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Airport numbers soar

THE Alicante-Elche Airport that serves Spain's Costa Blanca has recorded 957,857 passengers in the month of March.

By nationality the United Kingdom was top of the table with 364,969 passengers; followed by Spain (132,058), the Netherlands (67,644), Norway (65,166), Germany (56,444) and Belgium with 50,454 passengers.

The Alicante-Elche Airport managed a total of 6,734 flights in March, which represents an increase of 4.7 per cent over the same month of the previous year.

And during the first three months of the year, the airport saw a total of 2,375,523 passengers pass through its terminal - up 4.2 per cent on the same period last year.



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Flag row goes on

THE mayor of Tormos, Jeronimo Bermudez Lara, who belongs to the conservative Partido Popular and shows the pre-Constitution Spanish flag on his Facebook page, said he wasn't ashamed of displaying the Franco-era symbol.

New role

FOUR years later than planned, Muchamiel Town Hall has finally made a start on restoring the old slaughterhouse, one of the town's most emblematic buildings, which it intends to convert into a cultural centre.

Home-grown

A PUNT, the Valencian community's public broadcaster that substitutes the defunct Canal 9, is planning a new Friends-type sitcom, *Diu-menge Paella*, that will be the creation of a Benidorm-based production company.

Everybody wants Ikea

AT a recent plenary meeting, San Vicente's mayor Jesus Villar was asked if he has had meetings with Ikea.

Villar, according to those present, hesitated momentarily and said he would answer at the next plenary meeting.

Plans for an Ikea in Alicante City's Rabasa area were thwarted last year on planning issues, but the Swedish multinational is allegedly still interested in opening an Alicante branch.

Alicante Province is still keen to welcome the household megastore and other municipalities including Elche have subsequently put themselves forward.

When finally answering, Villar admitted that he had been in touch with lawyers representing Ikea, but explained there had been no direct contact with the company.

"The representatives were interested in the old cement works. Since then there have been no more contacts," the mayor said.

He acknowledged that there

could be town hall interest in Ikea, but not the huge shopping centre or housing development included in the original plans, which were instrumental in preventing the project from going ahead.

Town Planning councillor Marilo Jorda criticised Partido Popular councillors for its renewed interest in bringing Ikea to the town, claiming that years ago it had steered the company towards Alicante City when it had San Vicente in its sights.

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Royal visit imminent

QUEEN LETIZIA of Spain hopes to visit to Benidorm in June.

She has been named President of Honour at the World Federation of the DeafBlind Conference that will be held at the Hotel Bali from June 19-27 and informed the Spanish Federation (Fasocide) that she hopes to be present "if her diary permits."

She was very interested in attending and taking an active part in the conference, Letizia told Fasocide.

Fasocide explained that following several meetings with the Queen at the Zarzuela Palace they are now waiting for official confirmation that Letizia will go to Benidorm in two months' time.

More than 300 people from 30 countries will be represented at the 11th edition of the conference which this year will focus on supporting the human rights of the deaf-blind worldwide.

The last day of the conference, June 27, coincides with



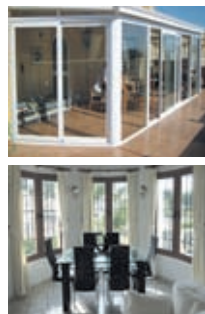
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You're napped

NATIONAL POLICE officers in Benidorm who were carrying out random drugs' checks, noticed that the occupant of a taxi appeared agitated when he realised that cars were being stopped. An inspection of his backpack revealed 100 grammes of cocaine, hidden inside a baby's nappy.

Good example

THE Design for All Foundation announced that Vilamuseu has been selected as an example of international good practices due to its efforts in making the museum and Villajoyosa's monuments accessible and inclusive. Vilamuseu will also be included on the Foundation's website and social media sites.

Trees moved

ECOLOGY group Xoriguer, the town hall and Malladeta high school moved two olive trees and a laurel growing near Villajoyosa hospital. They were replanted in the grounds of the school and on adjoining verges, with only a pine and a holm oak now awaiting transfer.

Cinderfella

PUPILS at Elda's Monastil high school have designed a comic, written in English, that tells the story of Cinderella but with the roles reversed and set in Elda. They hope to break gender-stereotyping moulds while promoting multilingualism and are now seeking funds to print and distribute the comic.

Fire averted

A FOREST fire in Benissa's Benimarraig area burned 4,000 square metres of land before it was completely extinguished four hours later by fire engines on the ground aided by firefighting aircraft. The flames were fanned by high winds, but were prevented from reaching the most heavily-wooded zones.

Frozen in time

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 9



SAD ESTATE OF AFFAIRS: It is unlikely that most abandoned properties will ever be finished.

THERE are an estimated 3.4 million of them across Spain.

And DJI Drone Photography Award winner Markel Redondo spent the early part of 2018 snapping the country's abandoned housing developments from the air for his Sand Castles II project, with jaw-dropping results.

He first photographed the sites in 2010, and has now retraced his steps with a DJI Phantom 4 Pro drone for company.

Over the course of 15 days he doc-

umented 12 developments in southern Spain.

The photographer said that the unfinished houses were built by developers in "a dizzying rush to make the most of cheap loans and favourable government regulation."

But now they lie deserted.

"In 2009, I was working on an assignment in southern Spain when I saw a group of abandoned houses in Andalusia," the prize winner explained.

"I am interested in the environment so when I saw these developments and how the environment, often beautiful mountains or coastline, was being treated, it made me angry.

He added: "We live in a society with huge housing issues, where many cannot afford a place to live, yet Spain has more than three million empty homes.

"There is an apocalyptic feel to the developments, it is as if you are the last inhabitant in the world."

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Bottoms up



GRAPE EXPECTATIONS: The Spanish wine industry faces challenging times despite topping world sales in terms of volume.

CORKS are popping for Spanish winemakers.

The country remains the world's largest world exporter, having shipped out almost 2.3 billion litres of home-grown plonk in 2017, according to the latest data from the Spanish Observatory of Wine Markets (SOWM).

And the figure means that Spain outstripped its nearest rival Italy, which sold 2.1 billion litres, by more than 1.8 million.

Traditional heavyweight France lagged behind in third as it sent 1.5 billion litres abroad.

But the cheap price of Spanish wine saw France top the revenue ranking with sales totalling €9 billion, followed by Italy with €6 billion and Spain trailing in third having made just €2.85 billion.

This is due to Spain selling its vino at bargain prices, with a litre costing on average €1.25, compared with €2.78 in Italy and a whopping €6 in France.

The value for money offering places the country's wine among the world's cheapest, with only South African plonk costing less at €1.23 per litre, while Australia billed €3 and Chile €1.89.

But price is not necessarily reflected in quality, said Rafel del Rey, general manager of SOWM.

"The average (quality) of Spanish wines packed in many of the final consumer markets is a reasonably good average," he said.

There is a caveat, however, as he added: "It is true that we are relatively far from the French and Italian and this is fundamentally due to the greater experience the French and Italians have in the international markets compared to the Spanish market."

The main challenge facing Spanish winemakers is reportedly the over-production of cheap, mass-produced 'bulk' wine, which in 2017 accounted for 12.6 billion litres of sales despite a lack of internal infrastructure to monitor its distribution, according to Spanish national media.

And the country could face more challenges this year after frost laid waste to much of the 2017 harvest in key growing areas including Ribera del Duero - which lost an estimated 70 per cent of its crop - as global production plunged to a 56-year low.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Should Spain reduce speed limits on main roads as proposed by authorities this week?

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No **46%**

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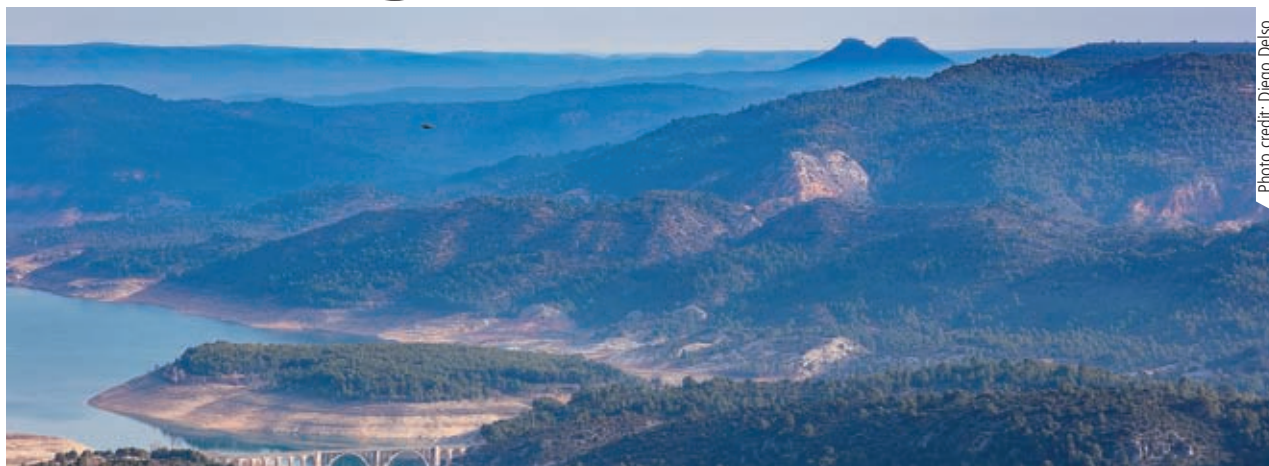


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ENTREPEÑAS RESERVOIR: Sending water to Alicante and Murcia

AGRICULTURE minister Isabel Garcia Tejerina gave the order to send 60 cubic hectometres of Tajo-Segura water to Alicante and Murcia.

The much-needed water will arrive in three monthly instalments of 20 cubic hectometres so long as the contents of the Entrepeñas and Buendia reservoirs, which supply the Tajo-Segura pipeline, do not drop below 400 cubic hectometres. This is unlikely as they now

stand at 475.

Emiliano Garcia-Page, regional president of Castilla-La Mancha where both reservoirs are located warned that the water transfer could “set one population against the other.”

The Torrevieja desalination plant functions at 30 per cent capacity and the Carboneras plant has ceased production, Garcia-Page complained.

It was Spain’s moral obligation to ensure that all desalina-

tion plants were in full production, he said.

“It’s insulting to authorise a triple water transfer the first time it rains after months of drought,” the Castilla-La Mancha president declared. “Spain needs water and Castilla-La Mancha needs it as much as Levante or Murcia.”

It was also an insult to the intelligence and ethics that the plants are not fully operational, Garcia-Page continued,

especially as Garcia Tejerina said when she visited Torrevieja not long ago that Levante had been saved thanks to desalinated water.

Gratitude towards a hero

CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD DICKSON was honoured once again at Alicante port, 79 years after he saved thousands of Republican lives.

Members of Alicante’s Civic Committee for the Recovery of Historical Memory unveiled a bust of Captain Dickson that now stands on a column at the Levante quay.

He was the 47-year-old captain of a cargo ship, the Stanbrook, that waited at the harbour in late March 1939 as Franco’s troops advanced on Alicante, the last city to fall to the dictator.

The Stanbrook was the last ship to leave port

and it sailed with 2,500 Republican refugees to Oran in North Africa where they were initially refused entry but later allowed to land.

Amongst those attending the recent ceremony were Helia and Alicia Gonzalez who, with their parents, were amongst the Stanbrook’s passengers.

“We are eternally grateful to Captain Dickson,” they said, visibly moved.

Captain Dickson, who was Cardiff-born, died six months later, together with his crew, when the Stanbrook was torpedoed in the North Sea by a U-boat.



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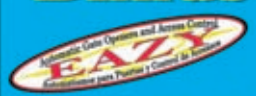
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Trumped up nature walk

HIS wife has filed for divorce after 12 years of marriage.

And Donald Trump Jr - the eldest of the US president's children - this week decided to get away from it all as he hiked through the mountains of Aragon, northern Spain.

The businessman and former reality TV star, 40, posted a series of snaps of himself decked in camouflage gear as he hiked through the Puerros de Tortosa-Beceite mountain range.

He captioned one of the shots: "Some truly incredible scenery and terrain here in Spain this weekend."

It comes as his estranged wife Vanessa, 40, reportedly triggered divorce proceedings amid rumours that he had an affair with ex-Danity Kane singer Aubrey O'Day, 34.

The couple have five children together, and it was recently revealed that Trump Jr complained about visiting the Playboy Mansion with this then-pregnant wife in 2007.

HOT MAMA: Mum of four Danielle.



Beach ready

SHE'S only just returned from a sun-drenched break in Dubai.

But former glamour model Danielle Lloyd, 34, was this week snapped parading in Marbella after slipping into a barely-there bikini.

The mum-of-four only gave birth to her son Ronnie seven months ago, but the *Celebrity Big Brother* star appeared every bit the beach babe as she topped up her tan.

Photo credit Donald Trump Jr/Instagram



DON THE SPOT: Trump Jr in the Spanish wilderness.

Seething Thandie's airport headache



VENTING HER SPLEEN: Thandie Newton.

SHE last year appeared in a Comic Relief spoof safety video for British Airways.

But British actress Thandie Newton, was less than impressed with the service received from the carrier as she tried to return to London after a trip to Ibiza.

Her flight was eventually cancelled after she spent six hours waiting at the airport before flying home the next day.

And the *Westworld* star took to Twit-

ter to vent her fury, as she wrote: "A horrible end to a vacation, six-hour delay with no information. Flight cancelled? Next availability??? Still waiting. #Ibizablues."

The mum-of-three continued her social media rant as she followed up with "The Saga Continues. @British_Airways can you please check our private messages? I need your help!"

She's nuts!

FORMER Big Brother star Lisa Appleton last year revealed that she had splashed out more than €25,000 on cosmetic surgery to stop her "looking like a testicle."

But the outrageous reality star went back on her word on holiday in Tenerife after strapping a giant sex toy to her face.

The 49-year-old was pictured in a series of saucy poses, to the apparent bemusement of passing tourists.

Fit for a king

KING Juan Carlos has been released from hospital following a knee operation.

The former monarch, 80, has had an old prosthesis on his right leg replaced.

It comes after his wife Sofia and daughter-in-law Leticia put on a united front while visiting him, after video footage of an apparently tense stand-off between the pair during a Mallorca church service emerged.



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THE repaired Fernando Reig suspension bridge in Alcoy passed its load test with flying colours.

It is the city's principal exit for Alicante-bound traffic but has been closed since late July 2016 after its cables were found to be eroded and rusted during routine repairs.

These had to be replaced in an emergency operation but now, slightly ahead of schedule, they are all in place.

Twenty-eight lorries, each weighing 40 tons, recently parked

on the bridge's platform and Alcoy's Public Works and Services councillor Jordi Martinez confirmed that all the analyses carried out by specialists were favourable.

The bridge's reopening to traffic

was imminent, he added.

Despite the encouraging results, the exact date of the Fernando Reig's reopening has not yet been fixed and although the load test director, Gema Fernandez, agreed

that the bridge could reopen soon, the Ministry of Public Works has not yet made an announcement.

Nevertheless, the Public Works and Services department was confident that the Fernando Reig bridge would be in use when the Moors and Christians celebrations arrive later this month.

Bridge opening imminent

Police save a life

A RAPID response from the National Police force in Elda-Petrer prevented an Elda man from committing suicide.

The 69-year-old man was threatening to throw himself from the second floor balcony of the family home and his youngest son alerted the police before letting them into the apartment.

Officers began by trying to persuade him not to jump but when he consistently ignored their appeals they waited until he was off-guard and managed to get hold of him, immobilising him until medical help arrived.

This was not easy, sources close to the case said later, as the heavily-built man was determined to jump and put up strong resistance.

He was finally taken by ambulance to the Elda health centre and later transferred to the Psychiatric Unit at Elda General Hospital for treatment for depression.



EYES IN THE SKIES: Drones can play a crucial role in finding the culprits.

Put the drones to work

THE dog-poisoning crisis in Benissa is now one of the municipality's greatest headaches.

All help in tracking down the person or persons responsible for poisoning and killing dogs is welcome, the mayor said.

The Benissa and Senija Hunting Club has put all its resources at the disposal of the victims, the town hall and the authorities in their efforts to identify and pursue whoever is behind the poisoning.

The club condemned the poisonings and expressed 'its absolute indignation and repugnance to these dreadful acts.' It has also decided that its own rural guards should join the watch that is being kept in the area using drones equipped with thermal cameras.

The club also advised all

Benissa residents who have been affected by a pet's poisoning, those who have encountered any wild animal showing symptoms of poisoning or anybody with information or suspicions regarding the author or authors of the crime to call - anonymously - the Club de Caza de Benissa's Guard service on 689 526 246 or email: *guardarural_marin_abaixa@hotmail.com*.

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OUR VIEW

Shut down expat titles a sad sign of the times

It was with sadness that we this week learned of the passing of two of our long-standing rival titles.

The Costa del Sol News and Costa de Almeria News have long been leading the pack in terms of purchased (those that readers buy) expatriate newspapers.

And their decision to stop the press after two decades of hitting the newsstands each week can only be taken as a sign of the times.

It is surely the latest warning that an ongoing shift to digital media is threatening to snuff out the British love affair with printed papers.

But while their closure could be described as symbolic of the wider issues facing the expatriate news market, we believe there remains a strong demand for quality free of charge titles.

Our own distribution and circulation data suggests that there has been no drop-off in readership, only that far fewer people are prepared to pay for their weekly news when so many free options exist.

There is also the need to diversify across platforms - including websites and social media - rather than relying on a single source of income.

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NEWS EXTRA

Tree felled

THE fire brigade had to cut down a tree in San Vicente which was damaged after it was accidentally hit by a lorry and was so unstable that it posed a danger to passers-by.

Pay cut

THE mayor of Novelda, Armando Esteve, is willing to renounce his €1,538 a month if a town clerk's report requires him to give up his part-time salary, although he does not contemplate resigning as mayor.

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INVESTIGATORS are trying to discover why two people died in their sleep in their country house in Jijona.

Their objective now is to confirm whether, as the Guardia Civil first thought, their deaths were the result of a gas leak from their fridge. All the windows were tightly shut and the gases would

Fridge could have been the culprit

have been able to accumulate owing to lack of adequate ventilation.

Initial analyses suggested that the couple had probably died in the early hours of the morning when they were asleep and un-

aware that the gas used to power the fridge was seeping into their room.

Their bodies showed no signs of violence and sources close to the police operation said that their

deaths were almost certainly accidental.

They were found in the afternoon by their worried daughters who went to the house when they had failed to hear from their par-

ents that day.

The husband and wife usually lived in Alicante City but also owned the Jijona house in the Ser-ratella district which they often visited at the weekend.

Quite a lot of bottle

EMPLOYEES of regional rail operator FGV, assisted by passengers, have collected 5.5 million plastic bottle tops.

The 11 tons of plastic collected for recycling raised €2,200 between March 2014 and March 2018, which will help to finance several SEUR Foundations charity projects.

The bottle tops collected from the TRAM station and installations in Alicante Province and Metrovalencia in Valencia are collected free of charge by SEUR and delivered to a recycling plant.

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WASTE MONEY: €2,200 was raised by collecting 11 tons of plastic bottle tops.

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One way of getting a pass mark

TWO students at Valencia's Polytechnic University hacked its computers to steal the passwords of 40 teachers and alter their marks.

Their arrest was the culmination of a National Police investigation after a keylogger was detected on one of the university computers.

This device tracks the keys struck on the keyboard, usually in a covert manner, so that users do not realise their actions are monitored.

The two students, both aged 20, were then able to access their teachers' personal accounts on the university's computer and email addresses.

Police discovered that their grades had been altered and work initially awarded a fail mark, later appeared as a pass. The students also intercepted any messages alerting the teacher to the modifications and their pass marks finally appeared in the university's official announcements.

Once identified, the students were charged with illegally accessing data and computer programs, falsifying public documents and breach of confidence amongst other charges.

The investigation continues as police try to establish whether the students also had prior access to written exams.

As neither has a police record they were released after making a statement, but must appear before the judge when summoned.



STILL WAITING: Passengers using Valencia's local train network are unhappy.

Local trains shunted into siding

THE recently-announced national budget brought disappointment to Denia and Alcoy.

Hoped-for cash will not materialise for the rail connection between Denia and Gandia via Oliva or for modernising the Alcoy-Xativa line.

The Ministry of Public Works insisted that it would continue to study the Denia project despite failing to keep last December's promise, to invest more than €1.4 billion in the Plan de Cercanias for Valencia's local train network.

This includes the Gan-

dia-Denia line, which will cost an estimated €122 million.

Denia's mayor Vicent Grimalt lamented the 'perceptible snub' on the part of the central government and they recalled that the minister's December assurances 'made everyone happy' until they saw that the train did not appear in the budget.

The regional government announced that it would oblige the Ministry of Public Works to call a meeting of the Monitoring Committee and explain what had happened to the much-needed Denia-Gan-

dia rail link as well as others including the Alcoy-Xativa line.

Alcoy's repeated requests for cash to modernise its rail link with Xativa were ignored in the 2018 budget and the city hall intends to ask all parliamentary groups to present amendments asking for the estimated €22 million that the line requires.

He did not fear that the line would close, as urgent repairs were carried out last year, Alcoy's mayor Antonio Frances said "But it will not be able to provide the service that our area needs."

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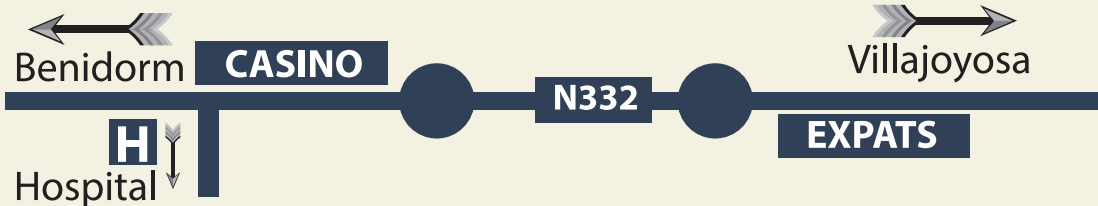
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Protests reach the top

SPAIN'S president, Mariano Rajoy recently met five delegates from the Kellys, a collective representing hotel chambermaids.

Amongst the five was Yolanda Garcia, the Benidorm delegate who represents roughly 5,000 people. "At least he listened to us," she said. "It's always good to be received."

Although their meeting at the Moncloa Palace, was scheduled to last 40 minutes, they were with Rajoy for more than two hours.

The meeting followed months of protests at the Kellys' working conditions and pay but they achieved what they had set out to do as Rajoy pledged to help improve their working conditions.

He also opened the door to a modification of 42.1 of the official Workers' Statute that would prohibit subcontracting in the sector and to include ailments, specific to hotel cleaners, to the catalogue of occupational diseases.

The five delegates represent thousands of the women who chose the name Kelly as it is phonetically close to the first two syllables of que limpia (someone who cleans).



MAID TO WORK: Chambermaids from Benidorm met with Mariano Rajoy.

Rajoy invited their representatives to the Moncloa after he heard Maria Jose Lopez Santana, a Senator from the Canary Islands, detail the Kellys' working conditions.

The five women handed over a dossier documenting the collectives' working conditions and Rajoy was shocked when one explained that she

needed a back brace owing to the constant bending and stretching while working to a tight schedule.

The Kellys will now start analysing what was discussed and wait to see if Rajoy will do something to improve their conditions, said the group's president Miriam Barros.

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NEW EQUIPMENT: Trying out the pool lift in Benissa.

Accessible pool-time for all

BENISSA'S municipal swimming pool now has a platform lift, making it accessible to all swimmers.

Installing this €20,000 piece of equipment enabling those with disabilities to use the pool had become one of its principal objectives, the town hall explained.

The covered municipal pool is more used now that improvements have been carried out, both to the sports installation and dressing rooms. Adding the platform brings the pool in-line with accessibility requirements and an-

swers a need that has been much requested for some time.

The lift means that the pool can now offer hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, paediatric physiotherapy and therapeutic aquatics, all of which will be assisted by the addition of the lift, said the municipally-owned Benissa Impuls which is responsible for Benissa's public services.

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TALK TIMES & DEMOS

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Blazing lorry causes holdups

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The driver began putting out the blaze with the lorry's extinguishers, although it was finally controlled by the Elda fire brigade.

Traffic was redirected by the Guardia Civil to avoid risks to other vehicles as ammonium nitrate is potentially dangerous.

Generally used as a high-nitrogen fertiliser in agriculture it is also a component of explosives used in mining, quarrying, etc.

Line 9 lays waste to pines

RESIDENTS in Benissa's Benimarraig district reported the massive felling of trees as modernisation continues for the Benidorm-Denia TRAM.

"They loaded up wood trailers piled high with pines and

took them away," one said.

They lamented that some of the trees were huge and around a century old.

They have now reported the matter to the forestry agents attached to the local

government department.

The felled pines are a repetition of an episode at the beginning of February when social media were ablaze with complaints after four pine trees were cut down at Benissa station.

They were there for 70 years but had to be removed so that the platform could be lowered to accommodate the new dual diesel-electric trains that will serve the Benidorm-Denia route once Line 9 reopens next year.

At that time the mayor demanded, and received, an explanation from FGV, the regional rail operator, but this time Benimarraig residents said that the town hall maintained that its hands are tied.

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Tunnel vision

TRAM tracks have been laid inside the Serra Grossa tunnel in Alicante City that will be used by trains running between San Juan, Campello and Benidorm and the Luceros terminus.

Gale force

ALICANTE Province fire brigades were called out 409 times over the Easter holidays, a 153 increase on 2017 caused by damaging high winds.

Fake goods

THREE men and a woman are under investigation in Benidorm for industrial property offences after the Guardia Civil impounded 528 items of sportswear, worth €26,000, that they were allegedly selling under fake labels.

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Zippering along on a high wire

LA NUCIA'S Forestal Park recently inaugurated eight new zip-wires that are more than 10 metres above the ground.

The €242,000 extensions to the adventure park - met by the Forestal Park La Nucia concessionary - were recently visited by hundreds of children and young people as well as the local mayor, Bernabe Cano, who was shown round the park by the manager Juan Revuelta.

Forestal Park La Nucia has increased its area from 10,000 to 50,000 square metres, expanding uphill towards the town's water deposit. The park now has nine zip-wires, each 300 metres long and covering a total distance of 1.5 kilometres. Thanks to the sloping terrain some rise to a height of more than 10 metres.

Bernabe Cano, who tried out the attraction for himself,



Photo credit: La Nucia town hall

TRYOUT: Bernabe Cano, Juan Revuelta and councillors Eva Naranjo and Serio Villalba.

thanked Forestal Park for enlarging and improving the town's adventure park.

"Clients have already started making the first reservations and I'm sure this will become another dynamic element for

the town, the area and all the Costa Blanca," the mayor said.

"What's more there are spectacular views of Benidorm and the Bay of Altea from the zip-wires, as well as the mountains that surround La Nucia."

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Health and Safety not so healthy



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VILLAJOYOSA HOSPITAL: Workers complained of Health and Safety failings.

WORK inspectors gave the regional Health department three months to rectify work-related defects at Villajoyosa hospital.

In April 2017 the Satse union, which represents hospital staff, reported irregularities relating to safe working conditions. It considered that these were 'important' and warned they could also affect patients.

Two months later, when these problems had not been resolved, Satse lodged an official complaint with Work Inspection, whose later findings on action to be taken fall into two sections.

The local government's

Health department must 'immediately' guarantee strict compliance with fire prevention regulations while 'eliminating or reducing the risks to the health of hospital staff exposed to dangerous chemical agents.'

The department has also been given three months to carry out a specific economic survey to determine working conditions for staff employed in areas like Accident and Emergency or Outpatients.

Staff rest rooms must have tables and chairs with backrests 'sufficient for the number of employees using them si-

multaneously.' Crumbling plasterwork should be substituted to avoid a repetition of recent incidents with a collapsing ceiling.

The basement personnel changing rooms, air renewal in designated areas reserved for infectious diseases and a limit to the numbers in Accident and Emergency waiting rooms, all need attention, Work inspectors found.

"This proves that we were right and there has been dereliction of duty on the Health department's part regarding hazards in the workplace," a Satse official said afterwards.

Friends and neighbours rally round

FRANCISCO LOPEZ returned to Polop after an absence of two years to find his apartment occupied by a squatter.

As previously reported in the *Euro Weekly News*, Francisco spent a week sleeping in his van before the squatter, faced with eventual eviction, decided to move out.

Francisco entered his home to find it stripped bare of furniture and household appliances, dirty and piled high with rubbish.

Now, four weeks later, the ground floor apartment is beginning to resemble the home he left two years ago to look after his infirm mother.

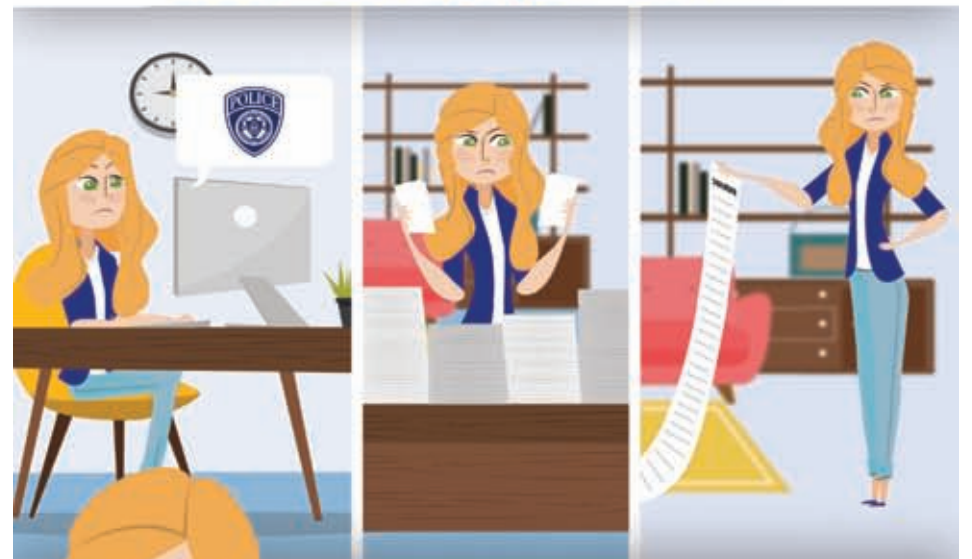
The walls are clean once more, there is furniture as well as a fridge given to him by Polop residents and those further afield who read of his plight in the regional press.

Help arrived from all sides, from the Polop friend who invited Francisco into his home so that he no longer had to sleep in his van to neighbours who invited him for meals. Others have offered to help him find work after the job he thought he was returning to fell through.

"I've been sleeping in my own home for days now because I've been given a mattress and blankets. There is a sofa and a television and cupboards where I store things. People have been very good to me."

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AMBULANCE: Woman fell out of back of moving vehicle.

Woman injured in fall

A PATIENT has been seriously injured after falling from the back of an ambulance travelling at high speed on the busy AP-7 motorway in Spain.

A German man, a resident of Moraira in Alicante, said he was following behind the ambulance when the back doors suddenly flew open and a woman tumbled into the road in front of him.

He braked just in time and stopped just metres from the seriously injured woman and tried to protect her body with his car before trying to warn other drivers who were travelling at high speed on the same carriageway.

It is alleged that the ambulance crew didn't realise the woman had fallen from the vehicle until alerted by other drivers.

The German said he believes the woman was between 20 and 40-years-old and, although alive, she was 'breathing with difficulty.'

It is then claimed the ambulance crew put her on a stretcher and said it was not necessary to call a doctor and it was the woman's fault because 'she was crazy.'

The incident, which has only just been reported,

happened on March 31 on the AP-7 at Ondara.

The authorities say they have opened an investigation to determine how the patient was able to open the door to the vehicle.

They added that the woman suffers from a mental illness and that she was travelling accompanied by a technician and she was secured on the stretcher with a belt.

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REPLANTED: The Tiemersma-Villars with Vicente Arques and Rocio Guijarro.

Olive tree gift

ALFAZ Council thanked the Tiemersma-Villar family for presenting the town with an ancient olive tree.

The tree has been replanted outside the Casa de Cultura and Alfaz's mayor Vicente Arques and Rocio Guijarro, who heads the Environment department, thanked the Tiemersema-Villars with a simple and symbolic act.

Alfaz has more ancient trees than any other municipi-

pality in Alicante Province and the donated tree is now included in Alfaz's Exceptional Trees route.

The carob tree in the Foia Brell district is the largest in the Valencian community and at 800 years old, it is the oldest. Another, in Cami de Soler has been there for 380 years. The Linda olive tree is 700 years old and another in Carbonera is 900 years old.

The elms in the Arabi dis-

trict are comparatively young at 80, while the monkey puzzle trees outside the Hogar del Pensionista are 150 years old.

The olive tree donated by the Tiemersma-Villar family will add to the beauty and importance of the Singular Trees route, Guijarro said, which has been designed to inspire respect for the town's environmental and cultural heritage.



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Promises likely to be bypassed

THE national government's 2018 Budget includes only a €3.075 million allocation for Benissa's N-332 bypass. Madrid initially pledged

€10 million for 2018 and another €10 million in 2019 but now the remainder will not arrive until 2019 and 2020 respectively.

Last year, when Soraya Saenz de Santamaria visited Benissa to confirm official resumption of work on the bypass, the national vice-president announced

that construction would conclude in 2019.

Saenz de Santamaria also asked Iñigo de la Serna, minister of Public Works to cut this by five months, finally compromising with a three-month reduction.

With the news that the budget includes an allocation for 2020, Benissa Town Hall now believes

that finishing a road that was begun more than 10 years ago will take longer than promised.

At the time of Saenz de Santamaria's visit last summer, Benissa's mayor Abel Cardona said that he would watch closely to ensure that the timetable was adhered to.

Finishing the bypass also

conditions plans for the N-332 - Avenida del Pais Valencia - inside the centre of Benissa once traffic is diverted, Cardona explained.

"It is worrying to think that the bypass is going to take a year longer than we expected," added town hall spokesman Manuel Juan who is also responsible for Urban Development.

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El Posit poser solved

ALL Altea residents were invited to meetings explaining new healthcare arrangements that will affect the El Posit centre.

The regional government, via the Marina Baja Health Department has decided to close El Posit, owing to its inconvenient 8am - 1pm opening hours.

Its 385 patients will be transferred either to the health centre in the Old Town or Altea la Vieja, both of which are approximately 900 metres distant from El Posit.

Peces project in the swim

ALFAZ paid tribute to international designer Leandro Cano in the first edition of PECES.

The European Awards for Creativity and Social Entrepreneurship (PECES) is an Alfaz Town Hall initiative supported by companies, associations and institutions.

"We all win with PECES," Alfaz mayor Vicente Arques said before the awards ceremony. The fact that Lanzadera, the business incubator backed by Mercadona owner, Juan Roig, will launch the winning projects was a great incentive for young entrepreneurs, he added.

Thirty-four year old Cano is an Andaluz from Jaen who designed clothes for Lady Gaga's concert in Roseland Ballroom in 2017 when she wore a creation from his Anima collection.

Presenting the designer with his PECES award, Vicente Arques referred not only to Cano's glittering career but also congratulated the nine



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PECES AWARDS: Leandro Cano and Vicente Arques.

winning PECES projects, all startups.

"We have 12 festivals, we have been organising cultural events for more than 30 years and we decided to go outside our comfort zone," Arques admitted. "We want to put new ideas into practice and make our dreams become reality."

A time when three towns meet

ALFAZ, Altea and La Nucia recently held a joint celebration in honour of San Vicente Ferrer.

The saint who died on April 5, 1419 in Vannes (Brittany) is the patron saint of the Valencian community but this year's fiestas are outstanding as they coincide with the start of the Ano Jubilar de San Vicente (San Vicente Jubilee Year) announced by the Vatican.

The populations of all three towns meet during these fiestas which this year include country dancing, music, children's activities as well as religious services.

Good figures for Easter break

ALTEA had a 'magnificent' Easter, the town hall's Tourism department announced.

"The Holy Week statistics for 2018 were just as extraordinary as 2017's even though there are usually fewer visitors when this falls in March," said Tourism councillor Anna Alvaro.

"Information points attended to 1,838 tourists and, as happened last year, most were Spanish."

The majority were from

inside the Valencian community as well as Madrid, Cataluña and the Basque Region. Foreign visitors were principally British, Norwegian, Belgian and Swedish

Most-requested information were details of hiking routes, public transport, cultural activities and the Holy Week processions.

There was also interest in the annual Chapels' Route, with music recitals in each of the different neighbourhood chapels.

Medal honour

ARTIST and writer Lise Kristen, an Alfaz resident, was awarded Norway's Memorial Medal for bravery. She was interned in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp where she had to look after her brother and sister.

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Marvellous musical melodies for May

THE English choir of Teulada-Moraira are celebrating spring in style this year with a concert which will be performed in two different venues.

Entitled Musical Legends, it features music by such composers as Kander & Ebb who wrote *New York New York*, most famously sung by Frank Sinatra, and Ennio Maricone who wrote *Nella Fantasia*, first recorded by Sarah Bright-

man and more recently by Il Divo. The choir will perform other iconic film music from *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Lion King* and *Titanic*.

Romantic ballads which were written and performed by such artists as John Denver, Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell and Elvis Presley will tug at your heart strings and numbers made famous by Everley Brothers,

Buddy Holly and The Carpenters will set your toes tapping.

Medleys of Abba, Queen and Motown music will also be included. There will be something to suit everyone's tastes and there will be many chances for audience participation.

Performances will take place at 7pm on both Friday May 4 at The Ermita de San Josep, La Fustera, Benissa and Saturday May 5 at Javea International

Baptist Church, Plaza de La Constitution (Old Town).

Tickets are €10 and available from Janet Brown who can be reached on 965 745 091 or by e-mail to janetbrowncraft@gmail.com.

The English Choir will be taking part in the Moraira Moors and Christians Fiesta from June 11 to 16.

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MELLOW YELLOW: The English choir of Teulada-Moraira step into spring.

ciation with Teulada-Moraira Town Hall, they will be taking part in a very exciting event to celebrate the 100 year anniversary

of the ending of the First World War. This will be held at Espai la Senietta in Moraira and will include an exhibition

of WW1 memorabilia. Further information can be obtained by phoning Judith on 634 348 915 or Susan on 0044

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Men of vision

THE 2018 Men of Vision España Conference will be held at Javea International Baptist Church (JIBC), on April 28. This will take the form of a one-day international and inter-denominational conference for men, to hear the name of JESUS proclaimed throughout Spain.

Conference speaker, London-born Eric Delve, has been a full-time evangelist since 1972, and has served as vicar at St Luke's, Maidstone, as

well as being the published author of many books.

He is well-known for running men's conferences entitled 'Echoes in Eternity,' in which he has used video clips from classic films such as Lord of the Rings, Gladiator and The Matrix, while challenging men to embrace their destiny. Finally, after 20 years of responsibility for leading a local church, Eric is excited to be released again to serve as a travelling evangelist, encourager and teacher.

The worship will be led by Noel Richards, one of the leading singers and songwriters of Christian music today. *All Heaven Declares, You Laid Aside Your Majesty, I will Seek Your Face* are just a few of the most popular Christian songs written by Noel.

list, encourager and teacher.

The conference will be held at Javea International Baptist Church on Saturday April 28 from 9.30am to 4.45pm. Tickets are €10 for men and €5 for women.

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Prayerful procession



FRIENDLY FRIARS: Mayor Jose Chulvi (centre) is presented with the programme of events.

JAVEA is due to celebrate the highlight of its liturgical year this Sunday, with the town's oldest annual procession.

The procession is in honour of St Francis of Paola whose order founded a community in the town in 1601. This week, Mayor Jose Chulvi and Councillor for Celebrations Antonio Miragall were presented with the programme of

events for the day. The mayor took the opportunity to extend an invitation to all local residents.

The programme for the day will take place in the afternoon so as not to interrupt the children's confirmations which are already arranged for that day.

The procession will begin with mass at 7pm, which will

be celebrated in the old friary. Following this, at 8pm, everyone will make their way to the statue of St Francis of Paola to begin the procession following the usual route, leaving and returning to the friary's church. After the procession, there will be an honorary wine reception for all those who have come to take part in the celebrations.



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ets are €20, which includes a buffet lunch. To reserve a place and for more information, please visit www.javeabaptist.es.

Pastor Steve Hall leads JIBC Sunday Service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. This English-speaking church offers a variety of activities during the week, including the popular Tuesday walking group and the Place for Friendship café on Thursday mornings, (market day), with tea/coffee and cake and biscuits.



HOLY HARMONIES:
Noel Richards will lead the Men of Vision conference this year.

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Grilled octopus

Octopus is one of the infamous local dishes in La Marina, and grilled octopus is one of the favourites. It is also a very simple dish to prepare, you only need the following ingredients:

- Coarse salt
- Olive oil

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The preparation is as simple as following these two steps:

1. The octopus must be cooked beforehand, conserving the skin.
2. It is necessary to preheat the grill, it must be scorching hot when you place the octopus on it. It must be quick, so that the octopus does not lose its juices. Once seared on both sides, it is ready!
3. We can accompany it with vegetables or potatoes. Splash on olive

oil and salt, then enjoy.

Whilst you could enjoy the above dish at home, cooking it with a ceramic hob can leave a lot to be desired. Therefore, we have some suggestions to make if you want to enjoy it properly.

Fish is one of the main protagonists in the many dishes of the Marina Alta. Many of our paellas, casseroles, or guisos are based on fresh fish. In Dénia we are lucky to have the fish market located right on our doorstep and many restaurants go to the fish auction every day to get the best pieces.

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One of the restaurants present at these auctions is La Seu, who, in addition to working with the very freshest fish, also make their very own salted fish. This devotion to quality clearly denotes a respect for the product itself and a love for a work well done. La Seu restaurant is characterised by the traditional recipes of our gastronomy, recovering and reinventing them in a contemporary way. The culinary experiences offered in La Seu pivot on concepts and designs based on the very roots of the region.

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‘Truly moved and touched’

THE family of a schoolboy, 10, who was killed in a suspected hit-and-run accident while on a family holiday in Spain has spoken for the first time since the accident.

Carter Carson, from Newtownabbey in County Antrim was on holiday with his father Stuart and his partner Claire when he was hit by a car in Tenerife in Spain’s Canary Islands.

The occupants of the red Alfa Romeo fled the scene and did not stop to offer assistance.

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

Now the family has issued a statement, particularly thanking everyone who supported them after their tragic loss.

They said, “On Thursday, March 29 our world fell apart at the very beginning of what should have been a perfect family holiday.

“From just moments after tragedy struck we had the help and support from so many people and this has continued throughout.

“We are now taking this opportunity to thank as many people as we possibly can that helped us through this traumatic time.

“We would like to start with firstly thanking the locals who first attended the scene helping to contact emergency services and



CARTER CARSON: And (inset) the red car allegedly involved in the fatal accident.

comforting us as a family, the nurse from a nearby health centre and the emergency services that attended the scene right through to the doctors and medical staff at the hospital nearby, right down to the reception staff who were working tirelessly to help save Carter

and to keeping us informed every step of the way.

They went on, “A short time later, Carter had to be transferred to Santa Cruz for his treatment to continue in the ICU.

“We would like to thank the ambulance

driver and the doctor who travelled with us.

“At the hospital we would like to thank the group of nurses, doctors and specialists who were on hand when we arrived right down to a mother in the waiting area of the ICU whose own little girl was ill, offered support and comfort.

“While we were trying to process the most devastating news that Carter would not pull through the police were working hard in the background with catching the culprits and we would like to thank them, the eyewitnesses and people of Tenerife for not only catching them but in such a short time period.

“Also we would like to thank the British Consulate, who have been with the family every step of the way.

“We can never thank all of these people enough for everything they have done for Carter and the Carson family.

“We are truly moved and touched.”

After launching a public appeal for information Spain’s Interior Minister confirmed two people were arrested over the hit-and-run.

Respected Spanish news agency EFE said ‘two, unnamed British men’ were being questioned by Spanish police over their involvement in the alleged hit-and-run incident.

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Separation and divorce in Spain

Change of country of residence of the minor children

NOWADAYS it is not unusual for couples to decide to end their relationship.

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more complicated when there have been offspring and the children in common are still under age.

In such situations, when the couple live in and have their domicile in Spain it would be necessary to go to the Spanish civil courts, where according to Spanish law there are two options open:

The first would be that both parties decide to sign a voluntary regulatory document where they agree on all matters related to the children which may include custody, exercise of parental authority, visitation regime and pension, payments or maintenance of the minor/s.

The second option is to resolve the conflict, if they cannot agree to terms that are acceptable to both of them - which will lead to a contentious claim, generating a judicial procedure.

In such a situation each party would need to plead their case in court and a judge will make a formal decision establishing

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the exact terms of any agreement which it believes to be most beneficial for the child.

In either cases, each party must be represented by a lawyer.

Change of residency for a minor

Such a situation, which on the face of things may appear simple, can be complicated in any case in which the parent to whom the judge gave custody over the child, later decides to move to another country or city taking the minor with him/her without having obtained the consent of the other parent who was simply granted a visitation

regime and does not have custody.

Should the parent who has custody decide to undertake this action unilaterally, it is not legal and can be a criminal offence, so the decision to move the child to another country or place of residence must be by mutual agreement.

In those cases in which the parent who holds custody wishes to move his or her residence taking the child with them to another country or city can only do so if the other parent agrees. If not they will have no alternative but to ask the courts to make a ruling to alter the original court judgement.

The judge will, in such a situation take into account factors such as the emotional ties that the minor has created with the custodian parent, if he/she has remained under his/her care from birth to date, the language

and customs in the new country of residence as well as other matters of importance which could affect the child.

In all cases, it must be borne in mind that in Spanish law it is consolidated jurisprudential doctrine that the judge will make his final decision as to whether or not to accept the change of place of residence of the child on the principle of favor filii. This means that he will only take into account the benefit and interest of the child in order to decide what is best for him or her.

If you want advice about a divorce, separation or any matter relative to family law in Spain, **contact us and we will help you.**

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Piracy plunge

THE pirating of files from the internet declined in Spain by 6 per cent during 2017, the second fall in as many years.

The number of people accessing books, movies and TV series rose last year despite the overall fall, according to a report on internet usage habits.

The GfK's report on behalf of the Coalition of Creators and Content Industries and LaLiga was presented to the Spanish Culture department this week.

It stated that there were more than four billion illegal downloads of files and that almost €22 billion-worth of content was accessed in 2017.

It is estimated to have cost the culture, football and video game industries more than €1.8 billion in lost revenue. The report stated that 51 per cent of those who accessed files illegally said they did so because content was too ex-

pensive to buy through the proper channels. In 2016 the per cent of those who claimed that was 47 per cent.

Around 43 per cent cited the speed and ease of access

as their reason for pirating. About 50 per cent said the fact they had already paid for an internet connection made them feel justified in illegally accessing content.



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POLICE in Spain, searching for a woman reported missing a month ago, have found 'biological remains,' believed to be of the woman, in the boot of her partner's car.

Zuni Adela Baez Mancuello had travelled from Paraguay to Spain on March 6 to see her boyfriend.

The 34-year-old woman went missing in Fuentidueña del Tajo in Madrid four weeks ago.

Police had sought the public's help to find the woman.

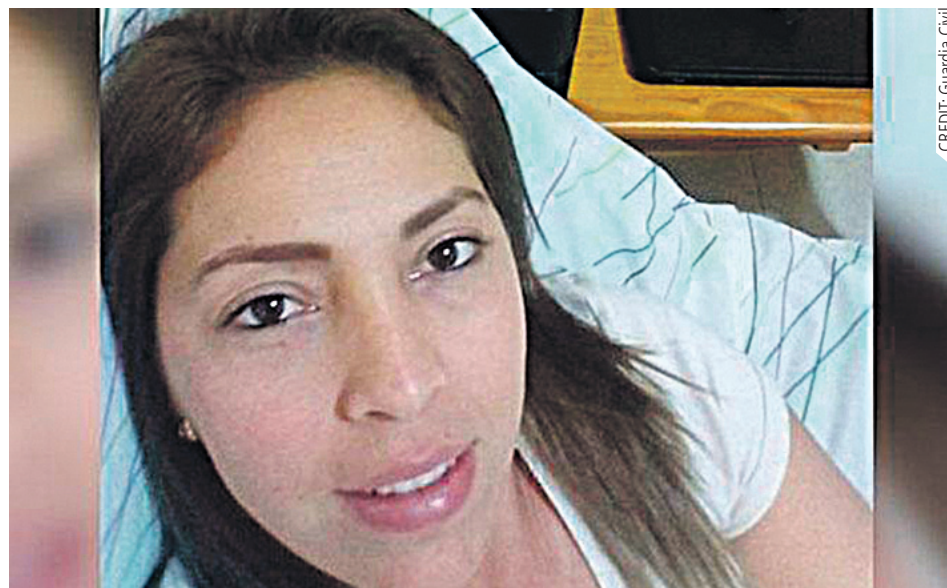
When she went missing the woman was described as 1.5-metres tall, thin, with a fair complexion and light brown hair.

Police find remains of missing woman in car boot of her partner

She was wearing a dark sweater, grey trousers and a long grey coat and had a

yellow suitcase and a beige bag. Guardia Civil sources

have not specified exactly what remains were found in the boot of the car.



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Death crash horror

A 67-YEAR-OLD woman has died and 13 others injured in a multiple car smash on a major road in Spain.

The 112 Emergency Control Centre of Castilla y Leon said at least 10 vehicles were involved in the accident at kilometre 74 of the AP-6 motorway near Navas de San Antonio in the direction of La Coruña. Firefighters had to cut one person free from one of the cars. Six people were taken to hospital in Avila and another six to Segovia.

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Armed and dangerous drugs gang opens fire on police

by Matt Ford

MORE than eight tonnes of hashish has been seized after drugs traffickers opened fire on a police patrol in southern Spain.

The giant haul was unearthed during raids on two properties in Cadiz.

Shots were fired at four officers who were patrolling the Botafuegos neighbourhood in Algeciras - notorious for its connections to drug trafficking - on foot.

The gunfire came from a nearby house, with some of the bullets landing close to their feet.

The men immediately called for backup and armed units surrounded the property.

A negotiator then tried to talk to the gang members, who had barricaded themselves inside.

The move triggered a tense two-hour standoff which eventually saw four men held after



DRUGS HAUL: More than 6,000 kilos of hashish were impounded.

they laid down their weapons.

Four loaded guns, including two pistols and two shotguns, two bulletproof vests and 2,500 kilos of hashish were found inside, investigators said in a statement.

It comes after an earlier incident saw more than 6,000

kilos of the drug impounded when a young man fled after he ran into a police patrol in La Linea de la Concepcion.

He was tracked down to a nearby garage, with several men escaping and one held when officers stormed the building.

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WITH such fierce competition amongst the Costa Blanca bowling community it is extremely unusual for three top tournaments to be won by the same people.

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Each tournament took place



Credit: Jan Brown

BOWLING BATTERS: Paul, Chris, Jan and Clive.

over several months and with help from some of their fellow teammates they won all three competitions with a game to spare, but the one common de-

nominator was that these four bowlers were in all three winning teams. For further information, please contact Jan Brown on 654 162 018.

Appreciative Anglicans

IT was recently time to say a fond farewell to Father Ray Andrews, who has been one of the team of Chaplains for the Anglican Church (the Church of England in Spain) for several years.

Father Ray is a hugely popular figure throughout the Chaplaincy and he will be sadly missed, although he is to remain in the area and will take up a new position as an addiction counsellor.

The congregation presented him with an all seasons stole - handmade by Chrissie Booker - and would like to thank him for everything he has done.

Father Ray's replacement is Father Don Witts, who was previously Vicar of Blean in Kent from 1995 to 2001, and Diocesan Communications and Press Officer, working with the Archbish-

op's team at Lambeth and providing the Archbishop with media and press help in Canterbury.

Father Don was a founder member and trustee of the Scrine Foundation, which started as mobile soup kitchen and developed into a day centre for the homeless. They purchased a disused newspaper depot and also rented other properties in Canterbury to ensure that clients could move from homelessness towards living successfully in society. The work has now been taken over by the charity Porchlight.

Father Don will be accompanied by his wife, Doreen, and will be licensed at a service at Albrin Church on Monday at 4pm.

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BLOOMING WONDERFUL: The workshop attendees.

A very British bouquet

BRITISH-STYLE floral art recently reached the shores of the Mediterranean with a successful workshop in Javea. The prestigious florists Dante Carmassi and Lupe Miñana, who have worked together in London, capital of the world for bouquets and floral arrangements, hosted the workshop last weekend.

One of the attractions of the workshop was that, in addition to using nursery grown flowers, Dante and Lupe used wild flowers and branches from Marina Alta, such as pistachios, olive trees and mimosas. With the arrival of spring, these

have bloomed into all their beauty and inspired colourful and original designs. Professional and amateur florists took part in the intensive course with the aim being to unleash their creativity and be carried away by the beauty of the floral compositions.

The workshop included arrangements such as a wedding centrepiece - a spectacular centrepiece for weddings and large celebrations - a floral crown, a boutonniere, a corsage and a dazzling floral chandelier, which was one of the best floral arrangements.

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New welcome faces



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CARING AND SHARING: Retiring president Eric Atkins makes a presentation to Angela Chantry and Tony Dearie for their work.

JAVEA U3A members elected their executive committee for the next 12 months at the annual meeting, recently held at the Parador. The three new faces on the committee are Val Dromgoole, President, David McClure-Whybrow, Groups Coordinator and Stan Staines, Membership Secretary.

The rest of the committee, who were re-elected, are Vice-President Guy Marriott, Secretary Roy Brown, Treasurer Mick Cox and Communications Officer Ian Rogerson.

Before the voting results were announced, the retiring president Eric Atkins thanked his committee for all their support during his two years at the helm and said he would miss the 'bon-

homie' that he has shared with the membership at large.

He then made presentations to Angela and Tony Dearie, who are retiring from the Care and Share Team later this year, and to Sheila Giacomelli in recognition of her work as membership secretary.

The newly elected president thanked members for voting for her and presented her predecessor with a bottle of his favourite wine in appreciation of his valuable contribution whilst holding office. Val, who has been a member of Javea U3A for eight years - seven of which she has served on the executive and non-executive committees - welcomed the new members to her team.

Committee members reflected on what has been a busy year, with the 50-plus groups continuing to flourish and offer a diverse variety of activities for membership of around 1,500 people. In his review of the year, communications and publicity officer Ian Rogerson highlighted the success of the U3A's Facebook page, which has grown from a membership in its 20's to more than 400 in just 12 months.

Ian thanked fellow Facebook administrators Margaret and Malcolm March, who launched the group, and his wife Jacqui, who manages the group, inviting new members to join and making sure posts are fair and appropriate.

Paws to dance

PEPA held its annual general meeting recently. During the AGM, all the incumbent board members were rotated onto the board with the new addition of Colin West.

Len Winbolt decided to retire from the board and continue solely as a volunteer.

This month, in addition to the usual quizzes, lunch and book sale, there will be a fundraising Dance Party Night on Saturday April 28 at Muro de Alcoy. For more details, please visit www.pepaspain.com.

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SWEDEN



Flying visit

THE British Prime Minister, Theresa May, has travelled to Sweden to meet with her Swedish counterpart Stefan Lofven, as part of a one-day visit which will also include a visit to Denmark.

Arson arrest

POLICE in Sweden have detained a man in his 50's suspected of arson at the Portuguese Embassy in Stockholm. A large fire broke out in a downtown building that also houses the embassies of Argentina, Belgium and Tunisia.

Bumper demand

SWEDEN has decided to reopen a graphite mine in response to a boom in electric cars. The price of key parts of

this type of vehicle, such as batteries, has been increasing creating the demand for cheaper raw materials.

Swell invention

A SWEDISH invention provides drinking water to 300,000 people in 20 countries. The canister manufactured by the Swedish company Solvatten heats water and kills bacteria that can cause diseases. Each canister costs €8.

FLYING VISIT:
Theresa May travelled to Sweden to meet with her Swedish counterpart.



GERMANY



Super charged

MORE electricity was produced by wind than by coal and nuclear sources in Germany last year. Investments in renewable energy coupled with strong winds in October and December pushed up generation levels.

Child homicides

A GERMAN court convicted a 46-year-old German woman of manslaughter for

killing her two babies and hiding their bodies in a freezer. She received a nine-and-a-half year sentence after it was proved she had no mental disorders.

Free to rebel

THE German justice system has halted Spanish Supreme Court plans by preventing the former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont from being tried in Spain

for rebellion, the largest of the crimes attributed to him by the magistrate.

Sky high

THE German Defence Minister has announced the launch of a Franco-German European fighter aircraft project. The joint Future Air Combat System (SCAF) will include a combat and surveillance drone.

FRANCE



Constitutional reform

AS part of Emmanuel Macron's constitutional reform, France will reduce the number of deputies and limit their mandates. The proposal includes a revision of the Constitution that could lead to a referendum.

Jihadists on trial

FIVE alleged members of a jihadist network, which sent 20 young people from the French city of Lunel to Syria, are on trial in Paris. Lunel became a symbol of the jihadist fervour that seized some Muslim communities in French cities.

French advance

DESPITE threats from Turkey, at least 50 French soldiers have entered northern Syria through the border crossing of Tal Abyad, in the northern province of Aleppo. Supported by the United States, they will fight to regain control of an area ruled by the so-called Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF).

Financial aid

SEPAKING at an international conference on the economic development of Lebanon (CEDRE), French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian has pledged France will send €400m in loans and €150m in donations to Lebanon over four years.

BELGIUM



Movements tracked

THE Belgian Prosecutor's Office has opened an investigation into the use of a geolocation device that the Spanish police placed in the car which former Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont travelled in during his stay in Belgium.

Royal pilgrimage

KING PHILIPPE I and Queen Mathilde of Belgium, accompanied by their children and a group of friends, continue their pilgrimage along the Way of Saint James.

Catalans summoned

WITH reluctance, Belgium followed Germany and Scotland and summoned Toni Comín, Meritxell Serret and Lluís Puig to give evidence after issuing an EU arrest warrant.

Rugby re-match

WORLD RUGBY, the organisation that governs rugby worldwide, is to set up a disputes committee to examine Spain's controversial defeat by Belgium last month, the global governing body has said.

NETHERLANDS



Overworked, understaffed

THOUSANDS of child porn reports are not investigated in the Netherlands because the Dutch police team focusing on investigating child pornography is overworked and understaffed. The Public Prosecutor, police unions, and victim lawyers have called for the team of 150 detectives to be increased.

Mega mansions

THE number of homes in the Netherlands worth over €1 million increased by 37 per cent to 42,300 last year, with the average home valued at €1.36 million. The majority of homes worth over a million euros are located in the Greater Amsterdam region.

Facebook breach

SOME 90,000 people in the Netherlands may have had their names, addresses, photographs, friends and likes harvested by social media site Facebook, who are thought to have allowed the illicit harvesting of private information of about 87 million people worldwide, mostly in the US.

Traffic delays

THERE has been a sharp increase in traffic jams in the Netherlands in the first three months of 2018. The increase is attributed to more vehicles on the road and bad weather conditions.

NORWAY



Colombian ties

THE first visit in history of a Norwegian Prime Minister to Colombia has taken place. Erna Solberg visited the country to support the peace process. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said Norway has offered ongoing support to the peace process in Colombia and, in particular, the humanitarian demining programme.

Salmon exports

THE Chinese market for salmon is growing at an accelerated pace. So far this year, Norway exported 8,690 tonnes of fresh salmon to China, placing the Asian giant ahead of Germany as the Nordic country's eighth salmon export market.

Electric skies

NORWAY says it wants to buy passenger electric aircraft in the coming years to help curb climate change, taking advantage of its success with large tax deductions that have made it the world leader in electric car sales. The country intends all short-haul flights to be electric by 2040.

Whale slaughter

THE whaling season in Norway has begun with the government increasing the quota to 1,228 Minke whales, up from 999 last year. Most of the whales harpooned recently were females, many of them pregnant.

DENMARK



Illegal sexting

AS part of a range of initiatives aimed at tackling online sex offences, the government is set to introduce harsher punishment. Those who are convicted of this crime can now be imprisoned for up to three years, an increase of one year.

Divorce delay

DENMARK is set to remove the ease with which couples can apply for a divorce. The present system allows couples to legally terminate their marriage by sim-

ply completing an online form and making a small payment. From 2019, a compulsory three-month 'reflection period' will be enforced.

Queen Mary Thomas

DENMARK unveiled its first public monument to a black woman. The solemn 23-foot statue depicts Mary Thomas seated on a wicker throne. Mary Thomas was a Caribbean woman who led a fiery 19th-century revolt against Danish colonial rule.

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TRADING BLOWS: Yassily Nebenzia made the comments at a meeting of the UN Security Council in New York.

‘You’ll be sorry’

RUSSIA'S United Nations ambassador has told his British counterpart his country was “playing with fire” over recent spy poisoning accusations. Vassily Nebenzia added during a 30-minute speech to the organisation’s Security Council the British would be “sorry” after several Russian diplomats were expelled from London. Russia denies any involvement in the alleged poisoning of Sergei Skripal in Salisbury.

Putin cartel warning

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has warned against the danger to the Russian economy from state-run companies creating monopolies in the country’s economy. “Cartels are growing in high competition industries; entrepreneurial initiative and motivation to open a business are being undermined,” he said.

World Cup screening

POLICE in Russia have been running background checks on volunteers for this year’s FIFA World Cup to root out those with terror-

ist links. The efforts follow threats from various terror organisations to stage attacks during the tournament. Around 6,000 volunteers are expected to attend.

Telegram ban move

RUSSIAN regulators have set in motion efforts to block the Telegram messaging app 48 hours after its deadline to help the government decrypt user’s messages expired. Roskomnadzor, the country’s media watchdog, has moved to take the app down with a senior security official reporting attempts to plan 29 terror attacks were made on it in 2018.

France and Russia talks

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has spoken over the phone with his French opposite number Emmanuel Macron on the situation in Syria. Decisions made at a recent summit between Russia, Turkey and Iran on the conflict and prospects for a political settlement were on the agenda, according to the Kremlin.

A fishy case

MOSCOW police launched an investigation after a man posing as a delivery driver made off with 13 tons worth of frozen fish worth around €90,434. Police said the shipment of fish remained undelivered to the customer in Nizhny Novgorod after the driver and truck carrying the cargo disappeared.

SMELLS FISHY: The 13 ton haul is believed to be worth around €90,434.



Opel launches finance option

OPEL VAUXHALL FINANCE, the automotive finance arm of the car manufacturer, has launched in Spain.

The firm will offer finance products and mobility solutions to Spanish consumers, and is expected to strengthen Opel's market position as it aims to finance one in three Opel vehicles across Europe by 2020.

"Entering the Spanish market is an important milestone for us," said Alexandre Sorel, CEO of Opel Vauxhall Finance. "As Opel's captive finance organisation we can substantially support Opel's growth plans in the country."

Labour charges below par

ONE hour's worth of work in Spain cost an average €21.20 in 2017, about €9.10 cheaper than the eurozone average, according to European Union (EU) data.

Hourly work costs, which include salaries and social security contributions, were €5.60 cheaper than average across the EU as a whole.

Costs across the eurozone increased by 1.9 per cent during 2017, while those in Spain increased by 0.5 per cent on the previous year.

by Joe Gerrard

Eurostat, the EU data collection body, found that Spain came 10th among the 19 eurozone countries.

Denmark had the highest hourly labour costs in the EU at €42.50, according to the statistics. It was followed by Belgium at €39.60, Luxembourg, €37.60 and Sweden, €36.60.

The countries with the lowest costs were Latvia at €8.10, Lithuania, €8.00, Romania, €6.30 and Bulgaria, €4.90.

Around 25 per cent of the

€21.20 total was made up of costs not related to salaries such as social security contributions. The EU average was 24 per cent.

The proportion of costs not relating to salaries varied across the bloc.

The highest was in France at 32.8 per cent and the lowest was in Malta, with 6.7 per cent.

The data was compiled by analysing the labour costs in companies with 10 or more employees, excluding agriculture and public services.

Fast Pensions nest egg debt

A COMPANY that ran 15 pension schemes in the UK has gone bust.

Fast Pensions and five associated firms have been told to suspend trading by the High Court of Justice in London.

Around 250 people who sank millions of pounds into the enterprise face losing their investments after they were unable to access their savings.

The Insolvency Service said those affected should contact a lawyer, regulated financial adviser or the government-funded Pensions Advisory Service.

Quote of the Week

"It was a bad decision not to rescue Popular in 2012." Luis Maria Linde, Governor of the Bank of Spain, admits that in hindsight it would have been wise to use EU money to bail out the bank later sold to the Santander group for €1.



Fake degree row stirs new scandal



SCHOLIARS?: Cristina Cifuentes and Pablo Casado.

TWO senior Spanish politicians face calls to resign after being accused of faking their Master's degrees.

Cristina Cifuentes, president of Madrid's regional government, and Pablo Casado, a deputy communications chief, are both members of Spain's ruling Popular Party (PP).

They allegedly obtained master's degrees in public regional law at King Juan Carlos University in Madrid without attending classes or defending a thesis.



Photo credit: PP/YouTube

Casado told a press conference that he was never expected to attend classes or sit exams, while a university departmental director resigned after saying her signature had been forged on a document Cifuentes produced when the story first broke at the end of March.

And the scandal could see the PP lose control of the regional assembly, where it relies on the support of centre-right party Ciudadanos, which has made fighting corruption one of its key policies.

BUSINESS EXTRA

Tanks a billion

MUBADALA DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, the state-owned holding company through which United Arab Emirates capital Abu Dhabi controls CEPSA, Spain's second-largest oil and gas firm, is preparing to sell a stake in the company for around €10 billion, it was reported.

Battle plans

THE Spanish Ministry of Defence has given the green light to construct five F-110 class frigates, a new class of warship featuring the Aegis naval weapons system, at a cost of €251.9 million, although the scheme needs to pass Congress.

Bank on it

US magazine Global Finance has for the fourth consecutive year chosen CaixaBank as the best bank in Spain, highlighting that the group has safeguarded the future of its 16 million customers by adjusting to their needs in a highly competitive market.

Expatriate papers shut down

TWO long-established expatriate weekly newspapers will no longer be hitting the stands.

It comes as the Costa del Sol News and Costa Almeria News, both part of the CB News group, last week printed their final editions.

They had been read by English-speaking residents for 22 and 13 years, respectively.

CB News was in 2007 acquired by Rotativos del Mediterraneo, part of a larger media group based in Germany.

And the firm has now taken the decision to axe both titles, citing finances as the reason for their closure.

The company's other publications - based on the Costa Blanca - will continue to operate as normal, according to reports.

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Associated British Foods	2,500.00	5.00	0.20	19,863.11
Admiral Group	1,847.50	-33.00	-1.75	5,337.60
Ashtead Group	1,959.50	-17.00	-0.86	9,729.45
Antofagasta	912.00	-3.60	-0.39	9,176.35
Aviva	487.50	-1.30	-0.27	19,607.12
AstraZeneca	4,890.00	-100.50	-2.01	63,418.14
BAE Systems	555.00	-46.80	-7.78	19,029.26
Barclays	208.50	-1.05	-0.50	36,289.43
British American Tobacco	4,315.00	4.00	0.09	98,305.89
Barratt Developments	545.50	-4.30	-0.78	5,508.24
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,251.00	389.00	10.07	5,175.76
British Land Co	650.50	0.70	0.11	6,418.28
BHP Billiton	1,395.00	6.20	0.45	29,780.21
Bunzl	2,090.00	-24.00	-1.15	6,974.04
BP	498.00	-0.40	-0.08	99,750.09
Burberry Group	1,623.50	-53.00	-3.16	7,129.50
BT Group	226.50	-8.05	-3.43	23,043.62
Coca-Cola HBC	2,753.00	46.00	1.70	9,792.74
Carnival	4,635.00	11.00	0.24	9,582.91
Centrica	143.20	0.10	0.07	7,911.62
Compass Group	1,422.50	-62.00	-4.18	23,461.26
Croda International	4,621.00	0.00	0.00	6,109.55
CRH	2,404.00	0.00	0.00	20,509.19
DCC	6,555.00	-90.00	-1.35	5,817.27
Diageo	2,485.00	-7.50	-0.30	61,384.29
Direct Line Insurance Group	353.35	6.45	1.86	4,786.38
Evrax	435.00	-15.50	-3.44	6,449.97
Experian	1,511.25	-23.25	-1.52	14,176.16
easyJet	1,635.00	-8.00	-0.49	6,520.17
Ferguson	5,270.00	-6.00	-0.11	13,155.38
Fresnillo	1,276.50	34.50	2.78	9,273.81
G4S	242.25	-8.25	-3.29	3,889.85
GKN	436.00	13.30	3.15	7,289.60
Glencore	353.00	1.85	0.53	51,748.76
GlaxoSmithKline	1,417.00	-5.60	-0.39	70,417.27
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,649.50	3.88	0.24	7,892.66
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InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,310.00	20.00	0.47	8,246.48
3i Group	878.00	0.00	0.00	8,563.44
Imperial Brands	2,712.50	158.00	6.19	24,124.78
Informa	721.00	-2.60	-0.36	5,883.40
Intertek Group	4,669.00	11.00	0.24	7,506.39
ITV	147.25	-0.85	-0.57	5,885.15
Just Eat	688.20	0.00	0.00	4,659.77
Johnson Matthey	3,205.00	-4.00	-0.12	6,098.24
Kingfisher	295.50	0.70	0.24	6,396.03
Land Securities Group	952.50	-1.20	-0.13	7,059.44

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London Stock Exchange Grp	4,246.50	28.50	0.68	14,396.51
Micro Focus International	1,464.00	335.50	29.73	4,770.77
Mediclinic International	684.20	115.20	20.25	4,219.98
Marks & Spencer Group	270.00	1.00	0.37	4,451.84
Mondi	1,885.50	-31.00	-1.62	7,056.53
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	224.10	-0.12	-0.06	5,295.95
National Grid	795.00	-29.50	-3.58	27,646.81
NMC Health	3,275.00	-123.00	-3.62	7,132.95
Next	4,765.00	-6.00	-0.13	6,875.93
Old Mutual Group	245.00	9.70	4.12	11,601.89
Paddy Power Betfair	6,970.00	0.00	0.00	5,919.15
Prudential	1,800.00	21.00	1.18	46,495.81
Persimmon	2,796.50	152.50	5.77	8,155.96
Pearson	737.00	-4.00	-0.54	5,722.19
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,175.00	-44.00	-0.71	43,674.79
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	254.00	-7.00	-2.68	31,505.49
Royal Dutch Shell	2,350.00	27.00	1.16	107,274.17
RELX	1,477.50	-40.50	-2.67	15,991.99
Rio Tinto	3,595.00	35.00	0.98	48,778.75
Royal Mail	514.20	-42.40	-7.62	5,526.00
Rolls-Royce Group	860.00	-8.00	-0.92	16,080.25
Randgold Resources	5,615.00	-43.00	-0.76	5,257.57
RSA Insurance Group	644.00	-8.40	-1.29	6,584.54
Rentokil Initial	250.50	-23.30	-8.51	5,069.17
Sainsbury (J)	244.75	-1.25	-0.51	5,357.94
Schroders	3,124.00	-32.00	-1.01	7,239.50
Sage Group (The)	645.00	-10.60	-1.62	7,092.31
Segro	614.40	0.29	0.05	6,182.04
Shire	3,617.50	-91.00	-2.45	33,789.97
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,184.00	126.00	4.12	7,229.18
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Tesco	204.00	-0.70	-0.34	19,815.83
TUI AG	1,650.25	89.75	5.75	9,019.33
Taylor Wimpey	196.00	7.20	3.81	6,143.27
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CATERPILLAR	142,990	-3.47%	-5,140	85,544,15
CHEVRON	114,76	-2.16%	-2,53	219,354,38
CISCO SYSTEMS	40,730	-2.61%	-1,090	196,217,47
COCA-COLA	43,92	-1.08%	-0,48	187,360,79
DOWDUPONT	63,71	-2.64%	-1,73	148,279,01
EXXON MOBIL	74,87	-1.51%	-1,15	317,258,79
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,0600	-2.76%	-0,3700	113,363,25
GOLDMAN SACHS	249,97	-2.28%	-5,84	94,814,31
HOME DEPOT	174,4500	-2.61%	-4,6800	201,102,99
IBM	150,57	-2.25%	-3,46	138,681,83
INTEL CORP	48,7900	-3.16%	-1,5900	227,751,72
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Deciphera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 24	2.16 ▲ 9.89%
Communications Systems, Inc.	\$ 3.95	0.35 ▲ 9.72%
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resTORbio, Inc.	\$ 8.49	1.08 ▼ 11.29%
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SPAIN'S TOP 100 RICHEST BRANDS NAMED Zara tops value ranking

FASHION retail giant Zara is the most valuable Spanish brand in 2018.

The popular clothing firm - owned by Europe's richest man Amancio Ortega - is currently worth €14.83 billion according to a new report by London-based consultancy Brand Finance.

It represents a year-on-year increase of more than 21 per cent in the company's value according to the Top 100 ranking, which sees the retailer claim top spot from banking group Santander.

"The spearhead of the Inditex group has improved in every aspect: its turnover has been 14 per cent higher, growth forecasts have grown by 6 per cent and its profit margins are among the strongest in the industry," the study says.

"It is one of the brands most recognised by the public, and far from satisfied with short-term success has managed to maintain an intelligent policy of capital investment in its facilities, creating the profits that are now being accrued," added Brand Finance's managing director in Spain, Teresa de Lemus.

And seven of the top 10 positions occupied by textile firms were taken by brands owned by Zara's Galicia-based parent company Inditex, the biggest fashion group in the world.

"The Inditex group contributes 18 per cent of



FROCKING HELL: Zara, Spain's most valuable brand this year, is owned by Inditex tycoon Amancio Ortega (inset) who is worth an estimated €56.3 billion.

the total value of the Top 100 companies," the report continues. "It owns firms including Bershka (15th position), Massimo Dutti (18th), Pull and Bear (20th) and Kiddy's Class, making its first appearance on the list."

Second-placed Santander increased its overall value by 2 per cent to €13.77 billion, with the banking sector contributing the greatest total worth to the classification.

BBVA, Spain's second-largest bank, placed third with a brand value of €9.87 billion, a rise

of 42 per cent in the space of a year.

But the fastest-growing firm was Madrid-based luxury fashion house Loewe, which rocketed by 70 per cent, followed by Catalan clothing retailer Mango and real estate specialist Merlin Properties, both of which soared by 55 per cent.

The overall top five was completed by telecommunications brand Movistar, which was valued at €9.7 billion, and Europe's largest department store El Corte Ingles, now worth €3.51 billion.

ADGP to open probe in wake of Cambridge Analytica row

SPAIN'S Data Protection Agency (AGDP) is probing British political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica.

The company is accused of harvesting the personal details of 87 million Facebook users through an app called thisisyourdigitallife - built by Cambridge University psychologist Aleksandr Kogan - in one of the social network's largest data breaches to date.

And AGDP confirmed the move as it tweeted: "The Spanish Data Protection Agency has opened an investigation against Facebook in order to examine the possible harm caused to Spanish users."

Facebook had allegedly been aware of the violation since late 2015 but failed to alert users. The news comes as Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg revealed he plans to testify before Congress in Washington DC after admitting that he made a "huge mistake" over the scandal.

HSBC WHISTLEBLOWER FREED AFTER ARREST Swiss extradition demand

A HIGH-PROFILE banking whistleblower has been released on bail but ordered to remain in Spain.

It comes after French-Italian IT specialist Herve Falciani - who worked for HSBC's Swiss private bank - was last week held in Madrid.

He fled from Switzerland to France in 2008 taking with him the names of 130,000 individuals and organisations allegedly flaunting the country's system to evade tax and launder money.

The 46-year-old later leaked the information, sparking investigations in France, Austria, Belgium, Spain and Argentina.

Switzerland first issued an international warrant for Falciani's arrest on charges of industrial sabotage in 2009, but French authorities ignored it and instead used the stolen data to prosecute tax dodgers.

He has been living between France and Spain under a high-security United Nations programme



'INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE': HSBC Private Bank was accused of helping clients to avoid paying billions of Euros in taxes after stolen data was leaked by Herve Falciani (inset).

since 2013, when the Spanish national court acquitted him of the violation of bank secrecy charges he faces in Switzerland, since the leaks exposed alleged serious offences.

In November 2015 he was sentenced in absentia to five years in prison for data theft and financial espionage, and the Swiss justice ministry last Thursday confirmed

that it has submitted a formal extradition request.

Spanish Judge Diego de Egea freed Falciani while he considers the case, but he has been stripped of his passport and banned from leaving the country, while he will be jailed if he fails to present himself in court once per week.

In November last year HSBC Pri-

ate Bank agreed to pay France around €300 million to avoid tax fraud charges, while Spain has reportedly recovered a similar amount in unpaid duties from the 637 Spaniards who appear on Falciani's list.

Sources at the Spanish High Court told national media that there is a 'judicial agreement' in place to protect him given the help he has provided to Spanish authorities.

But Spain wants to extradite two separatist fugitives, Marta Rovira of the Republican Left party and Anna Gabriel of the radical Popular Unity Candidacy, who fled to Geneva after being charged with rebellion over their roles in Catalunya's independence movement.

Switzerland has thus far been unwilling to cooperate, and Falciani's arrest is being widely seen in Spain as an attempt to curry favour, while triggering speculation of a possible prisoner exchange should the Catalan pair be held.

Operator nets airwaves deal worth €600m

TELEFONICA has forked out around €600 million to improve its British mobile service.

The UK subsidiary of the Spanish telecommunications provider has snapped up the biggest portion of new airwaves in an auction that raised more than €1.5 billion for the UK government, according to regulator Ofcom.

"We have acquired four blocks of 10 MHz each in the 2.3 GHz band and eight blocks of 5 MHz in the 3.4 GHz band," Telefonica said in a statement.

The airwaves are earmarked for next generation services, with the 3.4 GHz band set to be enabled for 5G, the upcoming wireless technology with the potential to link up everything from household devices to supermarkets to cars while offering super-fast smartphone speeds.

€8.4bn Bitcoin crackdown

CRYPTOCASH USED TO LAUNDER DRUG MONEY

ELEVEN people have been held in Spain and Colombia with 137 others being quizzed over an international drugs money laundering scheme involving the cryptocurrency Bitcoin.

A Guardia Civil probe was launched after 174 suspicious current accounts were opened with Dutch multinational banking firm ING.

Small amounts of cash up to €3,000 - the maximum permitted before identification is required - were reportedly dripped into these deposits via Spanish cash machines.

The money was later withdrawn in Colombian cities including Bogota, Cali, Cucuta and Medellin using credit cards associated with the accounts by mules travelling from Spain, where the drugs were sold.

A number of withdrawals also took place in Panama City, with a large network of people reportedly employed to make the initial deposits in order to avoid the alarm being raised.

Using this method, the gang was able to successfully convert €5 million of dirty money into legitimate assets, police said in a statement.



Photo credit Guardia Civil

BIT HITS THE FAN: The arrest of a cash mule by Colombian police sparked the probe.

But when Colombian investigators snared one of the culprits, the traffickers adopted a new technique, snapping up Bitcoins in Euros and later selling them for Colombian pesos using the Finnish startup LocalBitcoins.

In total, an additional €3.4 million was laundered this way, triggering a wider crackdown codenamed Operation Tulipan Blanca, a collaborative sting between detectives from Europol, the



Guardia Civil, the United States Department of Homeland Security and Finnish authorities.

Investigators swooped on eight unspecified properties in Spain during a series of raids, seizing computer equipment, documentation, plastic bags for packing bank notes and money counting machines. Colombia is currently ranked third in the world, behind China and Nigeria, in terms of the number of transactions carried out using cryptocurrencies. According to a LocalBitcoins spokesman, the transfer of Bitcoin into Colombian pesos soared by more than 1,200 per cent in 2017 alone.

It comes after the arrest in Alicante last month of the suspected leader of a gang of cybercriminals who allegedly stole up to €1 billion from banks by tampering with account balances and instructing hole in the wall machines to spit out cash.

The Ukrainian ringleader named as 'Denis K' had reportedly directed the plot from Spain since 2013, converting the proceeds into Bitcoin in his homeland and Russia before spending the proceeds on luxury goods in Spain.

Solar power to drive future of energy market

SPAIN'S Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Digital has published a new report, including new growth scenarios for the future of the Spanish energy market.

It recognises solar as the future cheapest source of power and predicts it to dominate all other energy sources within 12 years.

The Spanish government said that increasing the renewables share would significantly reduce power generation costs, thus enabling savings of around €9.6 billion and slashing CO2 emissions.

According to the most optimistic figures, solar is expected to reach a capacity of 47.1 TWh by 2030, becoming the country's leading power source, followed by wind, combined cycle plants, hydropower, cogeneration facilities, and nuclear power.

Under this scenario, renewables would have a 70 per cent share in Spain's electricity mix.



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How many more lives must be lost?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



I MUST confess I thought long and hard about the subject matter for this week's blurb.

I actually had a number of events I could have covered, including the arrest of the OAP who, in the act of protecting his home and family killed a scum burglar, or the disgraceful humiliation of some of our most loved stars (including a number of my friends) by a jumped up drag queen in the new reality show, 'Last Laugh in Las Vegas.'

In the end, I decided in the light of all the recent horrendous violence and murders in London, that I simply had, despite the near certainty of once more being labelled a racist, follow my own moral instincts and endeavour to speak freely about a subject that is being worsened and compounded by PC-riddled, fact-distorting media outlets with exactly the same anxieties.

All week, as report after report came in of further murders and injuries to youngsters in areas of London I waited, through numerous newscasts and discussions, for someone to finally state the truth - and almost unbelievably nobody did! The pure and utterly irrefutable fact that almost every victim involved in these crimes were black.



LONDON: Violence is on the increase.

It almost seems that our media outlets, including the politicians and police hierarchy, are either in complete denial or total funk regarding this glaringly obvious and extremely worrying situation. Until the true problem is at least admitted and faced up to, how on earth can the authorities begin to solve and prevent further maiming and murders of youngsters who originate in areas that are mainly occupied by the black communities? This is a black on black situation.

This is not 'a London problem,' as those who blame everyone else for the situation would have us believe. The majority of decent Londoners, ethnic or otherwise, are not rushing around in gangs, stabbing and committing drive-by shootings. It is utterly unfair to lump all the law abiding decent citizens of this great Metropolis into the same bag as a small majority, who have turned their local areas into some sort of tribal, drug-infested killing field.

Have we learned nothing from America,

where similar problems resulted in whole great cities being reduced to ghost towns of dust and destruction? This is a black community problem. Until all members of London society, including its dysfunctional mayor along with local members of these beleaguered communities admit this and come to terms with it, it will NEVER be sorted. The police must be given more power to act in these areas. They must be allowed to stop and search far more freely without fear of political correctness or accusations of racism.

Gang members must be rounded up and incarcerated, until their organisations break down and cease to exist. If this means bringing in the army, so be it. Community and sports centres need to be opened in these areas, with decent youngsters not being afraid to attend because it means straying into a 'rival' gang territory. All this can only be achieved if the true problem is recognised, admitted and acted upon. How many more young, misguided lives must be lost before the authorities get some bottle and do something to root out the true origins and perpetrators of this utterly tragic and unacceptable situation?

I await the 'Slings and Arrows.'

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Under fire CPS boss to quit after 'disastrous' rocky reign and crises

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

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

RARELY has news that a public official, the ideologically-driven Director of Public Prosecutions for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), Alison Saunders, is leaving their post been greeted with such glee.

One of her worst moments was when her decision not to charge the Labour peer Lord Janner with alleged child sex crimes was overturned after the complainants demanded a review of the CPS' assessment.

She was also heavily criticised after most of the journalists charged as part of Operation Elveden, the investigation into

allegations involving reporters bribing police officers and other public officials, were acquitted.

And recently, after the collapse of several rape trials following the failure of the prosecution to disclose evidence led to the CPS announcing a review of all current rape cases, she found herself faced with yet another crisis.

Again, during her rocky reign, the CPS wasted considerable police time and court resources in prosecuting cases dating back decades (Cliff Richard, for instance) where the evidence was tenuous at best.

While there's no doubt these matters should be investigated and the guilty brought to justice - like Max Clifford, Rolf Harris, Gary Glitter - several investigations were botched at taxpayers' expense. The cases of Lords Brittan, Bramall and McAlpine clearly show mistakes of identi-



Photo credit: Shutterstock/CliffRichard.com

CLEARED: Cliff Richard was among those wrongly accused during botched investigations launched by CPS boss Alison Saunders (inset) paid for by taxpayers.

ty or false allegations aren't impossible and that justice and fair procedures should apply to the living (as well as the dead).

So, another nail in the failing

reputation of the UK's justice system and also public trust in the police? The suspicion is that the police are yet another British institution that's become re-

moved from the concerns of the vast majority of people who pay for it. Too easily influenced by fashionable political issues; fairly useless at doing what people

really want it to do (stop crime); and eager for the spotlight in pursuing celebrities over allegations dating back to the 1970's.

Such was the never-ending roll call from the 70's, it reached the point when you expected Captain Pugwash, the Blue Peter tortoise and Zippy from Rainbow to be hauled in next for questioning...

To the ridiculous without going through the sublime...

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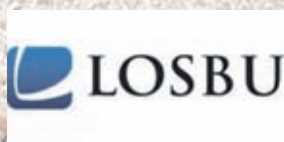
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10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:15pm	The Killing Game
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Steve Backshall's Hedgehog Rescue
9:00pm	Springtime on the Farm
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters
12:05am	The Murderer Next Door
1:00am	Super Casino

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10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
10:30pm	Derry Girls
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Windsors
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
12:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Live PGA Tour Featured Groups
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	F1 Report: China Preview
3:30am	Paddock Uncut
3:45am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Practice
5:45am	Williams Fw11

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	ITV Racing
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Sailing the Caribbean
10:00pm	The Investigator: A British Crime Story
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	UEFA Europa League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:40am	Lethal Weapon
2:25am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tonight

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7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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	Family Guy
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
12:15am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
	<i>Nostalgic drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village.</i>
8:55am	The Royal
	<i>Drama series set around a North Yorkshire hospital in the 1960s</i>
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young
	<i>Twice</i>
6:25pm	Rising Damp
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	My Boy Jack
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Chase
8:35am	Pawn Stars
9:25am	Ironsides
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Barcelona's European Glory
11:45am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Saint
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Big Fish Off
10:00pm	The Man with the Golden Gun
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Man with the Golden Gun
12:30am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
1:35am	FYI Daily
1:40am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
2:30am	Minder
3:30am	The Protectors

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9:00am	Walking Tall
10:30am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
1:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
3:40pm	Jarhead 3: The Siege
5:15pm	True Lies
7:40pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
10:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:35am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:50am	Get a Job
10:20am	Knocked Up
12:35pm	The Waterboy
2:15pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
4:00pm	30 Minutes or Less
5:30pm	27 Dresses
7:30pm	The Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
9:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
10:45pm	30 Minutes or Less
12:15am	Dumb and Dumber

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4:40am	The Hurricane Heist
6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	The Free World
8:45am	Double Date
	<i>It all seems too good to be true when shy virgin Jim and best mate Alex hit it off with a pair of beautiful sisters.</i>
10:20am	The Emoji Movie
	<i>Struggling to find his inner meh, multi-expressional livewire Gene embarks on a daring app-venture to find notorious hacker Jailbreak.</i>
11:50am	The Hurricane Heist
1:40pm	Wilson
3:20pm	Maudie
5:20pm	The Emoji Movie
6:50pm	Rough Stuff
9:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
10:50pm	Wilson
12:30am	Shin Godzilla
2:35am	The Free World
4:25am	Double Date

sky sports football

9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Football League Cup Final
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Football League Cup Final
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Football League Cup Final
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
7:30pm	Revista de la Liga
8:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London 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 at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	MasterChef
10:30pm	Have I Got News for You
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Wannabe
12:50am	Commonwealth Games 2018
4:30am	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
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	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	The City and the City
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Front Row Late
12:35am	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
1:30am	Panorama
2:00am	Civilisations
3:00am	Picasso's Last Stand

BBC FOUR

4:20am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018
10:00pm	Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark
11:30pm	The Joy of the Guitar Riff
12:30am	Rollermania: Britain's Biggest Boy Band
1:30am	Cilla at the BBC
2:30am	Totally British
3:30am	Nat King Cole: Afraid of the Dark
5:00am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	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
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	I Don't Like Mondays
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Lee and Dean
11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:20am	Rob Beckett's Playing for Time

CHANNEL 5

9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS Special: Game of Shadows
4:20pm	Patient Killer
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Springtime on the Farm
10:00pm	Jane Mcdonald: My Life Story
11:00pm	Will and Grace
11:30pm	Will and Grace
12:05am	Greatest Celebrity
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	G.I. Joe: Retaliation
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Paddock Uncut
7:45am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Practice
9:45am	Bottas in Finland
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
12:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
2:00pm	Live PGA Tour Featured Groups
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Premier League Greatest Games
12:30am	Barclays Premier League Preview
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	F1: GP: Practice 2 Highlights
4:45am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Practice

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4:25am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	ITV Racing
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Invictus
2:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Take on the Twisters
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

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8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
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!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	American Pie 2
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	American Pie 2
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!
1:35am	American Dad!

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3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	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	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	The Syndicate
12:05am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:05am	Vera
2:55am	The Zoo
3:50am	Million Dollar Princesses
4:40am	On the Buses

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase 7:50am
7:00am	The Chase
8:35am	Pawn Stars
9:00am	Pawn Stars
9:25am	Ironsides
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	British Touring Car Crashes and Smashes
11:45am	The Saint
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Virtual Grand National 2018
10:00pm	Car Crash Britain
11:00pm	Rambo: First Blood Part II
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12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	Rambo: First Blood Part II

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9:10am	Hancock
11:00am	Star Trek Beyond
1:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:30pm	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage
3:30pm	Armageddon
6:15pm	Central Intelligence
8:15pm	Hancock
10:00pm	Star Trek Beyond
12:15am	Xxx: Return of Xander Cage

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7:05am	It Had to be You
8:35am	Any Which Way You Can
10:35am	Liar Liar
12:15pm	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
2:15pm	Going in Style
4:00pm	The Dictator
5:30pm	Zoolander
7:05pm	That Thing You Do!
9:00pm	Going in Style
10:45pm	The Dictator
12:15am	Ali G Indahouse
1:50am	Brüno

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4:25am	Double Date
6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Special
7:00am	Rough Stuff
9:15am	The Emoji Movie
11:00am	The Hurricane Heist
12:55pm	Alien: Covenant
3:05pm	Rough Stuff
5:15pm	Maudie
7:20pm	The Emoji Movie
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:10pm	The Hurricane Heist
1:00am	Wilson
2:40am	Shin Godzilla
4:45am	The Free World

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2:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
2:00pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
7:30pm	EFL Midweek Goals: Championship
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	Football
4:15am	EFL Greatest Games

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Assault and battery

'My name is Terence Kennedy and I am a battoholic'

AM I the only one to get a charge from juggling and relocating batteries religiously between devices until they really are very, very, very empty?

By the time my throwaway AA battery has sparked its last after an action-packed journey from electric razor to torch to electric spaghetti fork (yes, mea culpa...) to doorbell to kitchen clock, I realise that yes, I do indeed need to get out more, but at least my humble battery has had almost as many lives as our cat.

The irony is that we're a dying breed in an increasingly battery-powered world, and it doesn't take a conspiracy theorist to unearth the truth: manufacturers increasingly want us to change our devices rather than their batteries. Removable batteries are (becoming) history.

The underlying wastage is staggering, as many of us can see by simply pulling out a desk drawer to reveal a graveyard of phones finished when their batteries were.

Removable batteries peaked in the 90's and have been losing ground ever since. The recent debacle where Apple finally fessed-up to slowing



CELL-BY DATE: The end of the removable battery?

down older iPhones as their batteries weakened, nudged the issue back to centre-stage.

At least iPhones can take a replacement battery, even if it's an expensive surgical intervention which only Apple will perform. Not a single flagship Android phone is now open to the public.

For fancy phones, metal and glass bodies simply don't mix well with removable batteries, playing havoc with waterproofing and sealing. Removable batteries are bulkier, in a world which prizes slimness over sense.

I have an early Nexus tablet still ticking along on its original battery

after five years and some 400 charges. As a DIY geek I could indeed swap its battery with the aid of a specialist kit - but it costs almost the same as an enticing new tablet so why would I?

A friend recently scrapped his entire laptop because it started showing a 'BIOS' error when booting. Had he asked, all it really needed was a new button battery worth a euro.

But today the only phones with removable batteries are budget ones, and who's to say you will still find niche batteries for a GreatLeapForwardfone three, four or five years down the line so why bother?

Manufacturers generally are increasingly replacing the ubiquitous removable cells with their own proprietary sealed units - while persuading us to buy today's new kid on the must-have gadget block, the portable powerbank.

As a David Attenborough aside to it all: could we thus also be facing the extinction of one increasingly endangered animal: the Duracell Bunny?

For battery or worse

DIEHARD battery-swappers take hope: online help is on hand if you can't face ditching a perfectly serviceable and much-loved device just because its battery has ceased to be.

Try running a Google search like 'how to change a non-removable battery' and you'll be astonished how many tutorials will appear.

In some cases all it takes is a cheap set of jewellers' screwdrivers, or a slightly fancier toolkit if your manufacturer attempts to thwart break-ins with odd-shaped screws (like the increasingly common Torx heads).

Specialist battery kits can be found online for the more popular phones, tablets and e-readers. But you will need a steady hand, eagle eyes - and no tears for any minor damage caused while breaking and entering.



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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen
12:30pm	Classic Mary Berry
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
5:30pm	Final Score
6:30pm	A Question of Sport
7:00pm	Doodlebugs
7:15pm	Ready or Not
7:45pm	BBC News
7:55pm	Regional News
8:00pm	Weather
8:05pm	Pointless
8:55pm	Who Dares Wins
9:35pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	Commonwealth Games 2018
4:30am	Commonwealth Games 2018

BBC TWO

4:50am	BBC News
7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
11:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
1:00pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
2:15pm	MasterChef
3:15pm	MasterChef
4:15pm	Escape to the Continent
5:15pm	Money for Nothing
5:45pm	Flog It!
6:30pm	Living with the Brainy Bunch
7:30pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	The Forest
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Gettys: The World's Richest Art Dynasty
11:15pm	Commonwealth Games 2018
12:45am	Swingers
2:15am	Civilisations
3:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:20am	BBC News

BBC FOUR

5:00am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more. More depth, more range, more to stimulate the mind</i>
8:00pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth <i>Documentary investigating life in the Atlantic Ocean.</i>
9:00pm	Commonwealth Games Extra
10:00pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
10:45pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
11:35pm	The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves
1:35am	Insect Worlds
2:05am	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
3:05am	The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves
4:05am	Info not available

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	F1: Grand Prix Qualifying
3:30pm	Car S.O.S
4:30pm	The Restoration Man
5:30pm	A Place in the Sun
6:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Coastal Railways with Julie Walters
9:00pm	Britain's Most Historic Towns
10:00pm	Thor
12:15am	Big Game
1:55am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Traffic Cops
1:30pm	Traffic Cops
2:30pm	Traffic Cops
3:30pm	Live Aviva Premiership
6:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	The Secret Life of Owls
9:00pm	Qe2: The Worlds Greatest Cruise Ship
9:58pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	20 Moments That Rocked the 00s
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Murder on the Internet
5:00am	Countdown to Murder
5:45am	House Doctor

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7:50am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
10:00am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:00pm	New Girl
12:30pm	New Girl
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10:00pm	Alien: Resurrection
12:05am	Gogglebox
1:10am	Naked Attraction
2:15am	Tattoo Fixers

sky sports main event

6:15am	F1 Report: China Preview
6:45am	Paddock Uncut
7:00am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Quali Pre-Show
7:55am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Qualifying
9:45am	The F1 Show
10:20am	Formula One Legends <i>Steve Rider sits down with Eddie Irvine</i>
10:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
1:00pm	Football <i>Southampton take on Chelsea at St Mary's Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Rugby Union
6:30pm	Football
8:30pm	Football
11:30pm	Nissan Match Choice
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News

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8:25am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Info not available
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:30pm	Change Your Tune
2:30pm	Britain's Brightest Family
3:00pm	ITV Racing
7:15pm	ITV Evening News
7:25pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:25pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:55pm	ITV News
11:10pm	Legally Blonde
1:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

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6:50am	ITV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:15am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:10pm	Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Take Away
2:40pm	Britain's Got Talent
3:40pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
4:45pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
5:45pm	FYI Daily
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6:35pm	Liar Liar
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7:40pm	Liar Liar
8:15pm	Arthur
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	Arthur
10:25pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:30pm	Celebrity Juice
12:15am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:15am	Family Guy
1:40am	American Dad!

itv3

6:00am	Rising Damp
6:25am	Judge Judy
6:45am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:10am	Murder, She Wrote
9:05am	Murder, She Wrote
10:05am	Lewis
12:00pm	A Touch of Frost
2:00pm	A Touch of Frost <i>The attempted theft of Superintendent Mullett's car leads Inspector Jack Frost into a murder investigation.</i>
4:00pm	Columbo
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Vera
2:00am	On the Buses
2:30am	On the Buses
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	Storage Wars Texas
7:50am	Storage Wars Texas
8:10am	Storage Wars Texas
8:30am	Storage Wars Texas
9:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
12:00pm	The Virtual Grand National 2018
1:00pm	The Big Fish Off
2:00pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	Red River
3:35pm	FYI Daily
3:40pm	Red River
5:10pm	The Last Sunset
6:15pm	FYI Daily
6:20pm	The Last Sunset
7:25pm	The Man with the Golden Gun
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Man with the Golden Gun
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon 3
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Lethal Weapon 3
12:20am	Eraser
1:20am	FYI Daily

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6:00am	Sky Movies - April 2018
7:00am	Batman
9:00am	Batman
11:10am	Batman Returns
1:20pm	Batman Forever
3:25pm	Batman and Robin
5:35pm	The Dark Knight
8:10pm	Batman
10:20pm	Batman Returns
12:30am	The Dark Knight
3:05am	Watchmen

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5:00am	Trapped
7:00am	Ready Player One: Special
7:30am	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
9:20am	The Bounty Hunter
11:20am	Police Academy
1:05pm	Baywatch
3:15pm	Why Him?
5:15pm	Police Academy
7:00pm	The Bounty Hunter
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:05pm	Why Him?
1:00am	Superbad

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:45am	The Free World
6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	Maudie
9:00am	The Emoji Movie
10:30am	The Hurricane Heist
12:30pm	The Hurricane Heist: The Eye of the Storm
1:00pm	The House
2:45pm	Alien: Covenant
5:00pm	The Emoji Movie
6:40pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
9:00pm	The House <i>Two straight-laced suburbanites set up an illegal casino when their daughter's scholarship falls through.</i>
10:35pm	Alien: Covenant
12:40am	Shin Godzilla
2:45am	Wilson
4:35am	The Free World

sky sports football

7:00am	Football
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
10:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
1:00pm	Football
3:45pm	Gillette Soccer Special
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	Football
11:55pm	MLS Greatest Games
12:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	Info not available
1:15am	Football <i>Fulham meet Brentford at Craven Cottage in the Sky Bet Championship</i>
3:40am	EFL Greatest Games
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns
5:00am	EFL Greatest Games
5:15am	EFL Greatest Games
5:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
5:45am	SPFL Greatest Games

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7:00am	Breakfast
8:30am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	MasterChef
3:15pm	MasterChef
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
5:00pm	Lifeline
5:10pm	Songs of Praise
5:45pm	Pointless
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
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	The Peacemaker

BBC TWO

7:00am	Commonwealth Games 2018
10:15am	Commonwealth Games 2018
4:00pm	Women's FA Cup Semi Final: Chelsea v Manchester City
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:30pm	Today at the Games
9:00pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
10:00pm	My Year with the Tribe
11:00pm	Famalam
11:20pm	The Homesman
1:15am	The Hunters
3:05am	Question Time <i>David Dimbleby presents topical debate from Liverpool.</i>
4:05am	Holby City <i>A revelation about Gaskell forces Roxanna to choose where her loyalties lie</i>
5:05am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Only Connect <i>Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the series where knowledge will only take you so far.</i>
8:30pm	University Challenge
9:00pm	Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants: Natural World
10:00pm	Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster
11:00pm	Why the Industrial Revolution Happened Here
12:00am	Conversations
1:00am	Eyes Down! The Story of Bingo
2:00am	Insect Worlds
2:30am	Revolution and Romance: Musical Masters of the 19th Century
3:30am	Titanic's Tragic Twin: The Britannic Disaster

CHANNEL 4

5:50am	The Question Jury
6:45am	Steph and Dom's One Start to Five Star
7:15am	King of Queens
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Eat the Week with Iceland
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	F1: Grand Prix Highlights
5:30pm	Speed with Guy Martin
6:30pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	Lifeline
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Divine Designs
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Football on 5
12:20pm	Football on 5
12:50pm	FIA Formula E Highlights
1:50pm	Traffic Cops
2:45pm	Traffic Cops
3:45pm	A Royal Night Out
5:40pm	The Hundred-Foot Journey
7:55pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Royals
9:00pm	Meghan Markle: The First 100 Days
10:00pm	Meghan and Harry
11:00pm	The Dater's Handbook
12:45am	Kensington Palace: Fit for a Princess
2:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	Secrets of Great British Castles
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:25am	Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:50pm	Young Sheldon
7:15pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:45pm	The Net
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
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:10am	The Inbetweeners
2:45am	The Inbetweeners
3:15am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

sky sports main event

6:00am	Ted's Notebook
6:30am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Pit Lane Live
7:30am	Live Chinese F1 GP: On the Grid
8:05am	Live Chinese F1 Grand Prix
10:30am	Live Chinese F1 GP: Paddock Live
11:10am	Nigel Mansell on F1 2018
11:30am	Sports Sunday
12:00pm	Goals on Sunday
1:30pm	Football
1:45pm	Football
2:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
7:30pm	World Cup Watch
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	La Liga Greatest Games
12:10am	Football
2:15am	Football
2:30am	Football
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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8:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
8:25am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	The Haunted Hathaways
9:30am	Info not available
10:25am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Info not available
1:25pm	Info not available
2:25pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	Info not available
3:30pm	Info not available
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	To be Announced
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Change Your Tune
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Marcella

itv2

6:40am	ITV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
1:20pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
2:20pm	FYI Daily
2:25pm	Looney Tunes: Back in Action
3:10pm	Casper
4:10pm	FYI Daily
4:15pm	Casper
5:05pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:35pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:40pm	The Mummy
8:40pm	FYI Daily
8:45pm	The Mummy
10:00pm	Furious 7
11:35pm	FYI Daily
11:40pm	Furious 7
12:40am	Family Guy
1:15am	Family Guy
2:10am	American Dad!
2:35am	American Dad!
3:00am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	On the Buses <i>Classic sitcom about a bus driver and his conductor pal.</i>
7:30am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	Heartbeat <i>Younger finds himself a possible witness at a hit and run incident when he attends a local dance.</i>
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:30am	Columbo
12:30pm	A Touch of Frost
2:40pm	A Touch of Frost
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	The Cruise
9:30pm	The Cruise
10:00pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
11:00pm	Changeling
1:50am	Blue Murder
2:45am	Blue Murder
3:35am	Tommy Cooper Forever
4:25am	Road to Avonlea
5:10am	Road to Avonlea

itv4

7:00am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Pawn Stars
9:00am	Pawn Stars
9:30am	Pawn Stars
10:00am	Pawn Stars
10:25am	Pawn Stars
10:55am	Pawn Stars
11:20am	The Motorbike Show
12:25pm	The Last Sunset
1:30pm	FYI Daily
1:35pm	The Last Sunset
2:45pm	Bend of the River
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Bend of the River
4:35pm	Jeremiah Johnson
5:40pm	FYI Daily
5:45pm	Jeremiah Johnson
6:50pm	Mr. Bean
7:25pm	Mr. Bean
7:55pm	The Big Fish Off
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Tremors
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Tremors
12:00am	Universal Soldier: Regeneration
1:15am	FYI Daily

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9:50am	Assassin's Creed
11:50am	X-Men Origins: Wolverine
1:40pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
4:00pm	Spider-Man
6:10pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
8:00pm	Assassin's Creed
10:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
12:20am	Spider-Man

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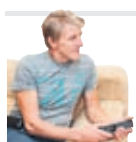
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11:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
1:15am	Raising Arizona
3:00am	Monty Python's the Meaning of Life
4:50am	Ibiza Undead

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

9:10am	The Emoji Movie <i>Struggling to find his inner meh, multi-expressional livewire Gene embarks on a daring app-venture to find notorious hacker Jailbreak.</i>
10:40am	The Hurricane Heist <i>Full-throttle thriller about a team of hackers using a devastating hurricane as cover to steal millions</i>
12:30pm	The House
2:15pm	Alien: Covenant
4:20pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
5:45pm	The Emoji Movie
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9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
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sky sports football

7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	EFL Goals: Championship
8:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
12:30pm	Football
3:15pm	Football
6:25pm	Info not available
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	Football
12:05am	MLS Greatest Games



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SEMANA SANTA was, for most of us, as glorious as ever across Spain, but it seems that TV presenters in the UK haven't realised that most of us went back to our usual day to day activities on April 2.

Lorraine (ITV, weekday mornings) is still on her Easter break and she must be confident that her fan base will gush once again when she returns, because the fabulous Christine Lampard has been doing a great job sitting in the hot seat whilst our Lorraine is off guzzling Easter eggs (unlikely) or sunning herself somewhere (possible).

Elsewhere, Rylan and Emma substituted for Phil and Holly and did a great job too. We know that Phil was in the Maldives because he made sure it was all over social media, but Holly was quiet, maybe she was in a chocolate egg-eating competition with Lorraine?

Piers Morgan is still absent from *Good Morning Britain*. It seems that this week Eamonn Holmes (he has his own website you know, with a mas-

Missing presenters and a possible change of venue



FABULOUS: Christine Lampard.

sive picture of himself on the front page) has been doing a little bit of filling in whilst Piers dines with Joan Collins and the like in LA.

I know that I'm risking an onslaught from loyal Piers fans if I dare even hint at another criticism of him, but if I'm honest, Eamonn is just as arrogant and dominating as Piers.

So if the 'Piers' job description is to

BREAKDOWN: Ruti Olajugbagbe.

be dominating, arrogant and to generally talk over or down to the female presenters, then my money is on Mr



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Holmes. And if you were watching GMB on Monday, I hope you caught Kate discovering, live on air, that she still had a roller in her hair - she laughed it off.

In TV News, *Britain's Got Talent* returns to ITV on Saturday, perhaps with one half of Ant and Dec, and Richard Blackwood is leaving *East-Enders*. Richard is apparently pleased to be going. Really? Isn't that a little bit like a politician standing down to spend more time with their family? Fans of *First Dates*

might want to suggest alternative restaurant venues for the new series on *Channel 4*. It seems the show wants to move from its current location by St Paul's, maybe to a more 'hip' setting. My suggestion, although I'm clearly bias, is the beautiful Los Claveles bar and restaurant in Casares village. Fred would fit right in.

The Voice has finally dragged itself to an end on ITV. Ruti Olajugbagbe, coached by Sir Tom Jones, was crowned winner and broke down in tears when her win was announced. *Dreams* by The Cranberries, will be her debut single, I hope it does well.

Gogglebox has been making headlines for a mixed bag of reasons over the last few weeks. The show has been running for five years and we now know that Jenny and Lee, the two in a caravan and the Siddiquis are our most popular families.

Happy viewing.

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

IRENE MONTERO, partner of Podemos supremo Pablo Iglesias announced on Facebook that she was expecting twins, addressing her followers as vosotras y vosotros. The wordiness is inevitable in someone who insists on using the hybrid portavoz for spokeswoman instead of portavoz which does for both males and females.

The twins' sex has not been announced but if there's one of each, doubtless she will have to use twice as many words as any other mother.

Jailhouse rock

ONE of the Catalans' greatest disfavours to Spain is claiming that they are persecuted democrats in an undemocratic state.

This wasn't the view taken by the Schleswig-Holstein's Public Prosecutor who requested the extradition of self-exiled, former regional president of Catalunya, Carles Puigdemont for rebellion and misappropriation of public funds.

It was rebellion, according to the Germans, because he insisted on going ahead with the vetoed October 1 referendum, knowing it would spark violence.

There was a risk that Puigdemont, who had been swanning around in Denmark, would scarper, the German Public Prosecutor decided.

It was up to the Schleswig-Holstein court to

decide whether Puigdemont was extradited and in the event they freed him. But Angela Merkel made it clear before the announcement that she

would not hinder his extradition as - borrowing Mariano Rajoy's go-to line - this was strictly a legal issue.

"Spain is a democratic state where rule of law exists," Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert said. And as far as the German government is concerned any solution to the Catalan problem "must be found within Spain's legal and constitutional order."

Not the kind of words that are music to a separatist's ears, but the sort they can expect to hear, possibly to the tune of 'Jailhouse Rock'.

Doubly blessed

It doesn't add up

MANCHESTER CITY manager Pep Guardiola appears to be all in favour of the Proces towards Catalan independence.

He has worn his yellow ribbon with pride and felt that paying the equivalent of €22,925 for wearing it at FA matches was cheap at the price.

"This isn't about independence, it's about democracy," insisted Guardiola who wears the ribbon to demonstrate his support for the separatist politicians who have been remanded since last October.

"All that we six million have achieved in these years, taking the streets, we have achieved peacefully," the ex-footballer told an interviewer not long ago.

Years before separatism gained its present momentum, he might have been right but the Catalan police, the Mossos d'Esquadra, admitted there were 250 violent acts during the Proces, often targeting the Constitutionalist parties and politicians.

Pep minimised that one, but definitely maximised the six million who took to the streets, considering that Catalunya has a population of 7.5 million.

He might be a pretty good trainer but he's lousy at arithmetic.



'LOUSY AT ARITHMETICS': Pep Guardiola.

When in Rome

PABLO IGLESIAS visited the former Argentinian president, Cristina Kirchner. She is due to stand trial for an alleged cover-up of Iran's involvement in the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community centre in Buenos Aires.

Not a problem for our Pablo who stressed the Peronista roots of Podemos, buttering up Kirchner, who is a Peronista. And there were we, thinking the party had Bolivarian roots, thanks to the Venezuela connection when Iglesias and other party founders were Hugo Chavez's assessors.

In Catalunya Iglesias flirts with independence because he needs the votes and does a reverse turn anywhere else because he needs the votes. Peronista, Bolivarian, Separatist, Constitutionalist - seems Iglesias either likes doing as the Romans do, or can't make up his mind.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Health
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Nightmare Pets SOS
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show
1:15am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Escape to the Country
8:15am	Flog It!
9:00am	Hugh's Wild West
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back, Giving Back
4:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5:15pm	Tigers About the House
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	The Secret Helpers
9:00pm	Only Connect
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Secret Agent Selection : Ww2
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC FOUR

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	Turkey with Simon Reeve
10:00pm	Beirut: An Art Lovers' Guide
11:00pm	The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors
12:00am	Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British
1:00am	The Toilet: An Unspoken History
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Richard Skinner and Janice Long present another edition of the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 21 April 1983.</i>
2:35am	Top of the Pops
3:10am	Beirut: An Art Lovers' Guide

CHANNEL 4

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
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	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Dispatches
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	Kiss Me First
12:00am	Indian Summer
1:05am	School First Dates

CHANNEL 5

6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Traffic Cops
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	NCIS
4:20pm	Deadly Duplicate
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Waco Inferno: The Untold Story
12:05am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:05am	America's Toughest Prisons
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Restless Legs
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
5:45am	House Doctor

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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
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2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	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

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:00pm	Football <i>West Ham United take on Stoke City at the London Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
12:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	My Icon
5:30am	My Icon
5:45am	My Icon

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	The Queen's Green Planet
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:50pm	The Investigator: A British Crime Story
12:50am	Last Laugh in Vegas
1:40am	Jackpot247

itv2

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

itv3

6:00am	Road to Avonlea
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:30pm	Rising Damp
7:00pm	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
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironside
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironside
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	Rambo III
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Rambo III
12:05am	Assassins
1:10am	FYI Daily
1:15am	Assassins
2:45am	Fifth Gear
3:35am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Ghost Rider
9:00am	True Lies
11:30am	Wonder Woman
2:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
4:20pm	300
6:30pm	Ghost Rider
8:30pm	Wonder Woman
11:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
1:15am	300
3:25am	True Lies

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	Wild Oats
8:40am	In and Out
10:15am	Ghost Town
12:05pm	The Cable Guy
1:50pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
3:40pm	Meet the Parents
5:35pm	The Boss
7:20pm	Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie
9:00pm	Meet the Parents
11:00pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
1:00am	Pretty in Pink

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	FilmThe Emoji Movie
8:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:00am	The House
10:40am	FilmJust Charlie
12:30pm	FilmAlien: Covenant
2:35pm	FilmBatman: The Killing Joke
4:00pm	FilmWilson
5:45pm	FilmThe Emoji Movie
7:15pm	Just Charlie <i>Tender drama about a gifted young footballer whose future appears mapped out, until a long-held and closely guarded secret comes out into the open</i>
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:10pm	The House
12:45am	FilmBatman: The Killing Joke

sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	Football Years
8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Info not available
1:05pm	Info not available
3:10pm	Info not available
5:15pm	Eredivisie
7:25pm	MLS Greatest Games
7:30pm	Info not available
7:45pm	Info not available
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	La Liga Icons
8:55pm	Info not available
11:00pm	Football's Greatest
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits

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RAF inspired super car raffled for charity: one very lucky driver!

THE RAF, the first independent Air Force in the world, is celebrating a century of service in 2018.

Last year inspired by and in anticipation, luxury sports car manufacturer, Aston Martin commissioned a unique series of sports cars to mark that service, a limited edition of 10 Vanquish S Red Arrows editions.

The Vanquish S Red Arrows is the result of collaboration between Q by Aston Martin, the Royal Air Force and Aston Martin Cambridge with approval from the Ministry of Defence, resulting in one of the most exclusive Aston Martins ever built.

Just 10 of the Red Arrows inspired cars were constructed, each with special design features, hand crafted interiors and graphic elements drawn from the language of aviation as well as the skill and agility of the RAF's acclaimed official aerobatic unit, the Red Arrows.

Why 10 cars when the Red Arrows perform in a diamond formation of nine Hawk jets? Because the 10th was gifted to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

The Aston Martin Red10 was raffled in support of the fund, and more than 70,000 tickets were sold, raising more than £1.5 million. The winner of the raffle and lucky owner of the Aston Martin Red10 supercar, Humphry Bradley



FLYING HIGH: The Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition.

said: "I was totally shocked to win such an incredible prize, absolutely gobsmacked. I am honoured to have supported a service charity and the RAF Benevolent Fund undertakes some truly incredible work supporting the RAF family. As an ex-service man myself I know how important the work of charities like the fund is."

The Vanquish Special Edition is finished in striking Eclat Red, mirroring the livery of the Hawk jets and referencing the word 'Eclat,' the Red Arrows' motto.

Subtle details enhance the body work and interior from white and blue carbon detailing to the white smoke

trail feature on the side strake.

Exposed carbon fibre roof panels include a 'charge pattern' imitating the design of a fast jet with Union Jack enamel wing badges and a titanium exhaust complete the exterior design.

Inside Red Arrows and RAF inspired details abound, Pinewood green inserts evoke the classic flight suit and Martin Baker ejection seat fabric together with the green webbing seatbelts.

The signature Red Arrows emblem of nine aircraft in a classic diamond formation is embroidered on the seat backs, together with unique sill and engine inspection plaques. Each car is signed by the equivalent Red Arrows pilots, one through to 10.

The cabin is finished in a 2+0 configuration allowing for rear mounted stowage of twin racing helmets, both finished in the Red Arrows livery. Each Vanquish S Red Arrows owner also receives bespoke accessories including racing helmets, racing suits, embroidered bomber jackets and bespoke luggage.

Editions one to nine are available for £275,000 (€315,400) on the road, while the raffle winner owns Aston Martin Red10.

TOP GUN: The stunning bespoke interior.

Travel

MANY people have a bucket list of places around the world that they would like to visit, even if it is just a pleasant day-dream.

However, those who are serious about making good on their explorations may need to start prioritising, as many sites are endangered due to environmental factors, political upheaval, and lack of funds among other reasons.

Old City of Jerusalem and its walls

This is clearly a deeply sacred site in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, and according to UNESCO contains 220 historical monuments.

Jerusalem and its walls were added to the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger in 1982, at Jordan's suggestion.

But with ongoing political problems, urban development and an apparent lack of protection, it is definitely advisable to visit there sooner rather than later.

Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra, Indonesia

This jungle idyll is home to

Your time bomb bucket list



SLIDING AWAY: The Montana glaciers are one of many climate change victims.

many endangered and diverse species, and was added to the UNESCO List of World Heritage in Danger in 2011.

It consists of three distinct

national parks, has some 200 mammal species (including the Sumatran orangutan), 580 types of bird and 10,000 plant species.

Liverpool, England

According to Conde Nast Traveller, while UNESCO stipulates that the current buildings in Liverpool must remain the tallest

in the city, ever increasing urban development threatens to permanently alter the Liverpool's aesthetic.

The port, which was one of Britain's flagship economic hubs in its heyday, was added to UNESCO's List of World Heritage in Danger in 2012.

Coro, Venezuela

The beautiful city is "the only surviving example of a rich fusion of local traditions with Spanish Mudejar and Dutch architectural techniques," says UNESCO.

It was added to the Danger list in 2005 due to fears around the effects of the Venezuelan oil industry.

Glacier National Park, Montana

This stunning National Park used to contain over 150 glaciers, but that number is now down to just 25.

With climate change's relentless march, those wishing to see such glaciers may need to make plans quickly.

BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Health
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
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4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
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6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	My Turban and Me
12:20am	Double Mastectomy Twins
12:50am	Getting High for God?
1:20am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Health
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6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	The Repair Shop
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm	Hospital
11:00pm	Cunk on Britain
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Living with the Brainy Bunch
1:15am	MasterChef

BBC FOUR

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 <i>Series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems</i>
9:00pm	King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
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: From Top to Toe
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	Apples, Pears and Paint: How to Make a Still Life Painting

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
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7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Class of Mum and Dad
10:00pm	Paradise Hunters
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:05am	One Born Every Minute
1:10am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

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6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Made in Yorkshire
11:00pm	Becky Watts: Killed for Kicks
12:00am	Serial Killers
1:00am	When Kids Kill: Schoolboy Slayer
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
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8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

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11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>

itv

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
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11:30am	This Morning
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2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
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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	100 Year Old Driving School
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	The Durrells

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
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	American Pie 2
11:30pm	FYI Daily
11:35pm	American Pie 2
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	American Dad!
1:30am	American Dad!
1:55am	Celebrity Juice

itv3

7:00am	Coronation Street <i>Jack offers to be a stand-in at Gus Ferris's club. Audrey is thrilled when Malcolm flies in</i>
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	The Royal
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6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	The Street
2:20am	The Street
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase <i>Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.</i>
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:30pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon 3
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Lethal Weapon 3
12:20am	Tremors
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Tremors
2:15am	Minder
3:15am	Ax Men
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

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8:30am	Birth of the Dragon
10:10am	Transformers: The Last Knight
1:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
3:20pm	Iron Man 3
5:35pm	Birth of the Dragon
7:20pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
10:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
12:30am	Iron Man 3
2:45am	Fearless
4:35am	Operation Chromite

sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:05am	Dragnet
8:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:15am	Just Married
10:00am	Loser
11:45am	Made of Honour
1:35pm	School of Rock
3:35pm	Fist Fight
5:15pm	Miss Congeniality
7:10pm	Made of Honour
9:00pm	School of Rock
11:00pm	Fist Fight
12:40am	Election
2:30am	Knocked Up
4:45am	Larry Gaye: Renegade Male Flight Attendant

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:20am	Wilson
9:10am	The House <i>Two straight-laced suburbanites set up an illegal casino when their daughter's scholarship falls through.</i>
10:55am	Growing Up Smith
12:55pm	Alien: Covenant
3:05pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
4:35pm	Just Charlie
6:30pm	Ready Player One: Special
7:00pm	Growing Up Smith
9:00pm	The House
10:35pm	Alien: Covenant
12:40am	Batman: The Killing Joke
2:10am	Wilson <i>Offbeat comedy-drama about a lonely misanthrope who reconnects with his ex-wife and learns that he has a daughter.</i>
4:00am	Maudie

sky sports football

9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Revista de la Liga
10:30am	Eredivisie
11:30am	Soccer A.M.
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
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 Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	Eredivisie
9:00pm	Revista de la Liga
9:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
10:00pm	Magical Messi
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	La Liga Icons

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10:15am Health
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm Heir Hunters
12:45pm Dom on the Spot
1:15pm Bargain Hunt
2:00pm BBC News
2:30pm Regional News
2:45pm Doctors
3:15pm 800 Words
4:00pm Escape to the Country
4:45pm Flipping Profit
5:30pm Flog It!
6:15pm Pointless
7:00pm BBC News
7:30pm Regional News
8:00pm The One Show
9:00pm Watchdog
10:00pm Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation
11:00pm BBC News
11:30pm Regional News
11:40pm Weather
11:45pm A Question of Sport
12:15am Nightmare Pets SOS
12:45am Getting High for God?

BBC TWO

9:30am Classic Mary Berry
10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm The Daily Politics
2:00pm Lifeline
2:10pm Coast
2:45pm Home Away From Home
3:30pm Going Back, Giving Back
4:15pm Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5:15pm Tigers About the House
6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm Eggheads
7:30pm The Repair Shop
8:00pm Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
11:00pm Live at the Apollo
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm Nature's Microworlds
9:00pm The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart
Series investigating the geological forces that have shaped East Africa's Great Rift Valley.
10:00pm The Real Winnie Mandela
11:00pm The Plantagenets
12:00am Time Shift
1:00am The Mystery of Rome's X Tombs
2:00am Top of the Pops
2:25am Top of the Pops
2:50am The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart
Series investigating the geological forces that have shaped East Africa's Great Rift Valley.
3:55am Time Shift

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 Buy it Now
7:00pm The Simpsons
7:30pm Hollyoaks
8:00pm Channel 4 News
9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm One Born Every Minute
11:00pm First Dates
12:05am Paradise Hunters
1:05am Live From Abbey Road Classics

CHANNEL 5

7:00am Milkshake!
10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:15pm Traffic Cops
1:10pm 5 News
1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm Access
2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm NCIS
4:15pm Perfect Life, Perfect Lies
6:00pm 5 News
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News
8:00pm The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm Housing Yorkshire: Somewhere to Call Home
11:00pm Violent Child, Desperate Parents
12:05am Meghan and Harry In Their Own Words
1:05am Meghan Markle: The First 100 Days

4

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

sky sports main event

6:00am Sky Sports News
7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo
4:00pm Live Indian Premier League
8:00pm Live Premier League Darts
Rotterdam welcomes the latest week of the Unibet Premier League Darts season.
11:30pm Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am Sky Sports News
1:00am Sky Sports News
2:00am Sky Sports News
3:00am Sky Sports News

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am This Morning
1:30pm Loose Women
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm Regional News and Weather
3:00pm Judge Rinder
4:00pm Tenable
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 Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm Coronation Street
10:00pm Benidorm
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm Regional News and Weather
11:45pm Info not available
12:40am British Touring Car Championship Highlights

itv2

7:20am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am Emmerdale
9:20am The Cube
10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
1:15pm Emmerdale
1:45pm You've Been Framed! Gold
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! Gold
8:30pm You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm Two and a Half Men
9:30pm Two and a Half Men
10:00pm Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm Family Guy
12:25am Family Guy

itv3

3:30am Teleshopping
7:00am Coronation Street
Ivy tells Brian she's annoyed about being lied to about Audrey's visit to Canada.
7:25am Coronation Street
7:55am Heartbeat
9:00am The Royal
10:00am Judge Judy
10:30am Judge Judy
10:55am Judge Judy
11:20am Inspector Morse
1:35pm The Royal
2:35pm Heartbeat
3:40pm Coronation Street
4:15pm Coronation Street
4:45pm On the Buses
5:20pm On the Buses
5:55pm You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm George and Mildred
7:00pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Endeavour
11:00pm The Street
12:15am The Street
1:35am My Boy Jack
3:25am ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am Teleshopping
7:00am The Chase
7:50am Pawn Stars
8:10am Pawn Stars
8:35am Ironside
9:35am Quincy, M.E.
10:40am Minder
11:45am The Saint
12:50pm The Avengers
1:55pm The Protectors
2:30pm ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:00pm The Saint
6:05pm The Avengers
7:05pm Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm British Superbike Championship Highlights
10:00pm The Motorbike Show
11:00pm The Americans
12:00am Lethal Weapon
1:00am The Big Fish Off
2:00am Minder
3:00am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am Teleshopping

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9:45am Twister
11:45am The Hurricane Heist
1:45pm Spider-Man: Homecoming
4:15pm Hancock
6:00pm Twister
8:00pm The Hurricane Heist
10:00pm Spider-Man: Homecoming
12:30am Hancock
2:15am The Punisher: War Zone

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:30am Laws of Attraction
10:10am My Best Friend's Wedding
12:00pm Clueless
1:50pm Chips: Law and Disorder
3:40pm The Dictator
5:10pm Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
7:10pm Clueless
9:00pm Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm The Dictator
12:15am T2: Trainspotting
2:15am Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:10am Top Ten Show, the 2018
Which movies are doing the best business at home and across the pond?
6:30am Ready Player One: Special
7:00am Just Charlie
9:00am Batman: The Killing Joke
The Joker devises a plan to prove that one bad day can make anyone as insane as he is, setting his sights on Commissioner Gordon.
10:30am Wilson
12:10pm The House
1:55pm Alien: Covenant
4:05pm Growing Up Smith
6:00pm Batman: The Killing Joke
7:25pm The House
9:00pm Alien: Covenant
11:10pm Spacewalker
1:30am Just Charlie
3:20am Wilson
5:05am Growing Up Smith

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11:00am Revista de la Liga
11:30am La Liga World
12:00pm One2eleven
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3:00pm Revista de la Liga
3:30pm La Liga World
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm La Liga Greatest Games
6:20pm Football
8:35pm Football
10:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
11:00pm The Debate - Live
12:00am Eredivisie

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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Don't allow an open-ended offer to muddle your mind. There is no need for an immediate decision and this may be too soon for a positive move. A sense of urgency may be put down to practical reasons when, in fact, it is no such thing.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Are things going swimmingly? Good. Maybe you had forgotten how to have real fun.

Remember when you were a child? Life was so simple. Relax and be that child again. If some old foggie accuses you of being silly, feel sorry for them.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Are you feeling that you have been dealt a rough hand? Consider this: there are some who are not dealt a hand at all. Many are missing those few cards that mean they are never really in with a chance. Instead of lurking on the shady side, walk out into the sun.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

A chance remark opens a can of worms. Trying to get them back in could turn out to be very messy. We all open our mouth and put our foot in it sometime. However, overreacting won't help. You will need help with something this week.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Awkward situations usually bring out the best in you and this week proves that. In the longer term, you will be grateful to those making things difficult now.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Someone who is usually quite the opposite to you will surprise with an offer. Although you are naturally suspicious, give them the benefit of the doubt. Leopards do not change their spots but they are capable of behaving for the bigger good.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Get out in the fresh air as much as possible and be kind to your body. You may have neglected yourself because you have been such a busy bee of late. What about a trip to the seaside or a walk in the hills? Maybe a trip to the local cocktail bar is more your style! Whatever puts a spring in your step will be good.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

An intimate meeting is less exciting than anticipated. This should not bother you because time could yet change that. You need to be in the right place at the right time, so don't give up hope, just have a little patience. A change of plans will be more beneficial than irksome, at least in the longer term.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

A fleeting meeting stirs feelings that you thought were dead.

This could be good if it reminds you of how life can be, or bad if it makes you think of missed opportunities. It is never too late to make a fresh start. Why not go on that painting holiday or stamp-collecting weekend? Pole dancing anyone?

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

While counting your pennies, also count your blessings. Money can be a big problem or merely an irritation but the lack of it must be kept in perspective. You are right to think twice about accepting something that seems to be for nothing.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Someone really has rattled your tree, but try to refrain from throwing coconuts on their head. It is much more effective to be charming and get them confused.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

The goat in you is keen to find pastures new. It isn't a nibble that is needed at the moment, but a feast. Accepting anything less would be a mistake because someone is watching your reaction to an offer.

Trivia from around the world

*** More than 40 per cent of the population of Greece live in the capital city of Athens. Its population stood at 10,000 in 1834 and rose to 3.7 million by 2016.

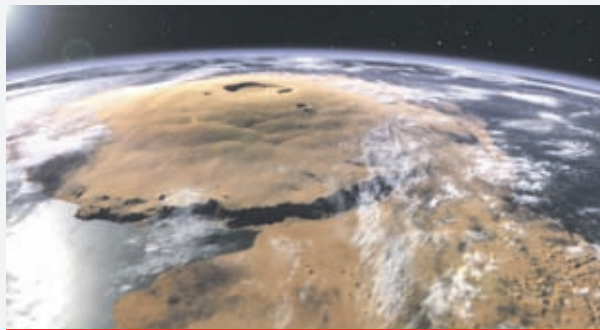
*** Robots have been used in South Korea as prison guards, teachers and to patrol the border with North Korea.

*** Argentina sent a pregnant woman to Antarctica in 1977 in a bid to claim a portion of the continent. Her baby boy became the first known person born there.

*** Farmers in Tanzania throw condoms with chilli powder in them at elephants who stray onto their fields.

*** People living in Oman are not allowed to spend more than 10 per cent of their monthly income on alcohol.

*** There are more kangaroos living in Australia than there are people, according to recent data.



BIGGEST MOUNTAIN: Astronomers spotted Olympus Mons on the surface of Mars as early as the 19th century.

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Mars is home to the largest known mountain on a planet in our solar system. At almost 25 kilometres high and around 600 kilometres across, Olympus Mons covers an area equivalent to much of France. It is about two and half times taller than Mount Everest.

Women's wit

Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning."

Gloria Steinem, activist



Famous quote

Men do change, and change comes like a little wind that ruffles the curtains at dawn, and it comes like the stealthy perfume of wildflowers hidden in the grass." John Steinbeck, writer

World of English

Mumpsimus - a custom or notion that is held although it has shown to be unreasonable.

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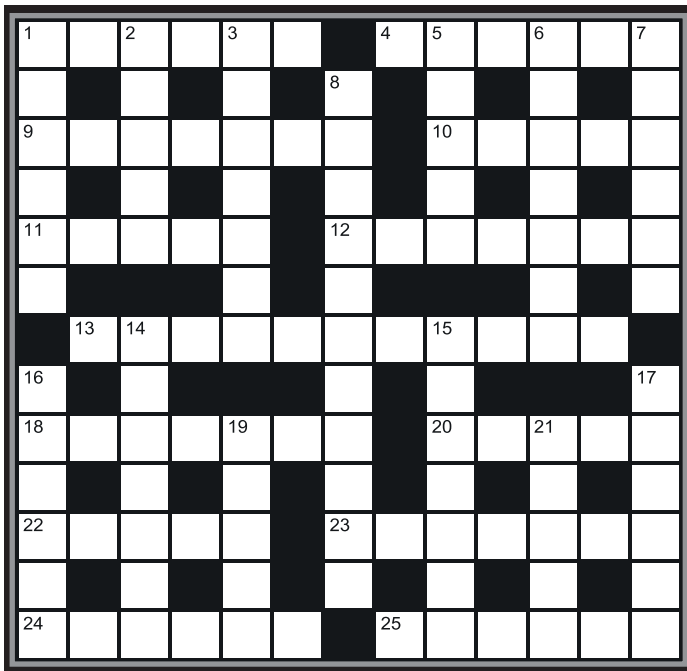


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Doesn't sit where the dearest seats are (6)
- 4 Boat seen after short time in capital (6)
- 9 It's mean to state how old one is (7)
- 10 Old stringed instruments from hilly resorts (5)
- 11 Guy entertains Mark and Victor (5)
- 12 The wrong deep tar is a cause of delays (3,4)
- 13 Underground building isn't cleaned (11)
- 18 Some tennis pros perceptively thrive (7)
- 20 Small owl, young, somewhat humble (5)
- 22 Ascend, having registered band (5)
- 23 Edwin's upset about Lloyd's first fraud (7)
- 24 Cooked small trout for the coaches (6)
- 25 Invisible nun wandering around diocese (6)

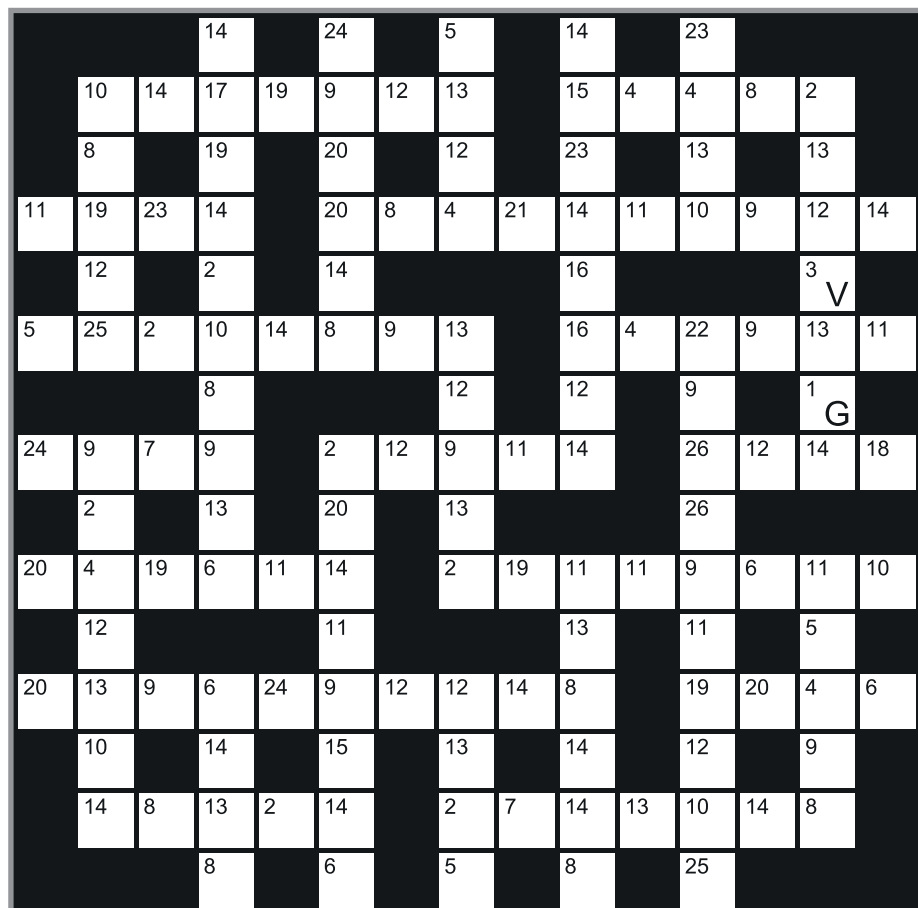


Down

- 1 Formality of a celebrity going to church (6)
- 2 Near a demolished stadium (5)
- 3 Inscrutable late Greek god (4,3)
- 5 Anointed muddled oldie (5)
- 6 Sure to have new crate at home (7)
- 7 Has Edward got drunk? (6)
- 8 Decoration to make the patron saint annoyed (6,5)
- 14 Warning cry to main watchman (7)
- 15 Capital city has towering hostelry (7)
- 16 Peg, drunkard, crossing gorge (5)
- 17 Heraldic beast with very strange name (6)
- 19 Scottish player to defeat queen (5)
- 21 Club gaining advantage after wicket (5)

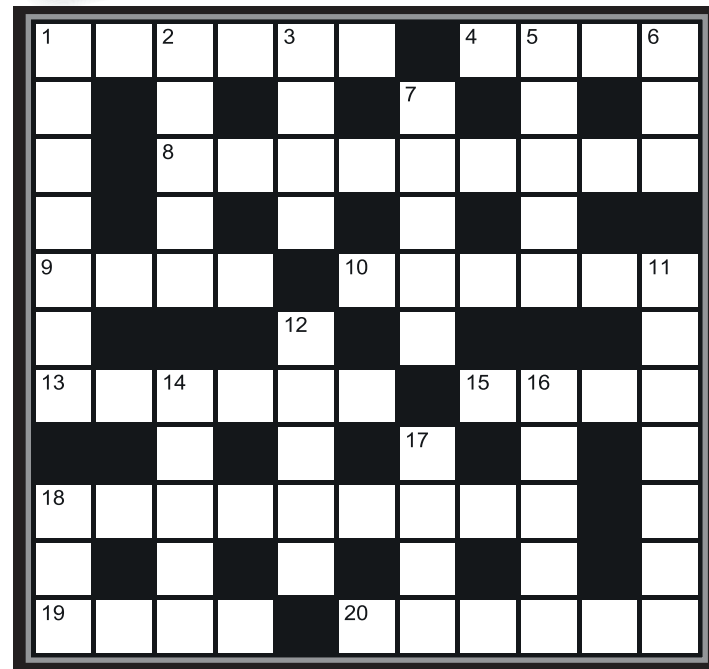
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 1 represents G and 3 represents V, so fill in G every time the figure 1 appears and V every time the figure 3 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.



1	G	2	3	V	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		

Quick



Across

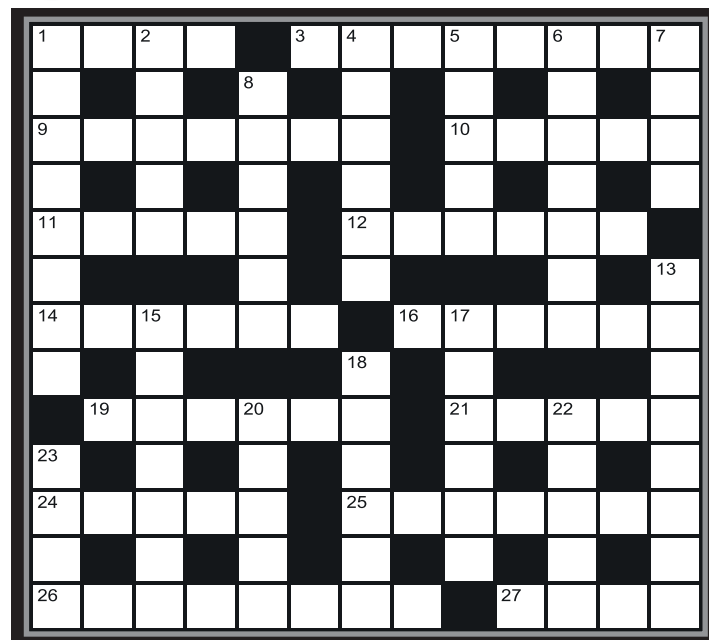
- 1 Like a cat (6)
- 4 Worry unnecessarily or excessively (4)
- 8 Within reach (9)
- 9 Do what one is told (4)
- 10 Hydrophobia (6)
- 13 Next after or below the first (6)
- 15 Habitation of wild animals (4)
- 18 Come into existence (9)
- 19 Abstaining from food (4)
- 20 Fight or encounter (6)
- 2 Depart (5)
- 3 Close at hand (4)
- 5 Jewish spiritual leader (5)
- 6/18 Begin round of gold (3,3)
- 7 Dull and cheerless (5)
- 11 Medical instrument used to inject or withdraw fluids (7)
- 12 Out of condition (5)
- 14 Strips of potato fried in deep fat (5)
- 16 Watchful (5)
- 17 Collection of facts from which conclusions may be drawn (4)

Down

- 1 Marked by extreme anger (7)
- 18 See 6

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Faja (de tela) (4)
- 3 Swing (child's) (8)
- 9 Church (7)
- 10 Choque (5)
- 11 Cider (5)
- 12 Huéspedes (6)
- 14 Corner (inside) (6)
- 16 Pegajoso (6)
- 19 Prize (6)
- 21 Alcanzar (5)
- 24 Planchas (utensilios) (5)
- 25 Hornet (7)
- 26 Tan pronto como (2,4,2)
- 27 Boss (4)

Down

- 1 Tijeras (8)
- 2 Ensalada (5)
- 4 Naranja (6)
- 5 Tío (pariente) (5)
- 6 Plástico (7)
- 7 Eight (4)
- 8 Tin (ore) (6)
- 13 Por casualidad (2,6)
- 15 Nervioso (7)
- 17 Third (fraction) (6)
- 18 Lapel (6)
- 20 Museum (5)
- 22 Manzana (fruta) (5)
- 23 Appointment (with client, bank manager etc) (4)

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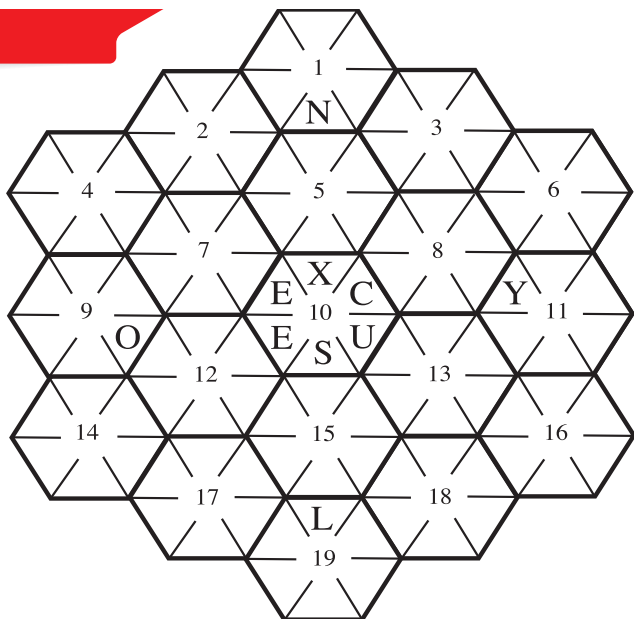
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Hexagram

- BOSSSES
- BOVINE
- DIESEL
- EXCUSE (10)
- EYEFUL
- FAULTY
- FINITE
- INDOOR
- INVENT
- LAPTOP
- POLLEN
- SCANTY
- SHALOM
- SNOOPY
- SOFTEN
- SOLEMN
- STYLED
- SYNTAX
- TYPHUS



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

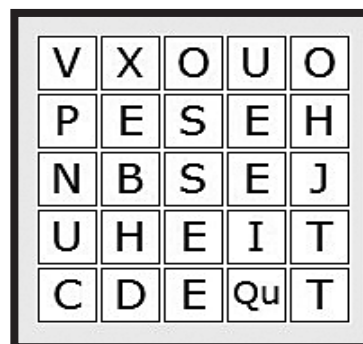
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Oracle 2 Payout 3 Towhee 4 Abduct
- 5 Myrtle 6 Eschew 7 Comply 8 Wobble
- 9 Bounty 10 Pebble 11 Embryo
- 12 Foible 13 Flabby 14 Memoir
- 15 Flaunt 16 Frugal 17 Erotic 18 Sullen
- 19 Insult.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 22
- Good: 31
- Very good: 44
- Excellent: 57

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

unrip unit unify noir nitty rips rift rife rive rivet irate sprit sprint spirit spit spit sprat spar spat spate iris trip trips trio trifecta trivet tips print prion privet privy pitta pirate pars part party pate raps rapt rate fount font five fiat fate feat feta vino trap traps tapir tapis tapirs taps tars tarsi tarp tarps tear tears arty atrip abat year years ears bate befit bevy beat beta

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 **G**) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



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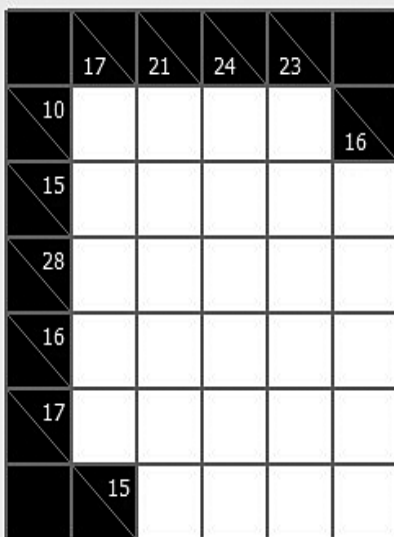
- Average: 12
- Good: 17
- Very good: 24
- Excellent: 31

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

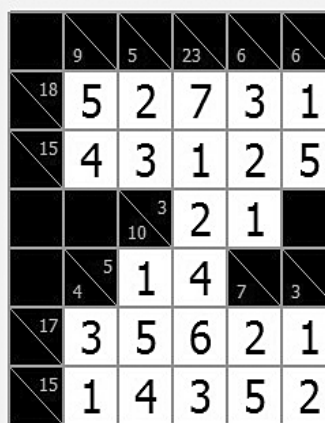
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Kakuro

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.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Oversight, 5 Femur, 7 Tutor, 9 Sane, 10 Dawdle, 12 Sermon, 13 Colt, 15 Allot, 16 Arson, 18 Irritated.
- Down:** 2 Sort, 3 Gateau, 4 Correct, 6 Mongrel, 8 Tedious, 9 Sustain, 11 Doctor, 14 Fast, 17/1 Nod off.

CODE BREAKER

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CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Sitter, 4 Deport, 9 Artisan, 10 Clear, 11 Fame, 12 Capriole, 14 Scoop, 16 Moose, 20 Election, 21 Able, 24 Deter, 25 Spatial, 26 Darker, 27 Client.
- Down:** 1 Staffa, 2 Totem, 3 Ease, 5 Escargot, 6 Ocelots, 7 Target, 8 Knead, 13 Nocturne, 15 Creator, 17 Mended, 18 Copse, 19 Merlot, 22 Baize, 23 Fail.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 7 Hombro, 8 Amable, 9 Joke, 10 Necklace, 11 Acuario, 13 Creer, 15 Multa, 17 Monster, 20 Bedrooms, 21 Beso, 23 Harina, 24 Seesaw.
- Down:** 1 Bobo, 2 Abuela, 3 Toenail, 4 Match, 5 Bailar, 6 Black eye, 12 Chuletas, 14 Possess, 16 Turnip, 18 Sobres, 19 Royal, 22 Slap.

App of the week



Cookpad

An app which connects users to a variety of recipes including starters, mains and desserts made by fellow home cooks. It provides a social environment to search for and save recipes, as well as to publish them and upload photos of the finished result.

QUIZ: TOOLS OF THE TRADE

- Born in California in March 1962, Stanley Kirk Burrell is the real name of which American hip hop recording artist, dancer, record producer and entrepreneur?
- Known for his striking visual style, colourful glasses and loud shirts, which English TV broadcaster has presented *Wide Awake Club* (1984-1988), *Wacaday* (1985-1992), *Utterly Brilliant* (1989-1991) and *The Beeps* (since 2007)?
- This *Wheel's on Fire* was a UK Top Five hit single in 1968 for which progressive jazz/rock band?
- What was the nickname of the former English footballer who played for Chelsea in the 1960s and 1970s Ron Harris?
- Which 1908s American television crime drama series starred Don Johnson as James 'Sonny' Crockett and Philip Michael Thomas as Ricardo 'Rico' Tubbs?
- Which 1974 American horror film directed by Tobe Hooper, follows a group of friends who fall victim to a family

- of cannibals while on their way to visit an old homestead?
- Which cocktail is typically made of two parts gin (or vodka), one part lime juice and soda?
- Which prominent formation of seven stars in the constellation Ursa Major is known as the Big Dipper in the US?
- Which spice is made from the dried fleshy covering of the nutmeg seed?
- 'You could have a steam train if you'd just lay down your tracks' is the first line of which 1986 UK Top Four hit by Peter Gabriel?

Not a lot of people know that... around 35,000 BC, *Homo sapiens* discovered the benefits of the application of rotary tools. This would have rudimentarily consisted of a pointed rock being spun between the hands to bore a hole through another material.

Answers:

- MC HAMMER, 2. TIMMY MALLETT, 3. JULIE DRISCOLL with BRIAN AUGER and THE TRINITY, 4. CHOPPER, 5. MIAMI VICE, 6. THE TEXAS CHAIN SAW MASSACRE, 7. GIMLET, 8. THE PLOUGH, 9. MACE, 10. SLEDGEHAMMER

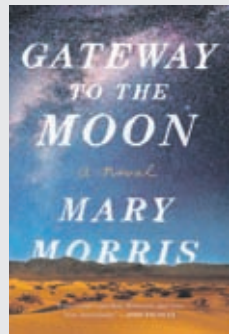
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He finds himself working for the Rothstein's, a Jewish family new to the area. The matriarch, Rachel, is a frustrated artist who has just moved from New York. Miguel soon begins to notice similarities between their customs and those of his family.

Gateway to the Moon explores the fortunes of a family, its town and their shared history.

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TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Malaga TODAY: MAX 16, MIN 9-SH Fri - 16 9 - Sh Sat - 20 10 - S Sun - 21 11 - S Mon - 23 13 - S Tues - 24 13 - S Wed - 23 13 - S	Almeria TODAY: MAX 17, MIN 12-CL Fri - 16 11 - Cl Sat - 18 12 - S Sun - 19 13 - S Mon - 20 14 - S Tues - 22 15 - C Wed - 23 15 - S	Bilbao TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 8-SH Fri - 16 9 - Sh Sat - 18 10 - C Sun - 21 11 - C Mon - 20 11 - C Tues - 24 12 - C Wed - 24 13 - C	Madrid TODAY: MAX 15, MIN 8 - SH Fri - 16 9 - Sh Sat - 18 10 - C Sun - 21 11 - C Mon - 20 11 - C Tues - 24 12 - C Wed - 24 13 - C
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S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Th: Thunder Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

- **David Letterman, TV Host; April 12, 71**
The former host of The Late Show made his talk show debut in 1982 with NBC's Late Night with David Letterman. Born in Indianapolis in the US, he worked as a weatherman for radio stations and was also a news anchor for WLWI.
- **Carles Puyol, Footballer; April 13, 40**
Puyol began his club career at Barcelona in 1999 before going on to captain it for around a decade. He scored the winning header against Germany in the semi finals of the 2010 World Cup. Puyol grew up in Catalonia and first played as a goalkeeper before moving to defence.
- **Robert Carlyle, Actor; April 14, 57**
Born in Maryhill, Scotland, Carlyle dropped out of



Emma Watson.

- secondary school when he was 16 and worked as a painter with his father. He later went on to land a role in Trainspotting and played Gaz in the 1997 film The Full Monty. He has also featured in Angela's Ashes and 28 Weeks Later.
- **Emma Watson, Actor; April 15, 28**
Watson shot to fame after landing the part of Hermione Granger in the Harry Potter film series. She is also an outspoken women's rights campaigner.
- **Benedict XVI, Pope; April 16, 91**
Born Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger in Markt, Germany, the Catholic priest rose through the ranks of the church and became Pope in 2005. He became the first Pope since the

- 1400s to resign when he stood down in 2013 to make way for the current Pope Francis.
- **Victoria Beckham, Singer; April 17, 44**
The former member of the girl group The Spice Girls performed as Posh Spice and had several top-10 UK hits with the band and as a solo artist. She later married footballer David Beckham and the couple have four children.
- **David Tennant, Actor; April 18, 47**
Tennant played the 10th Doctor in the BBC series Doctor Who and also landed the role of Kilgrave in the series Jessica Jones. Born in Bathgate, Scotland, he was inspired by the show Doctor Who to go into acting and later won a National Television Award for his performance in it.

This week in history

- 70 - Jerusalem siege**
The forces of the Roman emperor Vespasian's son Titus surround the capital of Judea Jerusalem in a siege that would last several months.
- 627 - Edwin converts**
Paulinus, bishop of York, converts King Edwin of Northumbria to Christianity. Edwin would later go on to be venerated as a saint.
- 945 - Lothair crowned**
Lothair II is crowned the sole king of Italy after Hugh of Provence abdicates his throne. Despite the title he was unable to exercise full control over the kingdom.
- 1349 - Hasan murdered**
The Bavand dynasty which ruled over Mazandaran, modern-day northern Iran, for almost 700 years comes to an end after Hasan II is assassinated by rebelling nobles.
- 1521 - Luther on trial**
Martin Luther, the man credited with sparking the Protestant Reformation against the Catholic church, faces the assembly of the Diet of Worms on heresy charges. He refuses to recant on his beliefs despite the threat of execution.
- 1865 - Lincoln dies**
US President Abraham Lincoln dies after being shot by John Wilkes Booth. His Vice President, Andrew Johnson, takes over the office.
- 1937 - Jet tests**
Frank Whittle performs the first ground-tests for his aircraft jet engine in Rugby, England. Britain's Air Ministry later agreed to fund the project.
- 2014 - Ferry sinks**
The South Korean ferry MV Sewol capsizes and sinks off Jindo Island, killing 304 people on board. Widespread criticism of the South Korean government, media and shipping authorities soon follows.

Sudoku

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

Word Ladder

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

FATE

PEST

- PEST
- PAST
- PACT (FAST)
- FACT
- FACE
- FATE

Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

7	5	6	9	1	3	2	8	4
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DVD

'Oh, hi Mark!'



TOMMY WISEAU (James Franco) and Greg Sestero (Dave Franco) are two down-and-out aspiring actors living in Los Angeles in the late '90's. When Tommy decides to write, direct and star in his own film The Room, Greg is roped in to play the support character despite his career prospects improving. But it doesn't take long for things to start unraveling. Based on true events, The Disaster Artist lifts the lid on the story of the best worst film ever made.

Delicious home-made Yorkshire puddings

Eat Well
to Live Well



PRECISE ingredient quantities and times are not always necessary in home cooking, but there are always exceptions and this is one of them:

Yorkshire puddings (Serves four)

- 15ml cooking oil
- 285ml milk (whole, semi-skimmed, skimmed are all fine)
- 115 grams flour (all purpose)
- 2 eggs
- 1 pinch of salt

Preheat the oven to 200 Celsius for a fan oven, 220 Celsius for a conventional oven

Take a Yorkshire pudding tin that will hold six-eight puddings and evenly distribute in the indentations of the tray. Using a finger, wipe the oil so it covers the indentations with a thin film of oil.



YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS: Hot and tasty from the oven.

Place the tray in the preheated oven for at least 10 minutes so it gets hot enough.

When the tray is hot enough add the ingredients to a mixing bowl or a blender, but it's very important to add them in the above order with the milk first.

Blend the mixture.

Take the tray out of the oven and immediately pour the mixture into the tray indentations and put back in the oven.

Cook for 20-25 minutes.

Serve.

Tips:

From experience using a finger to coat the tray works better than using kitchen roll.

If the flour is added before the milk all of it will not be incorporated into the mix and the quantities will be incorrect.

A hand blender is ideal, but anything that beats the mixture to a uniform consistency will work just as well, the se-

cret is plenty of air in the mix.

The mixture **must** go into the oven **ASAP**, the air trapped in the mix is essential for good Yorkshire puddings.

After placing in the oven, keep an eye on the puddings through the glass **but do not open the door**, until cooking is complete or the puddings will sag.

They should be crisp on the outside and soft in the middle.

Any leftover batter can be used to thicken the gravy.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Is this certificate necessary?

Q. We are going to sell our villa, located in a rural area with a few other houses not far away, and our possible purchaser is insisting that we obtain an AFO. This certificate of Asimilado a Fuera de Ordenación apparently confers a sort of legal status on houses originally built on non-building land. We have our original building permit issued by the town hall in 1967 with all taxes paid and electricity and water connected in the 40 years since then. The town hall wants 5 per cent of the valuation for this certificate, or about €20,000. Is this correct?

NJ (Costa del Sol)

A. The amended Andalusian land regulations of 2012 say that a house built before 1975 and with its original building

permit does not need an AFO. However they also grant power to the individual town halls to administrate their urban planning. Some town halls in Andalusia make it easy to obtain the AFO for a minimal fee. Others, apparently like yours, charge much more. What a mess. The advice from my sources is that, if you cannot convince your buyer that the house does not need it, to bite the bullet, obtain the AFO, and pay the price.

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



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

Have you been hacked?

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I GOT an email from MyFitnessPal telling me that they had been hacked and it had affected 150 million people. Firstly, let me tell you what this phone app does. It measures how far you walk, what calories you eat, carbs, fat, salt, etc, are all measured and then it tells you how your weight and healthy eating regime is doing.

My initial reaction was why anyone would be interested if I'd had a crafty Mars bar or hadn't walked as far as I should. But then I read more and began to get a little grumpy.

I was told that I had to change my password and also change the password on any other sites where I might use the same one. So that got me thinking. Why do they need so much information? Why does a site that measures how much weight you are losing have to be passworded in the first place? Then I realised that on all these sites we are not the customer we are the product! Our data is worth fortunes and these companies use us as a currency.

I checked online and was shocked that this hacking was actually very serious as the data includes peoples' whereabouts, your exact location, and this could include military person-

nel on secret military bases for example. At least this company reacted quickly - not like Uber (that I also have an account with) - who hid it from their punters by paying off the hackers! All your privacy settings go out the window when you are hacked. It's now a case of not what happens if you are hacked; it's what happens when you are hacked.

Our phones, and the apps on them, are gathering millions of data points about our lives on a daily basis. So what you eat and how many steps you take might not seem valuable to a hacker but where you work out and how long you are away from home and your exact location may well be.

I will now be going through all my apps on my phone and getting rid of the ones I do not use and which ask for too much information for, what I consider to be, no reason. I think the first I am going to get rid of is Facebook after what I have read in the last few days. In my opinion what they have done is verging on criminality.

But it's our own fault for mostly believing everything we read. As clever as we think we are these companies are cleverer with their data gathering. Big Brother is definitely watching us and so are his little sister, his mum and dad, and even the little innocent looking Granny too!

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Motorhome owners are generally respectable

WHAT a shame David and Sally have nothing better to do than complain about motorhomes pitching at Aguilas Carolina's.

The car park is not only for cars, it's for all vehicles including motorhomes. Costa's laws do not allow overnight parking, but is tolerated as these vehicles contribute to the local economy.

Most of the motorhome fraternity are elderly and retired, enjoying their new found freedom. We spend vast sums of money for our self-contained vehicles.

We do not leave our rubbish on the ground. Nor do we go behind bushes for a poo or wee, leaving tissue paper and faeces which cannot be said about the general public!

We are of a considerate and responsible age, having high regard for the environment in which we live.

I live locally and enjoy weekend trips to the beaches, something that cannot be experienced in the UK.

Would David and Sally be happy to see chiringuitos and homes demolished as they too are contravening Costa's laws??

Behind the times in La Cala

LA CALA DE MIJAS may have a new tourist office but they are still behind the times with their time keeping.

Since the clocks changed at the start of summer time last Sunday the clock on the town hall/police station has remained an hour behind the official time.

Perhaps just four days after the clocks change, plus the added

Their righteous indignations against us motorhomers, would be better channelled by targeting the local councils to provide public conveniences for all. This would improve the environment at beauty spots.

Dave, Turre



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BEHIND TIME: The town hall in La Cala.

Easter holidays, means even clock-watching officials - and there are normally plenty of them around - have not turned their attentions to keep the public accu-

rately informed.

Time will tell how long this might take.

P Wardman, Mijas

Dog fight

RE: Letter from Mr Edward Taylor

Your letter regarding stray dogs everywhere and animal rights activists. For politeness I will not write what I think about your views, to each his own!

Animals do not contaminate the air, we humans do - with the fumes from our cars and other vehicles, from the power stations and incineration plants burning our refuse, industrial toxic fumes belching chemicals into the air.

Animals do not pollute the oceans nor

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Norwegian flies high in air transport world awards

They are worse than Ryanair for the come in, sit down, shut up routine. Very bad at keeping schedules from my experience with them.

Robert Carter

They don't deserve it. Absolutely diabolical customer service.

Mark Rainey

Cyclist dies after horror crash

Happening too often, drink and drugged up drivers killing people. Van/wagon drivers should be tested before being allowed on roads and police should do regular drink / drug test on roads. The only people who would have a problem are the ones doing wrong!

Paula Bush

Should throw the key away ! So sad for the cyclist RIP.

Jay Ellis

Holiday hotel bookings down 25 per cent

Perhaps a bit cynical of me, but barely a week in to the summer season and already one region

Comments from EWN online

asks for €100 million!

Perhaps the huge increase in hotel rates, tourist taxes, tourist protests (in some parts of Spain), villa registration requirements, huge fines to the booking agencies are all contributing to the great general public, looking to the likes of the Azores, Cape Verde, Egypt, Greece, Turkey. There's a fine line in a family budget and Spain should not expect loyalty when the price difference can run into hundreds of pounds.

Gordon Hulme

I think if hotel bookings are down it's because so many come out to holiday homes now, or stay in someone else's or visit grandparents, like my family do, if we didn't live here six families, including us would be looking for hotels, there are many like us now.

June N Maurice Johnson

Maybe look at your level of service given to the tourist and the lack of value for money.

Shaun McElhinney

Eric Bristow dies of heart attack

RIP Eric great loss not just to darts but to lots of people. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Mark Peake

He will be sadly missed by all his friends in Los Cristianos, Tenerife, RIP Eric .

Robert E Pearce

My mam's fave darts player, shocking news.

Elizabeth Burrows

Wow too young to die. RIP.

Stephen Kim Raymond

Fines of up to €30,000 for animal cruelty

Just as cruel leaving them abandoned in gardens for days or weeks at a time while owners are absent. I know they are fed but are so lonely and sad. Add to that the endless barking is intolerable.

Rosemary Harknett

Then use the money to neuter stray cats and dogs for free!

Mary Naismith

rivers, we humans do, with toxic waste and over-fishing and because we are too lazy to recycle fill these waters with plastics. Animals do not destroy their habitat in the jungles and forests, we do, cutting down millions of trees in the forests of Latin America or Asia. Animals do not cause wars - we humans do.

In a nutshell, we humans cause all the misery on planet earth, which we call our home.

Olivia Qualtrough, Mallorca

Tee'd off

ALTHOUGH not a keen writer I felt it time to put my frustration into words.

Can you imagine my disappointment when a couple of years ago I bought my dream retirement home on the Costa del Sol in beautiful El Faro only a stone's throw away from a great golf course?

Can you imagine how I felt when not only was I told membership is closed as it was at capacity but that the waiting list was also full?

Never in my life have I heard of a waiting list being full, who decides when it's full and why not just extend it?

I must say as a middle aged retired gentleman looking to spend my twilight years enjoying a knock two or three times a week here on the Costa this now looks like a distant dream and I've got to say I feel like I've been left in the luff!

What's next, a waiting list to get onto the waiting list, but joking apart I find the whole thing pretty annoying! As a local tax paying middle aged gentleman spending my hard earned pension here on the Costa, without the only concession I feel I should be entitled to, this seems pretty rough justice.

Stephen Hamilton, Costa del Sol

Cover up!

THE first official sign of summer for me has just been sighted yesterday - a tourist walking around in shorts without a shirt on. I am not certain, but I think he was British!

Why do the authorities on the Costa del Sol not take a leaf out of the powers-that-be in Barcelona and ban people wearing swimwear and parading around without shirts away from the beaches?

I doubt if this letter will bring about any action as there have been many public complaints each summer without success, but it gets it off my chest.

Fred Calbern, El Faro

Slap on some cream

AS temperatures begin to soar and layers of clothing begin to be shredded, spare some thought for your skin and remember to cover yourself in sun cream.

Protecting yourself from the sun could be one of the most important things you do for yourself this year as the incidence of skin cancer continues to rise, particularly among young adults.

Even if your skin tans easily, don't think you don't need sun protection. Skin turning brown is actually a sign of sun damage, even if there is no redness or peeling. It does this as a way of trying to protect itself because the UV rays are damaging living cells. And don't shy away from using a high sun protection factor. Even SPF 50 only blocks up to 98 per cent of UV radiation.

Remember, skin cancer is serious and

was the direct cause of over 2,500 deaths in each of Spain and the UK last year. Treatment for skin cancer involves much more than simply having a lesion removed.

It can include major surgery, chemotherapy and can result in permanent scarring. Skin cancer can also spread to other parts of your body.

The good news is that it is almost totally preventable, so follow the advice of the Aussies and take these five steps to protect yourself: 'Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!'



CREAM YOURSELF: Be careful to avoid your eyes.

WORLD HEALTH DAY this week also saw the World Health Organisation celebrate its 70th anniversary.

And what better opportunity to organise a health check-up for your eyes? Most high street opticians offer easy access to highly-trained professionals, who are able to check whether your eyes are healthy and if your vision is good.

Keep a look out

Having an eye test every two years, or when you notice a change in your vision, en-

ables your optician to identify changes that might be associated with certain eye conditions. If necessary, the optician can refer you directly for further medical examinations to your hospital or GP and it can be a good way to identify health conditions before they manifest symptoms or become serious. Don't lose sight of what's important!

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Shake up your muscles

WITH summer drawing ever closer, many people are starting to think about getting lean and muscular to swagger with confidence along the seafront.

Of course, in addition to watching your diet and attending the gym as much as possible, there are other things you can do - or rather take - to help you achieve your goals. And all you need is some protein powder, a shaker bottle and some water.

Protein supplements are an ever-popular option that can improve lean body mass and muscle strength. Fundamentally, they are shakes that consist of whey protein, although milk, soy, casein, egg, hemp, rice, and pea protein powders are also popular. Taken after a strenuous workout, protein shakes deliver amino acids to muscle cells and help them to recover. In addition to this, they manufacture hormones, enzymes, cellular messengers, nucleic acids and immune-system components, so they can be very beneficial for the body as a whole. Without adequate protein, our bodies can't put together the structures that make up every cell, tissue, and organ in our body, nor

can it generate the substances needed for cardiovascular function, muscle contraction, growth, and healing. Absorbing enough protein is important as without an adequate amount our muscles wouldn't heal up as quickly, which could lead to overtraining your muscle and causing injury.

Downing a protein shake is an easy way to get your protein if you work a full time job and don't always have time to prepare meals. However, do bear in mind that protein shakes can only make a small contribution. You will also need to train properly and eat right to get the results you're after.

PROTEIN SUPPLEMENTS:
Down a protein shake after a sweaty session.





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Tackling the problem head on



WAYNE ROONEY: Sporting a new head of hair.

WHERE once the only solution to a balding head was the dreaded toupee, now men of all ages can consider the much more convincing option of a hair transplant. In fact, some of our most loved - or hated - footballers and politicians, such as Wayne Rooney and Silvio Berlusconi, have tackled their receding hairline problem head on.

The surgery itself is becoming less expensive and less intrusive and the results can bring vigour and confidence back into a man's life. The process involves removing hair from elsewhere in your body, usually the back of your head, to fill a specific balding area. This can be achieved by one of two methods, follicular unit strip surgery (FUSS) or follicular unit extraction (FUE).

Which type you choose depends on your hair type, quality, colour and the size of the area where you're getting the transplant.

As the name suggests, FUSS involves a 15-25cm strip of skin being removed. This strip is divided into hundreds or thousands of tiny grafts, each with an individual hair or just a few hairs. The FUE procedure, involves individual hair follicles being removed one by one.

After either process, the tiny grafts or in-

dividual hair follicles are carefully inserted into tiny holes or slits which have been opened up where the hair is needed. The whole process can take up to eight hours, depending on the size of the transplant you're having. A few weeks after your surgery, the transplanted hair will fall out but new growth should start to appear within a few months. Within nine months your balding spot will have about 60 per cent more hair and you will feel a new man.

Damage limitation

WHETHER you're on holiday or are one of the Costa's expatriates, it can be tempting to have that second or third drink as the evenings begin to draw out that bit longer.

However, you don't want to lose a valuable day of your holiday - or an important day off work - simply because you got carried away. With that in mind, here are some suggestions to achieve a pain free morning after the night before.

Try to have a good meal before you take a drink or two. If you can, have a meal that includes carbohydrates (such as pasta or rice) or fats as these will help slow down the body's absorption of alcohol. One little-known secret is to take a spoonful of olive oil or prickly pear extract beforehand. Also, avoid dark-coloured drinks if you've found these to be particularly harsh on you.

These drinks contain natural chemicals called congeners, which irritate blood vessels and tissue in the brain and can make a hangover worse. In between your drinks, have a glass of water or non-fizzy soft drink and when you get home do the same before you nod off

to sleep. If all your well-intentioned attempts failed and you wake up the morning after somewhat the worse for wear, you might be tempted to have the 'hair of the dog.' This can be a risky habit, and there's no scientific proof that it actually works. Best to have a non-greasy breakfast and a glass of fresh



HANGOVER HELL: Throbbing in the morning.

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Beware, the Walking Dead are back on the streets

AN avalanche of the undead will return from last year to attack the town of La Nucía on Saturday, June 9.

When Hell becomes overcrowded so these beings from the underworld will attack anyone they meet and turn them into zombies. They will attack without mercy from 11pm, with a whole series of races, attacks and terror in which, everyone who wants to survive, must put aside all their fears and become a master of flight and survival.

In reality this is an alternative leisure experience called 'Events Zombies LZD' and throughout the night, those taking part will be divided between zombies and survivors, travelling the streets of La Nucía and face a series of tests, until those still alive are evacuated.

The objective of the game is that the survivors evade the zombies,

master the tests and find the vaccines that will help them survive. The first to finish all the tests and to arrive will be the winner.

This series of events which cover the country aims to be recognised as the best 'Real Game' in Spain and is suitable for all ages between 10 and 99, although any player under 14 must be accompanied by an adult (aged over 18) at all times.

In addition, those under 18 must carry an authorisation signed by the parents with a photocopy of the ID of the father, mother or guardian who signs.

To find out more, download an authorisation sheet or book a ticket (€15 for zombies and between €22 and €35 for survivors depending how early you book), visit the organiser's website www.lastdayzombie.com.

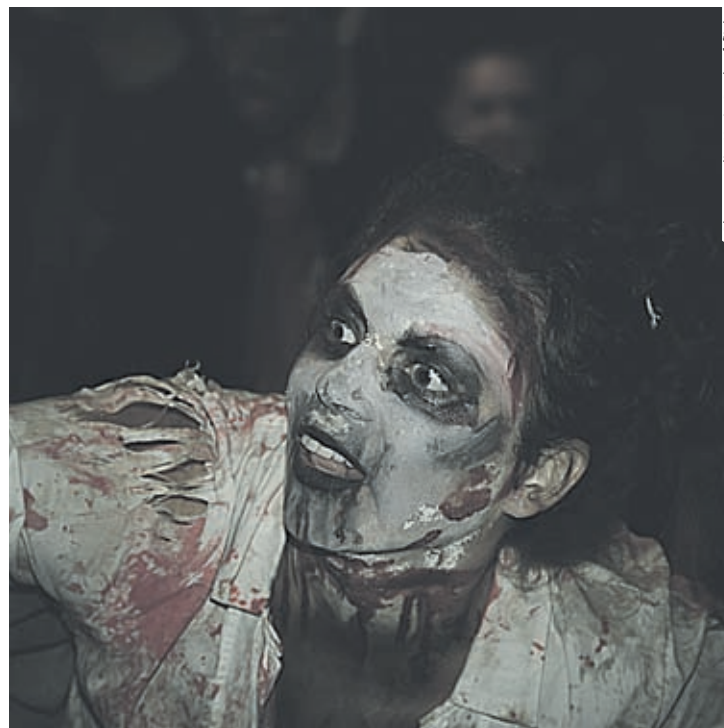


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THE UNDEAD: Be scared, be very scared.

When Irish eyes are Spanish

DIFFERENT councils organise different tapas routes, but Orihuela is taking things to a new level with what it believes is the first ever Route of Irish Pubs to be held in Spain.

Amazingly, more than 30 bars and restaurants will participate in this special Irish event which takes place this Saturday and Sunday from noon to midnight with a half-pint and tapa, costing €2.50.

There will be prizes for the best drink and tapas, best pub atmosphere and best decoration so this looks like a great opportunity for a bit of fun - and hopefully no hangovers if you visit all 30 venues over the weekend - plus some quality food and drink.

Once in the town, you can pick up a map showing where all the pubs are and the council is arranging a minibus service that will stop at each of the participating venues every half hour so that no-one will need to drink and drive.

The Russians are returning to Spain

THE Moscow Ballet is visiting Costa Blanca again as part of its Spanish Spring Tour and will perform Swan Lake on May 13 in Orihuela.

This world-famous company has been touring internationally for 25 years, promoting some of the most popular ballets of all time and for this visit they have a very varied repertoire.

Swan Lake by Tchaikovsky is based on a German legend and moves between love and magic, linking the eternal struggle of good against evil as it tells the story of Prince Siegfried and his love for Odette, a young woman turned into a swan by an evil spell and Odile, the black swan and daughter of a wizard.

Swan Lake is undoubtedly the most popular ballet of all



Photo credit: Moscow Ballet

Swan Lake on stage

and with lead dancers from the Moscow Ballet showing the eventual victory of love, the evening promises to bring a feeling of inspiration

and magical performance to the Teatro Circo Orihuela which starts at 7pm with tickets costing €20 available via ticketmaster.es.

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BENIDORM'S famous chain of pubs called the Yorkshire Pride has just got bigger... literally.

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Not content with having three venues that bear the Yorkshire Pride name, the original premises on Calle Gerona is now DOUBLE the size having taken over the next door unit. In fact, if you're in Benidorm today (Thursday) you're more than welcome to celebrate the expansion at the opening afternoon / night party that gets underway at 4pm with a free buffet

The Yorkshire Pride mantra has always been the same. Offer value for money drinks in great surroundings full of atmosphere - during the day and night - plus big food for small prices. Not only is the Yorkshire Pride expanding... your waistline might also follow suit after trying the 'Greedy Man's Breakfast.' Mind you, it didn't stop light-welterweight boxer Ricky Hatton from demolishing everything on the super-heavyweight plate.

There's always a Yorkshire Pride somewhere nearby in Benidorm, now one of the most recognised and popular places in the city, so you're always close to their unique hospitality and one of the best places to eat.

Thanks to the TV series Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun the Yorkshire Pride is now

even more famous and there's no doubt that the brand is going from strength-to-strength as every year passes.

There is absolutely no doubt that the owner of the Yorkshire Pride chain, Tad Dawson, is one of the biggest success stories of Benidorm since he opened his first pub 25 years ago. Just running the one pub didn't satisfy Tad's exceptionally hard working ethic, and so one pub turned into two and then into three.

Add the Yorkshire Pride trio to his two other venues - Bar Why Not and The Queen Vic - and Tad really is responsible for the 'Famous Five going strong in Benidorm.'

Tad's secret to success can be summed up with his own words. "I work hard and play hard. When I was younger I realised that you don't get anywhere by coasting through life, you have to grab it by both hands and make it what you want. I work seven days a week, going from pub to pub making sure they have the stock they need, but for me it is not really work, it is my passion."

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Bad Bunny 'big up' Benidorm

THE first act to be confirmed for the Benidorm Reggaeton Beach Festival is Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio, the Puerto Rican star who performs as Bad Bunny.

Reggaeton is a musical genre which originated in Puerto Rico during the late 1990s. It is influenced by hip hop and Latin American and Caribbean music. Vocals include rapping and singing, typically in Spanish.

According to the organisers, this is the first time that the Reggaeton Beach Festival will have been held in Benidorm as up until now it has been a Barcelona-based event, but in view of the popularity of the

music in Spain, it is finding a second home in the Costa Blanca.

It is expected that there will be between 12 and 15 mainly foreign artists appearing at the festival which will be held on July 19 and runs from early to late with the first release of tickets costing €25 or €75 for VIP entry.

With a total anticipated audience of 15,000, prices will probably go up as the actual date of the festival gets closer, but tickets can be purchased now from the festival website.

ANNOUNCING THE FESTIVAL:
Bad Bunny, a major name in Reggaeton.



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The Lion King - a performance by youngsters

MEMBERS of the Careline Performing Arts & Dance Academy from the age of four upwards, plus a few adults, will be performing the Lion King Jr on one day only, Saturday May 5.

Directed by Candida Wright and Suzanna Mace the show is a stage adaption of the Disney movie and includes the wonderful musical numbers by Elton John and Tim Rice including The Circle of Life, Can You Feel the Love Tonight and the

great fun number Hakuna Matata.

Set in the Pride Lands of Africa this is the story of the young lion Simba and his childhood friend Nala who, along with Zazu the hornbill, Pumba the warthog and Timon the meerkat (you should see the costumes!), take on the evil lion Scar who wants to rule the land for himself. This is a heart-warming story of good triumphing over evil to be enjoyed by young and old alike.



LION KING: One of the masks used.

Stompin' in Joy in Alicante

A BAND from Sevilla, O Sister! are travelling to Alicante to perform their own particular brand of early 20th century Swing.

Having released two albums of well-known traditional songs, they progressed to writing their own music which resulted in their third album Stompin' in Joy and it is this album which they are currently touring alongside some traditional pieces.

This is a sextet consisting of four guys and two girls (with occasional guest artists) who sing and play an array of different musical instruments including banjo and washboard to ensure that their performance is guaranteed to get heads nodding and feet tapping.

Having played together for eight years, this is a group of musicians who not only play the infectious music of the early part of the last century but live their music and appear on stage in costumes in keeping with the time and the atmosphere.

O Sister! will be appearing at the Teatro Principal de Alicante on Friday April 27 with tickets costing from €12 to €25, available from the box office and the theatre website.

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Housing hope remains in top cities

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However, with good timing and luck there are still great value properties available across Spain, just waiting for the eagle-eyed buyer to pounce.

■ Malaga

A decade ago this port city lacked the investment and tourist attractions, although it has always had lively nightlife.

Now it is the fastest growing city in Spain for visitor numbers, with a revamped harbour lined with shops and bars overlooking cruise ships.

But it is still possible to find historic city-centre apartments for less than €300,000 and a new two-bedroom penthouse apartment in a 19th century building there, is on the market for €295,000.

■ Madrid

It is a city of immense history, culture and energy, but many feel Madrid is overshadowed by the edgier Barcelona.

Yet there is no doubt that Madrid has benefited from the political crisis in Cataluña, and new developments are emerging all around.

Compared with many other European cities, the capital's prices are very competitive with fully renovated one-bed flats in trendy central Chueca (the Soho equivalent) going for €255,000.

■ Barcelona

The independence issue hit Barcelona's economy hard, with companies moving out. While the National Institute

of Statistics (INE) revealed that property sales figures for the city took an 11 per cent dive in December, the beaches, culture and buzz of the city has seen it bounce back this year.

However, brand new one-bedroom apartments in the elegant Eixample are on sale for

€265,000.

■ Valencia

Valencia has emerged out of its recessionary trough to account for 13 per cent of all new-build sales.

Despite having the beachfront communities, old-town charm and modern architecture to draw people from

Barcelona, it has a wider array of property at relatively low prices.

While property prices rose by 11 per cent last year, it is still possible to find small flats near the harbour for €100,000.

■ Palma

Mallorca's attractive capital escaped the worst of the economic crisis that shook Spain in 2008, and unassumingly carried on its thriving progression.

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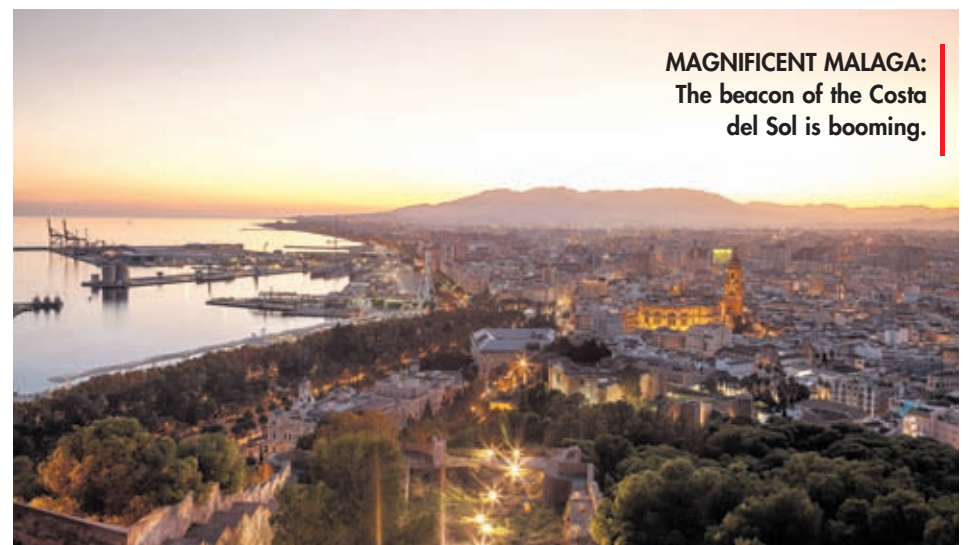
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The kitchen garden, a quality extension of the food pantry

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THROUGHOUT history, even as far back as the ancient Egyptians, a place to grow fresh vegetables, herbs and medicinal flowers with easy access to the home was considered an important aspect of a quality lifestyle.

A kitchen garden is distinct from agricultural production in that it is much more up close and personal to the specific needs of the home. No matter how small or big, it was a place that gave fresh additions to the family fare.

Its main attribute is that it can bring joy to the home as the plants are cared for so they flourish until the harvest after which they can be enjoyed in your meal.

No matter whether you live in an apartment or on a farm you can grow at least a few of your favourite fresh herbs and some of the compact veget-



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ables that you love to use regularly.

My mother grew tomatoes in her living room by a sunlit corner window and had abundant crops. It was a great point of interest and can look as attractive as many oth-

er indoor plants.

If you have some land to put a kitchen garden you are fortunate. It is a good idea to have it enclosed by a wall or fence to provide shelter from the wind, restrict access from un-

wanted animals that may damage the garden and to establish it as a special place just for its purpose.

Usually a countryside kitchen garden is not linearly designed like in agriculture. It becomes more special by having a theme such as an informal cottage garden or an elaborate symmetrical formal garden design to make it interesting

Many restaurants now have kitchen gardens to provide the best of quality produce and add to the meals for patrons with discerning taste. Nothing tastes as good as produce freshly picked and prepared immediately for the table.

A kitchen garden can be grown in a restricted space such as a balcony or terrace using attractive terracotta containers, or you can build raised bed constructions out of a variety of interesting materials to blend in or stand out as a landscape feature.

Simply fill it with some quality potting mixture and add some nutrient fertilisers and you can have a kitchen garden growing in just a short time.

I find that fresh herbs can really make the most difference to a meal. If you have only a small space, some chives, parsley, oregano and basil planted around some tomatoes and capsicums in a large pot is a great basis for many Mediterranean meals. They all give a long-term harvest with minimal extra work.

The kitchen garden is a space you can visit daily to provide care and watch over the plants growing and provide you with your own choice of produce, adding flavour and nourishment to your kitchen preparations.

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In vogue this year is the Lion cut.

This cut is defined by a short trim all over the body, with long hair left around the head and jaw to create the look of a Lion's mane. The tail is trimmed short until the end with a small tuft of hair left at the end.

Also, popular this year is the teddy bear cut. To achieve this look, groomers will trim the hair around your dog's head and face evenly and leave it slightly longer than what is on the body.

The hair on your dog's body is trimmed much shorter, making this a great

cut for warm weather.

Whatever style you choose, remember that people can often come to look like their dogs, so choose wisely!

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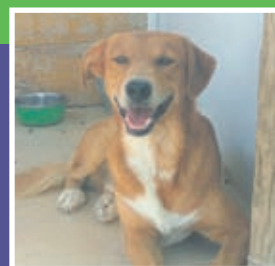


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The supercar will serve as a race taxi at selected Formula E events and will also offer high-speed passenger rides to lucky guests. Its first outing will be at the Rome Formula E race this Saturday.

As the name suggests, the Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo is based on a virtual race car that features in the 15th anniversary of the Gran Turismo video game on Sony's PlayStation 4. The marketing stunt by Audi forms part of its wider effort to strengthen its new e-tron electric car sub-brand. The sub-brand also

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includes three other battery propelled e-tron models: the e-tron Quattro, the e-tron Sportback and the e-tron GT. The former is set for release in the second half of 2018 and the latter, more exclusive model, has its first deliveries scheduled for 2020.

This most recent addition to the electric su-

percar market, which can accelerate from 0 to 62mph in 2.5 seconds swiftly chips away at the long-held Clarksonite belief that electric vehicles will never be able to rival its combustion engine counterparts.

But the success of the electric supercar in overturning this notion rests largely on the continued progress of electric batteries. Audi has not yet provided information on the battery used by e-tron Vision Gran Turismo. However, car review website, Autocar reports that the supercar will share the lithium-ion unit set to be used in the production version of the e-tron Quattro due to be rolled out later this year.

MADE REALITY: Audi e-tron Vision Gran Turismo supercar.



SEAT joins electric bandwagon

SPANISH carmaker, SEAT has announced plans to launch its first fully electric hatchback model, which is set to hit the market in 2020.

The move confirms that electrification is at the heart of the Spanish car manufacturer's plans for the foreseeable future. While full specification of the eco-vehicle has yet to be revealed, the model will be a five-door hatchback, similar in size and price to its popular Leon model and will be based on Volkswagen's ID Neo car, a company with whom its research endeavours are closely tied.

SEAT's bold electrification strategy indicates that car manufacturers are paying close attention to the EU's strict new CO2 emission targets. The EU's tough regulation champions a double pronged approach: on the one hand, fining heavily for exceeding carbon dioxide limits, and on the other, using an incentives-based credit system to reward companies choosing to produce electric vehicles.

SEAT bagged record post-tax profits of €281 million in 2017, up 21.3 per cent on 2016's results. This success allowed the firm to spend nearly €1 billion over the past 12 months, making it Spain's largest investor in research and development. Such investments appear to represent a clear sign that SEAT sees an electric road ahead.

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La Liga Preview

Barca march on

BARCELONA entertain third placed Valencia on Saturday looking to set a La Liga record of 39 games unbeaten.

Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick last Saturday as the runaway leaders defeated Leganes 3-1 to share the incredible unbeaten streak with Real Sociedad.

Not to be outdone, Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 10th straight game for Real Madrid, although they were held to a 1-1 derby draw by Atletico Madrid.

The two rival teams will continue to battle for second place until the end of the season.

Elsewhere, Malaga's battle to beat the drop took a major blow last Friday as direct rivals Deportivo La Coruña scored late to make it 3-2, giving manager Clarence Seedorf his first win (in 16 games).

Deportivo have now leapfrogged Las Palmas

into 18th place, six points above the luckless Malaga.

Malaga will host Real Madrid on Sunday which is a daunting enough task aside from the fact that they are 11 points from safety.

On Saturday Sevilla will look to get back into the Europa League spots against Villarreal, who are only one place (sixth) and one point above them in the league.

Former Sevilla striker Iago Aspas scored a hat-trick last Saturday as Celta Vigo recorded a thumping 4-0 victory over the Andalusian side.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Girona take on Real Betis, in Friday's fixture, Real Sociedad will travel to Las Palmas on Saturday, and Atletico Madrid will host Levante on Sunday.

Premier League preview

MANCHESTER CITY'S dramatic 3-2 loss to Manchester United last Saturday has put their title aspirations on ice.

The Citizens have a difficult game at Tottenham on Saturday and even if they win, Manchester United would have to lose at home against West Brom on Sunday for them to be crowned champions.

Pep Guardiola's side had put on a first-half masterclass with captain Vincent Kompany scoring with a powerful header and Ilkay Gundogan seemingly settling matters with a smart turn and finish five minutes later.

However, Paul Pogba scored two goals in two minutes after the break to wipe out City's lead, before Chris Smalling's volley completed the stunning turnaround.

Elsewhere, Liverpool will host Bournemouth on Saturday as they look to stay in second placed Manchester United's rear-view mirror.

The Reds were held to a forgettable goalless draw at Everton, although Premier League top scorer Mohamed Salah (29) was rested among five changes to the team.

England Manager Gareth Southgate was watching on and he will have been impressed by Jordan Pickford's close range block to deny Dominic Solanke, and an athletic effort to deny James Milner's curling effort.

Fifth placed Chelsea will travel to Southampton on Saturday, hoping to keep their slim hopes of a top four (and

City head to London in title hunt

Champions league) finish alive.

The Blues played out a frustrating 1-1 draw against West Ham last Sunday as Javier Hernandez's 73rd minute strike cancelled out Cesar Azpilicueta's first-half opener.

Tottenham are the only side yet to lose in 2018 in the Premier League and remain level on points with third-placed Liverpool after a 2-1 win at Stoke.

Christian Eriksen was the hero of the day with two sec-

ond half goals, either side of a Mame Biram Diouf reply for the hosts.

Bottom of the table West Brom remain 10 points from safety after their 1-1 draw against Swansea, while Crystal Palace remain one place above the relegation zone having conceded an 89th minute goal to Bournemouth in a 2-2 draw last Saturday.

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RUGBY'S leading governing body World Rugby has ordered an emergency review into European qualification for next year's World Cup amid Spain's complaints following their controversial defeat to Belgium.

Spain's 18-10 defeat to Belgium in the final match of qualification, overseen by Roman-

ian referee Vlad Iordachescu, meant that Spain missed out on automatic qualification to next year's World Cup instead allowing Romania to qualify.

Following the defeat, a complaint was submitted to Rugby Europe by the Spanish Rugby Federation (FER), who felt aggrieved by 19 separate decisions from the referee, while it was also revealed that the FER had asked Rugby Europe for

the referees to be changed prior to the match.

Following an investigation from both World Rugby and Rugby Europe, World Rugby had said that a replay of the match would be 'in the best interests of the game' but stopped short of ordering the replay following new allegations that several different nations fielded ineligible players during qualifying.

In light of the new allegations, World Rugby have now set up an 'independent disputes committee' to look into the different issues now surrounding the qualifying process.

A World Rugby statement said: "World Rugby was deeply concerned about the circumstances surrounding the Belgium versus Spain Rugby Europe Championship match, a match that was decisive in the

context of Rugby World Cup 2019 qualification.

"Specifically, concerns related to the process and perception of Rugby Europe's appointment of a match' official team that was not neutral in the context of qualification and failing to act on Spain's concerns in respect of the appointment.

"Having considered all available information, the World Rugby Executive Committee

and Rugby World Cup Board felt that a replay would be in the best interests of the game.

"Since expressing that view, new information relating to player eligibility in the Rugby Europe Championship has been presented to World Rugby by the participating unions.

"Given this information concerns potential breach of World Rugby regulations and given the complexity and interconnectivity of the issues, a full and independent review is warranted.

"This is in the best interests of the sport, teams and fans and is fully supported by Rugby Europe."

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