit a belated welcome, because while the rest of us have been getting on with life the universe and everything, Intel, HP, Asus, Gigabyte and scores of Asian innovators have been jumping on the Mini PC bandwagon. Indeed, the device I am now wooing is already in its sixth generation.

As fewer consumers buy traditional desktops, and with laptops dominating the new computer market, compress-

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

Terence Kennedy discovers the joys of cubism in a big market for small computers



ANYONE FOR TENNIS? Big power, little footprint.

ing laptop miniaturisation into a hybrid desktop version was inevitable.

Inside these compact cubes is a tightly-packed circuit board, a processor with or without an almost silent fan depending on its power, one or two RAM (memory) sticks, and either your own SSD (solid state hard-drive)

or an onboard one, depending on the model and price range.

Mini, or cube, or 'NUC' computers (Next Unit of Computing, a truly awful name Intel probably went with because no-one dared to contradict the boss) free your desk of the clutter of a monster machine. They can even be



bolted to the back of the monitor, out of sight and reach.

Less than a €100 buys you a basic Chinese mini (just add a keyboard, monitor or mouse), all the way up to several hundreds for one which could calculate Pi to several squintillion decimal places, make coffee and play an infinite number of cat videos.

They come ready-made, or as so-called 'barebones' systems where you choose and install your own memory, storage media and operating system.

They're also bought as fancy home theatre media centres, to power in-store marketing displays, and as the ideal solution for workers who 'hot-desk' between workplaces, just unplug the cube and pop it in your briefcase.

Mini magic

HARD to believe you can buy a complete Mini PC for just €89 in a growing market for these tiny wonders.

But beware: for that you only get an 'Atom' processor (slow), 2 GB of memory (barely adequate for Windows 10) and 32 GB of on-board storage (which will soon fill up).

Amazingly it does include a legitimate copy of Windows 10, whose licence alone would probably cost you that.

Far better to pony up for something better. This new love of my life has a quad-core processor, 8 GB of RAM and 240 GB of storage, and gave me change from €300.

Now you must excuse me while I pursue my latest affair. I wonder if it prefers flowers, chocolates or a bottle of Rioja?



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No-show diners take big bite out of restaurants' piece of the pie

Nora Johnson

Breaking Views

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NO-SHOWS, the curse of many UK restaurants, are now so commonplace that some name and shame them online like local papers once did to paedophiles.

Over one single weekend a Peterborough restaurant lost £3,000, while over a month an Edinburgh chef had 450 no-shows and cancellations. Apparently, people book several restaurants, making a final choice on the night.

Perhaps it's all down to impersonal online booking systems making it too easy to 'ghost' without blame?

Similarly, no-shows for house viewings with estate agents are also common across the industry. Sadly, this is how many people behave these days and actually think it's OK.

Maybe one solution for restaurants is non-refundable deposits - or like an increasing number of restaurants especially in hipster Hackney, decline all bookings and simply open the doors? And if it gets full, just turn 'em away.

No shows at restaurants are bad enough, but in the NHS, they come at a huge cost - last year alone they cost the NHS £1 billion - and take away appointments from those really in need.

As for 'ghost' appointments, I know of someone who regularly books a GP's appointment a month in advance, then if she doesn't need it, simply



GOES ON AND ON: Empty chairs at empty tables.

cancels. Which is one way round the problem of not being able to get an appointment, I suppose - and sums up today's '#me, me, me' culture.

While a no-bookings system clearly wouldn't work in today's NHS, it's not unknown.

One GP's surgery, I read about decades ago, had bench-

es. You arrived, took your seat and slid along onto the bench in front as patients were seen, until you were next in line.

Finally, heard about the

waiter fired for rudeness in Canada claiming he was 'just being French'? But rudeness is hardly a uniquely French trait, is it? Many European countries, umm, serve up something similar.

Perhaps he should be 'time-travelled' back across the pond to Torquay, and have a stint at that bastion of politeness, Fawlty Towers. Question is: would he get his just desserts there from Basil?

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The yolk's on us says sharp eyed reader

RELUCTANT as I am to suggest that there is egg on Leapy's face, BUT 'the yolk's on him'!

Please would someone kindly tell him (or the beleaguered proof reader) that yolk is 'the yellow part of an egg that nourishes the young before it hatches'?

Methinks he means yoke, 'a wooden crosspiece fastened over the necks of two oxen and attached to a plough or wagon,' ie a symbol of oppression.

However, 'the yolk of fascism' does conjure up surreal images - in the style of Monty Python - of a bizarre episode of Celebrity Master Chef, with Mussolini et al, competing in a pancake tossing competition.

I could go on but I do not want to over egg the pudding!

A sad typo loving person who really should get out more...

Rae McLucas, Cabopino

Brexit is final live with it

DAVID WORBOYS says in his letter (*Issue 1707*) 'what we all know is that a majority in the UK now favour Remain.' He sounds very sure of this, so perhaps he could tell us where he gets his information.

Only last Friday the result of a substantial poll by BMG Research showed that 57 per cent agreed with the following statement 'The government should get on with implementing the result of the refer-



Credit: David Davis Twitter

BREXIT: Theresa May and David Davis getting on with it.

endum to take Britain out of the EU.' Only 22 per cent disagreed

with this statement.

Jenna Baker, Arroyo Cauche

Very cross

THE letter published in the 1708 edition from Edmund Taylor has made mine

and everyone else's blood boil.

You sir are an ignorant pompous man.

Animals cannot help themselves. Humanity can, but chooses not to. They

would rather take their frustration out on defenceless animals or eat them.

You had better hope I never meet you or it will be one injection time for you.

Trisha, Almeria

Water resource

WE have had a lot of recent rainfall so the water levels in reservoirs, rivers and such are not too bad but come early

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Airports to reduce price of water

Nice to see someone is doing something about the ridiculous price of water in airports. Let's hope other countries follow, especially France where a 50cc bottle will cost you 3.65€ unless you can reach to the top shelf of the self serves and get the 'discounted' water at 2.50€ at CDG. The airport does have the odd drinking fountain where you could fill an empty bottle, but how many people carry an empty bottle!

Saya Sendiri

Give us water fountains then we can fill them before we board. Simple.

Elizabeth Bennett

In Dublin airport it is piled high in the corridor just past security with an honesty box for €1 beside it. I've watched and never seen anyone take them for free.

Jackie Fitzgerald

Hopefully airports in England will also do the same as I don't think it's exclusive to Spain.

Mark Rainey

'Drunk' Brit held after stealing lorry

Luckily the VAST MAJORITY of us are decent people who

Comments from EWN online

just want to enjoy this lovely country. This man has NOTHING to do with me!

Anne Whitfield

Thank goodness he didn't kill anyone. I hope he gets charged.

Ann Rudkin

Lucky it was a car he drove into and not people. Should lock him up and throw away the key.

Coral Simpson Tasker

Cyclists - know the law in Spain

Maybe cyclists using the public roads should be made to take a test as I've never seen one that adheres to rules. Or make it simple and introduce a few classes in schools at the age of 16 (as I wouldn't let anyone under that age ride a bike on the road).

Jennifer Knowles

I ride a bike regularly on the roads here and I see motorists breaking the law especially using mobiles and have no respect for the laws about passing cyclists. I too drive a car and a motorbike and adhere to the laws.

Peter Anthony Boland

They ride all over the road, cycle across the crossings, pull out and never stop at crossings. One just missed my husband down by the beach front.

Christine Thomas

One dead in bull-running festival

Stupid tradition and what is probably worse is that the bull is killed afterwards! Sorry for family, but do wish they stopped this.

Sian Foster

It's time to stop these stupid events. People are dying because they are too drunk even to walk.

Fran Ramirez

It may be a tradition set up many moons ago, but in this day and age when I feel strongly against cruelty to animals there is no place for this particular tradition or bull fighting.

Gillian Evans

May to early October, we have hardly any rain and they again become depleted, and this is a time when farming and tourism (and evaporation) uses most of the water.

Is it not time to build some desalination plants around the coast so we do not have to keep our eyes on falling stocks of water every summer? It is in and near coastal areas that a greater part of the population lives, so the fresh water would be where it is needed.

Michael Hill, Torre del Mar

Gimme shelter

THROUGH the column of your esteemed newspaper I would like to draw attention to the concerned authorities that there is need of a bus shelter and bench for tourists at C/Gerona in front of Hotel sol Pelconos Benidorm.

The spot has been identified and functional for tourists in Benidorm. The tourist bus arrives every one hour and 15 minutes for a tour of Benidorm.

The said bus stop without bench and shed has and is causing lot of inconvenience to adults/old age people, mostly tourists.

Furhat Subla, Benidorm

Vexogram

MY wife Christine and I were Page 1 Pinups on *Issue 1355* in 2011. The headline was 'Pickpocket trickster ruins couple's day.'

We were in Spain recently for one of our regular visits to our holiday home near Vera, when your *Issue 1705* took a leaf out of that pickpocket's leaf and also ruined my day! I noticed that the Hexogram puzzle had disappeared from your puzzle page and it's not returned!

Please bring it back! I'll be over again in late May for a few weeks and will look for it! Please don't let me and many other readers down... bring it back and leave it back!

Rex Martin, Vera

Editor's note

Rex, thank you for your observation. Unfortunately, the size of any free paper is dictated by the number of adverts received which means that some weeks editions are thicker than others. This therefore means that the puzzles section can be either two or four pages. When four pages, there is a Hexogram puzzle and when two it is dropped.

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Japanese think

IF you haven't heard of the Danish lifestyle concept called Hygge yet, you've probably been living under a rock for the last year.

Somewhat fittingly, 'Hygge' means living with a certain quality of comfort that makes you happy, and has gained global recognition. The concept is slowly creeping its way into homes all over the world, and encourages surrounding oneself with soothing things like a fresh cup of tea or soft, woolly socks.

However, for those not satisfied with indulging in the homely comforts offered by the Danes, perhaps copying the Japanese will better help you pursue happiness instead.

In Japan, it is widely considered that everyone has 'Ikigai' - which, roughly translated, means a reason to get out of bed in the morning.

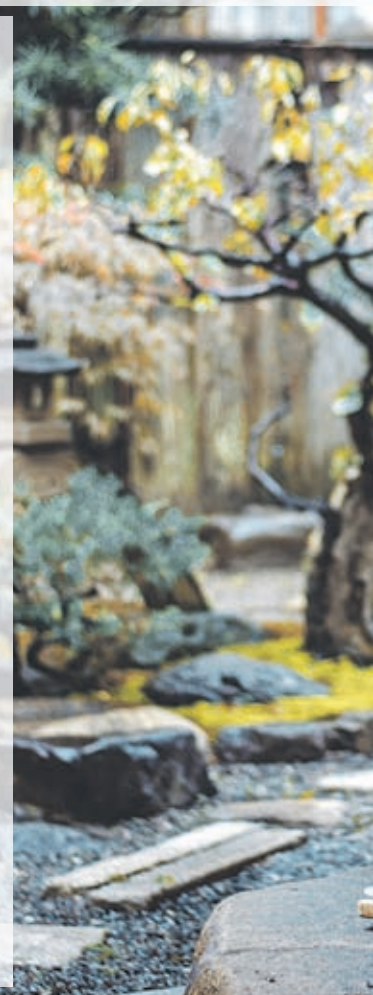
So instead of surrounding yourself with material things to make you happy, you should instead be hunting for your life's purpose; your raison d'être if you will.

The concept is said to have originated on the Japanese island of Okinawa, which is reportedly home to the world's largest population of centenarians.

So Ikigai may not only help you find happiness, but could also help you to live longer.

If the concept of finding your life's purpose seems somewhat overwhelming, never fear, it's apparently a lot simpler than you think.

It all comes down to starting small and accepting yourself. Connect with the world around you, by finding small joys with other people and in your environment, and seek the here and now. Easy peasy.



Facing the music

THE face is obviously on the front line when it comes to trying to retain one's youth.

But new research suggests that if you really want to freeze the ageing process in time, you will have to leave the north face and advance south to the lower half and neck.

Of course there isn't a product on the market that can beat gravity, and for most people the first signs of trouble start in the mid-30's with the decline of collagen and elastin.

However, both surgical and non-surgical lower facelifts are all the rage now, and cosmetic surgeons are increasingly championing the use of Botox in the lower face.

An injection can be placed into the masseter muscle (the one used to clench the jaw) to re-adjust downturned mouths or into the platysmal bands to smooth out the neck.

Hand-in-hand with skin smoothing are the lifting treatments such as thread lifts,

which are becoming increasingly popular.

Women are also adding skin tightening treatment to their beauty regime, purchasing products which use a radio-frequency energy to heat up the lower layers of the skin, stimulating collagen production.

Some will invariably go for full surgery on the lower face, and those who do should expect one or two nights in hospital, two weeks off work and three weeks off exercise.



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JAW DROPPING: Women are increasingly focusing on their lower face.

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HEALING: Herbs and spices have lots of health benefits.

Staying spicy

WHILE most people have a cupboard full of herbs and spices at home, which they will arbitrarily add to dishes and culinary experiments, they are mostly unaware of the many health benefits they possess.

However, the nutritional value is much higher when the herbs and spices are fresh and organic and haven't been sitting on a shelf for a long time. Try to grow them yourself if possible, but if you

can't, buy high quality organic products.

Most herbs and spices have antiviral and antibacterial properties and are packed with nutrients. Several are also high in b-vitamins and minerals.

Even sea salt contains more than 90 trace minerals, while many herbs and spices contain more antioxidants than most fruits and vegetables.

Turmeric, for example, contains curcumin which is a compound known to

fight cancer and is often taken medicinally to reduce help reduce inflammation and improve joint mobility.

Meanwhile cayenne helps to improve the absorption of nutrients, boost circulation and protect against heart problems.

Oregano, on the other hand, is high in antioxidants and its leaves and oil are used to treat coughs, congestion, fevers and aches.

Finding your inner peace

IN the hectic hustle and bustle of the modern world, finding time to switch off and disconnect can be difficult.

However, with cases of anxiety and depression reportedly on the rise, it's now more important than ever to put aside the time to focus on yourself and de-stress.

An effective way to achieve this is to practice meditation.

It's easy to confuse the true purpose of meditation. It's about clearing your mind of any thoughts whatsoever, not trying to concentrate harder on something.

Meditation has been shown to have a posi-

tive effect on mental health conditions such as anxiety, insomnia and depression.

It helps to sharpen the mind by improving focus and promoting relaxation, which can do wonders for your concentration levels.

It also has a positive impact physically, as well as mentally, as it lowers high blood pressure and helps to reduce any tension-related pain, such as ulcers, headaches or muscle and joint problems.

To reap the benefits of meditation, it's important to practise on a regular basis. It only takes up a few minutes of each day, but the practice soon becomes second nature.



OHMM: Take a few minutes to chill out each day.

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How to make your fitness goals a reality

DECIDING on your fitness goals is often much easier than making them a reality.

With so many keep fit options, and advice on how to make these goals a reality, many people get overwhelmed by the whole thing and just end up giving up.

The easiest way to achieve your targets is to make sure you don't set yourself any goals that are out of your capabilities.

Especially if you're not used to doing any exercise, diving head first into a bunch of new workouts can be exhausting so why not set yourself some more simple challenges at first, then increase the amount of exercise you do steadily

as it increases.

Making sure you eat healthily is also vitally important as getting more fruits and vegetables in your diet, as well as enough protein and carbohydrates, will help your body to recover faster following workouts.

Monitoring your vital statistics regularly and keeping them in check will also keep you up-to-date with how in shape you are. This includes your cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar and resting heart rate.

WORK OUT GOALS:
Don't let your fitness regimes slip.



Bladder problems? Urine luck

EMBARRASSING bladder problems could be a thing of the past for thousands of women, thanks to a simple jab.

Stress urinary incontinence (SUI), which is more common in mothers and overweight women, could be treated by an injection as opposed to invasive surgery.

Studies show that eight out of 10 women have seen an improvement with the procedure, meaning it could be a game changing alternative to the now banned mesh-implant operation previously on offer.

Health experts last year warned against mesh-based operations, after reports of complications with healing which left women suffering severe pain.

Now there could be a safer, non-invasive option that involves having up to four injections of watery gel in the tissue surrounding the neck of the bladder.

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SPANISH TOUR: Rapper Sharif the Incredible.

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HAVING released his fourth studio album, *Acariciado Mundo* (Stroking the World), in December of last year, Spanish rapper Sharif set off on a long Spanish tour.

This will see him perform in Murcia City on May 18 at the Sala Rem and Alicante City at the Sala One the following night with each performance starting at 10pm and children under the age of 18 will not be admitted to the

Alicante gig.

Born in Zaragoza in 1980, the singer, songwriter has played with a number of different bands and has collaborated with a large number of Spanish rappers and undertaken his own successful solo career.

Tickets for either concert cost €12 plus €1.20 booking fee from www.ticketea.com or €15 on the night.

Raise a smile with an adult comedy

THE Smile Charity Group is presenting a comedy show written by the late John Wallace which is aimed at a mainly adult audience.

Blazing St Trinian's is all about whether the boys can escape from the girls and there are plenty of laughs promised.

A great evening awaits and the show is going on a small

tour with one performance at The Quesada Club already sold out.

Tickets costing €10 are available for next Wednesday's show at the Marjal Camping Guardamar and on April 12 at the Casa Ventura in St Luis (which includes a meal). On April 25, the show will be visiting Benijofar theatre in the Casa de Cul-

tura where the cost is just €5 but without a meal.

Tickets available from the venues or from the show sponsor, Oasis Benijofar, and also from Postroom Benijofar as well as the International library in Benijofar.

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Adorned with lanterns, polka dots, flounces, frills, heels and hats, it is pleased to invite you to dance soleas, alegrías and bulerías this Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

This Saturday, the dance company Amanecer Flamenco will give a performance from 12.30pm to 2pm. The group will perform again on Sunday at the same time.

For those who cannot attend the early performance on Saturday, there will be another from 4.30pm to 6pm, this time by Desire Ortega and the Chicos del

Barrio to liven up the evening followed by the Peña ilicitana El Polaco, a Flamenco troupe from Elche.

On Sunday, from 4.30pm to 6pm, Noelia Garcia's school will take to the stage then from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Its Flamenco Troupe will appear to entertain with a mixture of song, music and dance.

What's more, on Saturday and Sunday, Habaneras is conducting 'Sevillanas for the Public,' an initiative so that all attendees can practice or get started in this passionate dance.

On Monday, to round off the festival, there will be a performance by the Dharma dance school at 4.30pm to 6.30pm, followed by the Rociero Choir Casa Andalucía Torrevieja.

The festival will close with an open Sevillanas for all visitors to demonstrate their own version of the dance from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

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THE third International Dub Gathering (IDG) held in Bigastro over the Easter weekend kicked off the Valencia season's open air festivals with thousands of visitors each day.

Considered as the biggest Spanish festival for lovers of dub music, reggae and culture sound system, the IDG came to the Sala Carmen24 in Bigastro after making a major move from Barcelona.

For the uninitiated, dub is a type of music that grew out of reggae in the 1960's. It consists predominantly of instrumental remixes of existing recordings and is achieved by manipulating and reshaping the recordings, usually by removing the vocals from an existing music piece, and emphasising the drum and bass parts.

More than 50 artists appeared on the five stages of the venue, including some of the most important names of the contemporary sound system culture in Europe, with Jah Shaka, Mafia & Fluxy, Twinkle

Bigastro sees successful International Dub Gathering



Credit: Adria Bosch

Brothers, Adrian Sherwood and Iration Steppas leading the list.

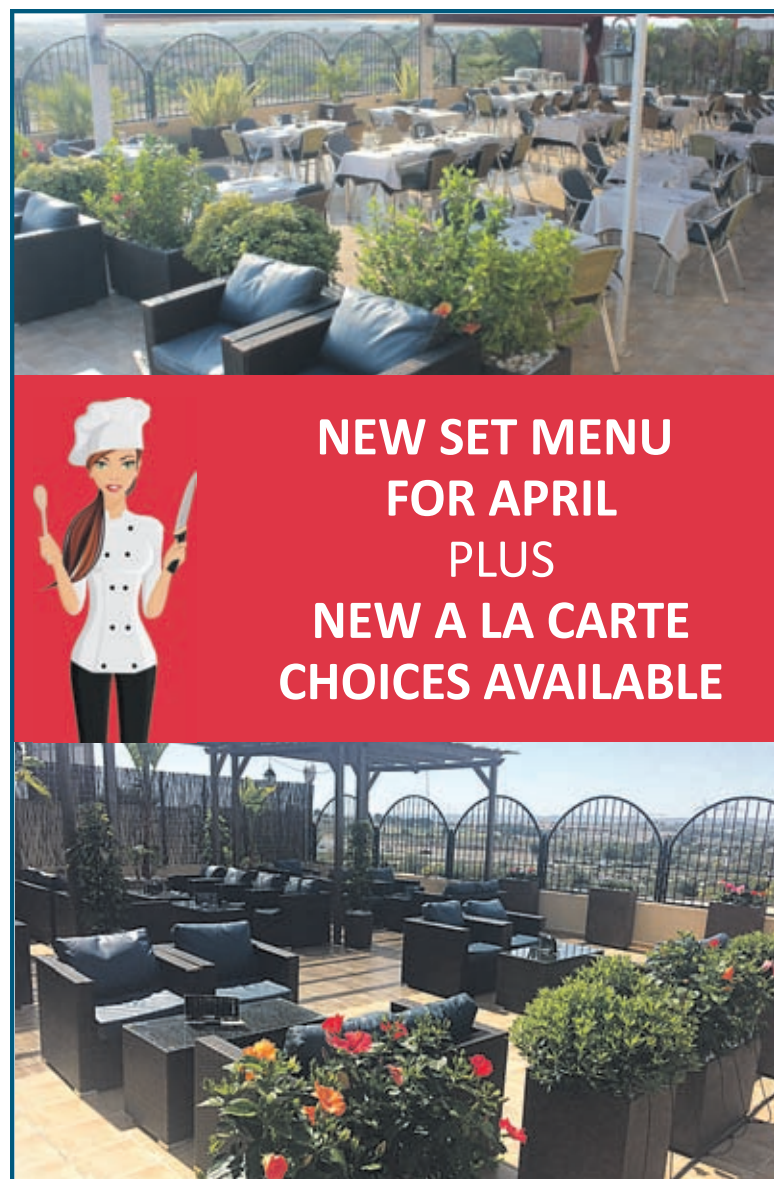
It wasn't just music on the agenda with lectures, activities for the whole family, a market area and a huge variety of some of the best international cuisine, from Mexico to Japan, as well as authentic vegan and vegetarian delicacies.

Although the bulk of visitors came from across Spain, there were many Europeans on hand especially fans from Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

So successful was the event that it has already been decided to hold next year's IDG in the same venue but with an extended camping area.

So large was the influx of visitors this year that even local supermarkets saw their shelves emptied on the first day of the event.

This festival sits well with its brother festival, the Rototom Sunsplash Reggae Festival which will see its 25th anniversary this year in Benicassim from August 16 to 22.



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Punjabi Palace restaurant in Quesada celebrates fourth anniversary

THERE are three very popular modern Punjabi Palace restaurants in La Murada, Los Montesinos and La Marquesa (Quesada) and one of them is just about to celebrate its fourth birthday.

It's now 10 years ago that the first of the much-loved restaurants opened and time passes so quickly that the branch in Quesada will be celebrating four years of trading next Wednesday and Thursday with a special anniversary offer.

The meal consists of a shared mixed starter, any curry dish with rice or a naan and a bottle of wine between two or two large beers or soft drinks costing €49.95 per couple.

In addition to the fine food and drink, the party will really get going with the appearance of singer Paula and a Bollywood dancer to



There's always a party at the three Punjabi Palace restaurants.

show guests all of the right steps.

But if you can't make it on either of those nights, each restaurant is

open seven days a week from noon to midnight (with a break after lunch) and reviews on *TripAdvisor*



indicate how good these three restaurants really are.

There is a very reasonably priced menu del dia (menu of the day) which is served between noon and 3pm and generally includes a lamb or chicken dish, rice, poppadum and naan bread plus a dessert or coffee and a complimentary drink.

All of the Punjabi Palace restaurants are family friendly and welcome younger diners who will have the chance to learn about the very special spices and flavours that go into making the

various curries on offer.

If the wide menu choice is a little daunting, the friendly, award-winning front of house staff are always on hand to advise and recommend dishes and prepare dishes to your taste and preference.

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A brief introduction and an Italian classic

By Andy Harding
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THIS is what I hope will be the first of many cookery columns I will be writing for the Euro Weekly News.

The name of this column will I hope, explain the ethos behind my cooking. Simply put, you are what you eat. I cook with pure ingredients, I know what goes into my food, there is nothing hidden or harmful, and as a result my family and I enjoy good health.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. You already know my name, so let me tell you the rest. I am a retired dentist and have lived in Marbella for three years, prior to that we had a holiday home here since 2006. I have three grown up children, who, with my wife, live in Newcastle upon Tyne. When I started university I couldn't cook, but one night 39 years ago I decided to impress a new girlfriend (who hated cooking) by doing something I had never done before; cook a meal from basic ingredients. She must have been impressed, a year later we were engaged! I have cooked for her and our family ever since.

I hope you enjoy this column and all comments good or bad are welcome.

Happy Reading!

Recipe of the week: Spaghetti Bolognese

**Eat Well
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1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
30 grams bacon, chopped
200 grams beef, minced
2 whole garlic cloves (add more if you want to), chopped
250 millilitres red wine
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
2 teaspoons dried mixed Italian herbs
2 whole bay leaves, whole
1 tin chopped tomatoes
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 whole beef stock cube, crumbled
125 grams mushrooms, sliced
Black peppercorns (ground), to taste
1 litre water, boiling
2 teaspoons salt
180 grams dried spaghetti
2 teaspoons olive oil
60 grams parmesan cheese, grated

Servings: 2

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes

In a suitably sized saucepan gently sauté the onion and bacon in olive oil, add garlic and continue to sauté continually stirring until the garlic has taken on a golden hue. Add the



SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE: Serve with freshly grated parmesan cheese.

minced beef and stir until browned. 2/3 hob heat is the hottest required for the sauce, any higher and it will burn.

Add the red wine and simmer until the smell of alcohol has disappeared and it has reduced by about 1/2.

Add the herbs, tinned tomatoes, tomato paste and the beef stock cube continually stirring, turn the heat to 1/3 for 45 minutes. If the pan has a lid, just leave it on, if not occasionally top up with water. The sauce needs to have a similar consistency to a bowl of old fashioned rice pudding.

Add mushrooms and stir, bring back to a

light simmer for 10 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Discard the bay leaves.

At the same time, add a teaspoon of salt and two teaspoons of olive oil to a pan of boiling water on the highest hob setting, add spaghetti.

Cook until it is slightly al dente with a slight resistance when biting, drain in a colander. The Bolognese sauce should be ready at the same time.

Serve on a pre-warmed plate with freshly grated parmesan cheese.

Serving Ideas: Slices of garlic bread.

Suggested Wine: A full bodied Red, Italian or Spanish.

Weekly tip Use Extra Virgin Olive Oil, it does cost more, but it has a better flavour and consistency, so less can be used.

Astrology: get ready, set, go!

Sally Trotman

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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.



SUN in Aries: The fiery influence of this sign throughout most of April helps you to feel motivated and inspired to reach your goals.

Be confident and bold in your approach. As Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, consider where you need to take the lead this month. Take the initiative in love, work and socially to feel confident and positive about yourself!

On April 20 the sun moves into the more earthy and steady sign of Taurus. Later in the month use this energy to make practical plans to ensure your vision stands the test of time.

Get in tune with the moon:

The new moon in Aries on the 16th of the month will help you to plant the seeds for your vision. Now is the perfect time to create a vision board

(pictures

from newspapers and magazines of your dreams to a cork board) and seize opportunities that present themselves to help you create your desires. Aries is a sociable sign, so make fun a priority!

Say yes to parties, lunches and

ARIES: The first sign of the zodiac.

weekends away. At the end of the month the full moon in psychic Scorpio will help you to discern what is working for you and what needs to change in your life.

This sign of rebirth can be intense and transformative, so prepare to make changes in any area of your life which may have become a little stagnant. Graciously release the old and become open to embracing the new.

Numerology: go with the flow

Number 4: This number brings your attention to the structure of your life, your daily routines and home. Is there anything you would like to change in these areas?

This would also be a good time to add something new into your routine, perhaps taking up a new hobby, making your fitness regime more of a priority or improving your home.

Is your daily routine serving you or do you need to make some simple changes, such as getting more rest or drinking more water? Take some time this month to make lifestyle changes which will help you to feel happier and healthier.

The Emperor: assert yourself

The Emperor is represented in the tarot deck as a mature man in charge of his destiny. He represents power and authority, whilst assuring protection and security. He also reminds

you to balance your head with your heart.

Listen to your inner voice this month and blend this with practical action to help you reach your goals more quickly and easily.

Who are the influential males in your life? Consider who is an important role model to aspire to, and become the very best version of yourself.

Repeat this affirmation throughout the month to help you: I am clear, confident and calm in my approach to life.

Your 2018 forecast

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I offer consultations by Skype, Facetime, WhatsApp video and email. Sessions cost £30 for 30 minutes, £40 for 45 minutes or £50 for an hour. Contact me at sally.trotman@btinternet.com to book in and visit www.sallytrotman.com for more information.

Messi strikes to land luxury hotel

LIONEL MESSI has purchased an incredible €600 a night hotel in Ibiza, as he develops his MiM brand.

The 30-year-old Barcelona star has bought the stunning Hotel Es Vive, located on the Figueretas beach, and the 52-room property boasts a luxury pool and rooftop bar.

Last summer the footballing icon started his hotel splurge with a €30 million swoop for the four-star hotel MiM Sitges.

Following that, this exclusive resort will be managed by the Majestic Hotel Group, with prices starting from €257 per night.

Management company Gemini Group Evisa confirmed the takeover, and it has since been renamed MiM Ibiza Es Vive.

Sean Cochrane, a British design-



Credit: Twitter @Ebenzerberg54

REGAL RESORT: The palatial hotel will attract high society.

er, redesigned the hotel in 2014 in a 1940's-inspired Art Deco style.

Real Madrid rival Cristiano Ronaldo recently announced his business plans for the popular island, but it appears he has been again pipped by Messi.

The 33-year-old's Pestana CR7 chain of hotels had revealed last year that they were looking for a suitable property in Ibiza, with the help of JLL Hotels and Hospitality Group.

Ronaldo is already well versed in the hotel business, having bought establishments in Lisbon, as well as his hometown of Funchal.

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Spanish solar use hots up

INVESTORS are betting again on solar power generation in Spain, after a decade which saw the country cut subsidies for the clean but expensive energy source.

A plummet in the price of solar panels along with lower construction costs has changed the whole outlook, and new projects are building steam again.

Spain's largest energy company, Iberdrola, has launched a solar project with a capacity of 425 megawatts.

Moreover, in a €400 million investment package renewable energy firm Cox Energy has also signed a deal for the construction of 495 megawatts of capacity in Spain, and another 165 megawatts in neighbouring Portugal.

According to the solar power lobby group UNEF, companies across Spain are seeking authorisation for projects worth a total of 24,000 megawatts.

In context, that is the equivalent of the 14

state of the art nuclear power plants that France hopes to launch later this year after a decade of expensive construction.

The global financial crisis led to a collapse of the property market which ravaged Spain, which in turn saw subsidies for new solar projects scrapped.

However, with lower costs compared to coal, gas and nuclear, the country has seen a huge renaissance in the solar industry over the past six months.

POWER SURGE: Solar investment is on a sharp rise in Spain.



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West sees renting go through roof

SPAIN is no longer among the top 10 countries in the EU for house ownership.

According to European Statistical Institute (Eurostat), 77.8 per cent of people living in Spain have a property, putting it at number 13 in the rankings.

The European average is 69.2 per cent and so the Spanish figures remain high, although each year the ratio of landlords to tenants changes in the latter's favour.

"In Spain, property ownership falls slightly each year due to economic conditions and the difficulty of accessing a mortgage," explains Jose Garcia Montalvo, Professor at Pompeu Fabra University.

"The price of housing rentals is also on the rise due to increased demand, and the decline in housing ownership is unlikely to reverse despite increases in income."

In 2017, the average price of renting in Spain grew by 8.9 per cent, the highest increase since real estate plat-

form Fotocasa began collecting data in 2006.

Data from 2016 showed Romania with an incredible home ownership rate of 96 per cent, and other eastern European countries were not far behind.

For example, Lithuania was on an ownership rate of 90.3 per cent, Croatia posted 90 per cent and Slovakia was on 89.5 per cent.

Moreover, countries with supposedly far stronger economies have a significantly smaller proportion of home owners, with Germany the lowest on 51.7 per cent.

Austria is next with home ownership of only 55 per cent, and Denmark on 62 per cent, with the increase in renters sweeping western Europe in general.

RENT RISE: House prices are forcing western Europeans to rent for longer.



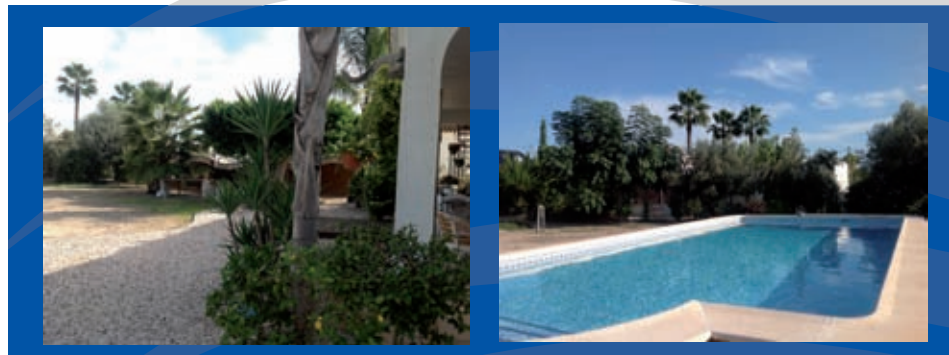
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MOST house gardens and apartment terraces in Spain benefit from being designed as a series of interesting mini gardens. Preferably each with its own soul and style, but integrated into an overall holistic landscape that enables great living and garden wanders all year.

Even only four to six metres

on one or two sides lends itself to five distinct gardens.

Success in having a number of integrated mini gardens is in choosing what to have in each area and how you separate them. Possible types are:

- ♦ The pool or jacuzzi garden surrounded by shrubs and trees to give privacy and a

It's a small world

Mini gardens within gardens and on terraces add interest

DICK HANDSCOMBE

sense of being in a natural glade when cooling off or sunbathing. Also this is a good way of hiding the pool away during the non-pool months. So many gardens are dominated by a pool in the most prominent spot where it adds no real interest.

- ♦ Seasonal flower gardens.
- ♦ A Japanese raked chipping or water and rock-based garden.

- ♦ A water garden with fountains and fish ponds.
- ♦ A dry cacti and succulent garden.
- ♦ A rockery or embankment garden.
- ♦ A container garden with 50 to 100 plants in containers of various shapes, sizes and colours.
- ♦ A specialist mini botanical or collector's garden.
- ♦ A rose garden with a collection of climbers, standards and bush forms.
- ♦ A mini orchard with per-

haps a secret garden hidden in the centre.

- ♦ A vegetable garden planted in the soil or in raised beds or containers.
- ♦ An oasis garden mainly planted with palms or a dry riverbed garden.
- ♦ An Arabic style garden incorporating coloured ceramics in the floor walls, water features, containers etc.
- ♦ A water plant garden around a pond.
- ♦ A desert garden with plants planted through sand or

stone chippings layed over black plastic.

- ♦ A lily garden glowing with masses of lilies during late spring and summer.

- ♦ A greenhouse and potting shed garden for those who like to grow from seeds and cuttings.

- ♦ A herb garden which can be interesting and relaxing all year round as well as yielding continuous harvests of culinary and medicinal herbs.

- ♦ A vineyard with grapes growing on walls and over arches or covered walkways.

- ♦ A citrus garden perfumed by the flowers of a flowering and fruiting lemon tree.

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Training tips

MOST of my readers are aware that I have been involved in the canine industry for over 60 years having covered most aspects from police work, Air Sea Rescue film work and most importantly teaching the public how to bring up their dog. Running all types and levels including agility and flyball at all levels.

Looking at the dog training industry today I, and many of my colleagues, are appalled that so many young people are starting up classes with no experience and have never entered a 'proper' competition apart from their local animal shelter etc. This goes on in many countries especially the USA, UK, Australia, etc.

It is so simple today to join organisations run by bogus individuals who sell certificates over the internet which suggest you have passed many exams and have had hands on experience.

I wonder if they could present their own dog to demonstrate how good they are? However you must not be impressed by this, as they may not



TRAINING DAY: A good trainer is important to make sure your pet stays well behaved.

have trained the dog. Let them show you what they are able to do with your dog.

Today whilst writing this article I received an email from my friend

David Davies who was an instructor in the UK Police force:

'I am afraid everything is about money these days.'

The canine world is going bonkers

here in the UK. There are new trainers, behaviourists, walkers, creches etc opening up everywhere.

Most are run by youngsters who have only been around dogs a few

years, months in many cases. What I struggle to accept is when this involves creatures. No one can be involved at a senior level with animals until they have many years' experience. I mean experience, not simply had a few dogs, cats etc. One must have worked with them in a very diverse and involved way beforehand.

There is a young man opening up near me. He has minutes of experience and is running a workshop on how to train your dog using motivation, he seems to think [believe] he has invented this concept.

How do you start? Talk to your vet who will be aware of the trainers in the area. In fact many vets now run schools at their premises like Pointer Clinic East.

Take a look at as many schools as you are able to but do not take your pet.

Explain to the 'instructor' that you're thinking of having lessons. Now you can see what goes on, shouting and rough handling is out.

It is also an idea to have a chat with those attending with their dogs to see if they have advanced in training and behaviour.

Look before you book as you would with your children.

Keep your dog safe this Easter

MOST people think of hot cross buns as a tasty, Easter treat; however, dog owners are now being warned to keep their dogs away from the simple snack as it could potentially poison them.

This is because hot cross buns typically contain ingredients such as sultanas, raisins, lemon zest and the spice nutmeg, which are considered toxic to animals.

While most dog owners are aware of the dangers of giving chocolate to dogs, the dangers of other poisonous foods, such as hot cross buns, are less well known by the public according to experts.

Raisins and sultanas can reportedly cause kidney failure in dogs and cats, as there's a toxic compound in the fruit which also causes vomiting, diarrhoea, and extreme fatigue. Hot cross buns also sometimes contain nutmeg, which contains Myristicin. This compound is toxic to dogs if consumed in large amounts and can cause hallucinations, increased heart rate, abdominal pain and seizures.

Meanwhile citrus fruits, such

as lemons, can cause vomiting, diarrhoea and depression in both dogs and cats.

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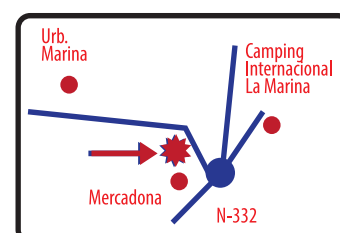
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The car remains Peugeot's best-selling vehicle to date with 5.1 million sold in Europe and 8.3 million globally.

In celebration of the landmark anniversary, Peugeot took on the challenge of recreating one of the most iconic 206 adverts, 'The Sculptor.'

The advert was originally filmed in Jaipur, India, in 2003 and depicted a young man converting his Ambassador into a 206 after seeing the car in a newspaper advert.

The man makes the modifications by repeatedly crashing his Ambassador into a wall and encouraging an elephant to sit on it to make it resemble the Peugeot 206.

In homage to this, the French carmaker recreated the advert, by converting a Hindustan Ambassador into the Peugeot 208 GTi, using a team of engineers at Ajeenkya D Y Patil University, based in Pune, India.

Mark Pickles, Peugeot marketing director, said: "It's been 15 years since 'The Sculptor' advert appeared on TV screens and as Peugeot has recently acquired the Ambassador brand, it seemed a fitting way to mark the 206's anniversary year.

"The outstanding work that the Ajeenkya D Y Patil University team has put into the vehicle modification has been incredible to watch.

"The anniversary of the Peugeot 206 is a great opportunity to recognise the vehicle's success in becoming Peugeot's best-selling model of all time. On sale between 1998 and 2008, the 206's reliable build and iconic design made it a popular choice of vehicle."

20 years on Peugeot celebrates 206 anniversary



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ICONIC: Peugeot's 2003 'the Sculptor' advert (inset) has been recreated as part of the celebrations.

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Atletico moved to within nine points of leaders Barcelona after a 1-0 victory against Deportivo on Saturday, with Kevin Gameiro's goal enough to separate Atletico and the struggling side.

They travel to a Real side who themselves come into the game off the back of some good form, having won all of their La Liga games in March and got themselves up to third in La Liga.

A win for Real will see them move to within just a point of their Madrid rivals, but a win for Atletico would see them move five points clear and all but guarantee Champions League football for next season.

Elsewhere, Barcelona will look to continue their unbeaten run in La Liga against Leganes after they extended it even further in dramatic fashion during a 2-2 draw with Sevilla last weekend.

The Champions-elect looked to be heading for their first La Liga defeat since 2017 after goals from Franco Vasquez had hosts Sevilla 2-0 up with just five minutes to go.

But it was not meant to be for Sevilla as Barcelona scored two in the final two minutes of the game through Luis Suarez and Lionel Messi to ensure their record run continued.

Barcelona can now make it 38 games unbeaten in La Liga as they host Leganes on Saturday almost a year to the day since they last suffered defeat in the league; a 2-0 loss to Malaga on April 8, 2017.

Tomorrow (Friday), Malaga travel to Deportivo in a battle at the bottom of the league, having registered their first win of 2018 last time out against sixth placed Villarreal.

Chory Castro's penalty was enough to give the Malaga boss his



Credit: Twitter

GOALLESS: The reverse fixture between Real and Atletico in November ended in a 0-0 draw.

first win since taking over the side in January and register Los Boquerones' fourth win of the season, but was not enough to take them off the bottom of the table.

Clarence Seedorf's Deportivo La Coruña find themselves in a similar position, struggling to survive and have picked up just one win in their last 16 La Liga matches.

Elsewhere, Sevilla will look to get back into the Europa league spots against Celta Vigo after being leapfrogged by Real Betis, who went into sixth following their win against Getafe.

The Champions League quarter-finalists have slipped out of the top six having picked up just one point from their last three games.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Real Betis host Eibar on Saturday, Sunday sees Levante play Las Palmas before Real Sociedad take on Girona and Villarreal face Athletic Bilbao on Monday.

Premier League preview

Derby day could see Citizens crowned

MANCHESTER CITY can officially wrap up the Premier League title with six games to spare if they beat bitter rivals Manchester United at the Etihad on Saturday.

Pep Guardiola's side moved to within just one win of the title after a 3-1 victory over Everton on Saturday as they became just the third Premier League side to beat all other teams in a single Premier League season.

First half goals from Leroy Sane, Gabriel Jesus and Raheem Sterling were enough to blow away the Merseysiders on the day, despite a 63rd minute consolation from Yannick Bolasie.

The result means just a win against United at the Etihad on Saturday will be enough for City to wrap up their third title in the past seven years and the earliest title ever to be won in Premier League history.

Elsewhere, Liverpool will look to overtake Manchester United into second place as they host Everton at Anfield in the Merseyside derby.

The Reds come into the game in scintillating form having lost just one of their last eight games as they continued their good run of results with 2-1 win over Crystal Palace.

Having fallen behind to an early Luka Milivojevic penalty, Sadio Mane equalised early in the second half be-



RECORD BREAKERS: City could seal the title in record time on Saturday.

fore Mo Salah's 29th Premier League goal of the season secured the result for Liverpool.

On Sunday, Chelsea face West Ham in a London derby looking to bounce back from their heavy defeat to top four rivals Tottenham last weekend.

The Blues are all but assured not to finish in this season's top four after the damaging 3-1 defeat to Spurs as Dele Alli scored a brace and Christian Eriksen's stunner were enough to condemn Chelsea to their ninth defeat of the season.

The result leaves them eight points behind Spurs in the table with just seven games left to play in the race for the top four.

Tottenham themselves head to Stoke on Saturday looking to consolidate

their position in fourth, while their opponents are desperate for points in the fight against relegation.

Stoke are in real danger of relegation from the Premier League this season and currently sit in 18th place, eight points away from safety following last week's heavy defeat to Arsenal.

Elsewhere, West Brom play Swansea City at the Hawthorns and will be desperate for a result after they slumped to a record eighth successive league defeat at the hands of Burnley on Saturday.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Watford play Burnley, Bournemouth host Crystal Palace, Brighton face Huddersfield Town, Leicester City are against Newcastle and Arsenal take on Southampton on Sunday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	30	23	7	0	76	15	76
2 • Atlético	30	20	7	3	50	14	67
3 • Real Madrid	30	19	6	5	76	33	63
4 • Valencia	30	19	5	6	58	31	62
5 • Villarreal	30	14	5	11	40	34	47
6 • Betis	30	14	4	12	50	53	46
7 • Sevilla	30	14	4	12	39	46	46
8 • Girona	30	12	8	10	44	43	44
9 • Celta	30	11	7	12	46	43	40
10 • Eibar	30	11	7	12	36	43	40
11 • Getafe	30	10	9	11	35	28	39
12 • Athletic	30	8	12	10	30	34	36
13 • Espanyol	30	8	12	10	26	37	36
14 • Leganés	30	10	6	14	25	36	36
15 • R. Sociedad	30	9	7	14	51	52	34
16 • Alavés	30	10	2	18	26	45	32
17 • Levante	30	5	13	12	26	44	28
18 • Las Palmas	30	5	6	19	21	61	21
19 • Deportivo	30	4	8	18	26	61	20
20 • Málaga	30	4	5	21	17	45	17

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Relegation

PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	31	27	3	1	88	21	84
2 • M. United	31	21	5	5	60	23	68
3 • Liverpool	32	19	9	4	75	35	66
4 • Tottenham H.	31	19	7	5	62	26	64
5 • Chelsea	31	17	5	9	53	30	56
6 • Arsenal	31	15	6	10	58	41	51
7 • Burnley	31	12	10	9	29	27	46
8 • Leicester City	31	11	10	10	47	43	43
9 • Everton	32	11	7	14	38	53	40
10 • Bournemouth	32	9	10	13	39	51	37
11 • Watford	32	10	7	15	41	57	37
12 • Newcastle United	31	9	8	14	31	40	35
13 • Brighton	31	8	10	13	28	42	34
14 • West Ham Utd.	31	8	9	14	39	57	33
15 • Swansea City	31	8	7	16	25	44	31
16 • Huddersfield Town	32	8	7	17	25	53	31
17 • Crystal Palace	32	7	9	16	31	50	30
18 • Southampton	31	5	13	13	29	47	28
19 • Stoke City	32	6	9	17	29	61	27
20 • West Bromwich	32	3	11	18	25	51	20

Spain's RWC decision delayed

GOVERNING body Rugby Europe has again delayed a decision on the outcome of the Spain vs Belgium World Cup Qualifying match.

The Spanish Rugby Federation (FER) has asked Rugby Europe to look into their final qualifier after they lost 18-10 to Belgium which meant Romania qualified for next year's World Cup instead of Spain.

The FER had requested that the officials be changed prior to the match, due to the potential conflict of interest, and have now asked for the game to be replayed on account of 19 decisions they feel were unfair against them.

A Rugby Europe referees' selection committee had an initial meeting in Poznan following the match, which included the Spanish Rugby Federation President, Alfonso Feijoo, before a conference call between the Rugby Europe Board of directors was set to take place on Thursday last week.

It had been thought that a decision would be imminent following the conference call, but that call has now been rescheduled due to the need to 'gather, clarify and share all the additional information' before making an accurate decision.



FORMER Barcelona defender Dani Alves has officially become the most decorated footballer in history after PSG's victory in the Coupe de la Ligue gave the 35-year-old his 36th official trophy.

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Garcia going for Masters

SERGIO GARCIA returns to Augusta National this weekend looking to become just the fourth man to win back-to-back Masters' titles.

The Spaniard enjoyed a fantastic season last year, winning three times on the European Tour including his maiden major win, becoming just the third Spaniard behind Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal to win the coveted Masters green jacket.

He was subsequently named European Tour Golfer of the Year in December but despite his amazing season last year, Garcia's name doesn't appear

among the favourites to take the title this time around.

Dustin Johnson, Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Jordan Spieth and a resurgent Tiger Woods head the list of favourites for Augusta, but ahead of this week's competition, which begins today (Thursday), Garcia has admitted that it doesn't bother him where he is placed going into the tournament.

He told *Sporting Life*: "That doesn't really matter to me because at the end of the day I know what I'm capable of and I know how I'm playing."

"Obviously I feel like my game is in good shape. I'm really happy with all my new equipment. I've had a couple of good weeks so I'm excited to go back there and defend my title as well as I can be and as well as I can do."

"If I'm looked at as a favourite or not it doesn't really matter, because it depends on myself and what I do and on what I believe."

Garcia heads into the competition on the back of marrying his long term partner last year, while the couple also welcomed their first daughter.

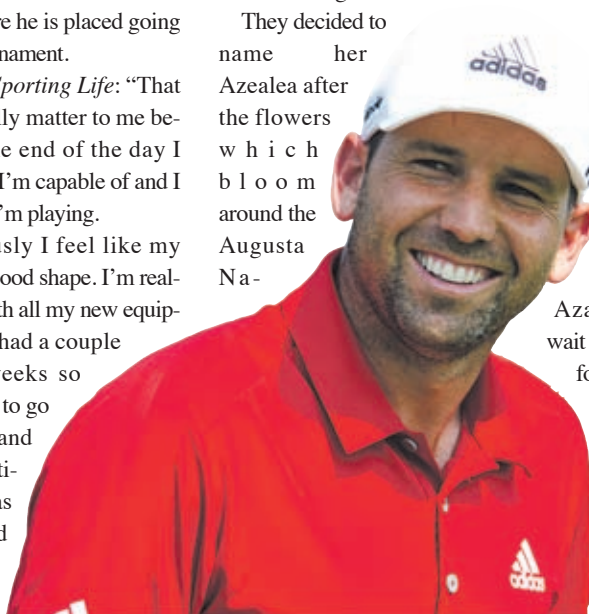
They decided to name her Azealea after the flowers which bloom around the Augusta Na-

tional course and on his return to the Masters' famous course earlier this week, the 38-year-old told *USA Today*: "It is so special."

"The drive down Magnolia Lane, it's a different feeling, a special feeling. To have Azalea come and see where the idea of her name came from is unbelievable. It's an amazing combination of feelings and sensations."

"I've had a great career and an amazing life, and now it's even better. Winning the Masters, marrying my best friend, an amazing woman like Angela, seeing beautiful Azalea every day. We can't wait to see what the future holds for us."

RETURNING CHAMPION: Sergio Garcia will look to become just the fourth man to win back-to-back Masters' titles this weekend.



Return of the Raf

RAFAEL NADAL is set to return from a longstanding hip injury next week after he was named in Spain's Davis Cup squad.

The 31-year-old has not played since he was forced to withdraw from the Australian Open quarter-final against Marin Cilic in January due to a hip injury.

He had looked to return at last month's ATP 500 Acapulco in Mexico but withdrew at the last minute due to a recurrence of the same injury.

And if he does feature, he is set to return to action as World Number 1 after Roger Federer's shock second-round loss to Thanasi Kokkinakis at the Miami Open.

Speaking to the Spanish Federation website, Spain's Davis Cup Captain Sergi Bruguera said: "Rafa is getting better and training more. There is still a week and a half for the games to start and there is time."

Fellow Spaniards Roberto Bautista Agut, Pablo Carreno Busta, Feliciano Lopez and David Ferrer make up the rest of the team that take on Germany in Valencia between April 6 and 8.

The winner will then take on either France or Italy in the semi-finals, while Croatia face Kazakhstan and United States play Belgium in the other quarter-finals.

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