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Ram-raid rap

Fugitive who fled to Spain caged

by Matt Ford

The figurehead of a sophisticated crime outfit who went on the run to the Costa Blanca has been jailed for 10 and a half years.

Convicted killer Richard 'Ricky' Smith, 37, and his crew - dubbed the 'wham ram gang' - committed seven 'terrifying' armed raids on private security vans in the Manchester area over seven months.

They used 'innovative' methods to make off with £275,000 (€318,000), prosecutors told Manchester Crown Court.

Gang members Patrick McDonagh, 37, John Groom, 35, and David Dargan, 32, have also been convicted for the heists.

The quartet used a 'wham ram' - a specially-designed battering tool - to break through the internal doors of G4S security vans in the first five raids.



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WHAM RAM THANK YOU MAM: A CCTV image from the post office raid (top) that led to the arrest (bottom) of Richard Smith (inset) and his gang.

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FIRST prize for the longest broad bean in the sixth edition of Benitachell's Fiesta de la Fava went to Toni Colomer who presented a bean with an overall length of 45.3 centimetres.

Power up

THE Iberdrola substation in Foia de Castalla will be operational by August and although the cost rose to €5.5 million owing to problems with the foundations, the power company is already planning a second.

Driven mad

THERE are 1.3 million vehicles on Alicante roads and the third that do not pass the ITV vehicle inspection usually stick to secondary roads to avoid camera detection on motorways, the provincial Traffic authority revealed.

Drugs probe hell

Brit bus driver was set up, family claim

By Matt Ford

THE family of a British bus driver 'trapped' in a Spanish prison in connection with a €4.6 million drugs swoop claim that he was set up.

Dad-of-seven Michael Penney was driving a luxury double-decker coach used to transport touring rock bands when police pulled the British-plated vehicle over on the AP-7 toll road in Valencia.

The 40-year-old from Margate, Kent, and his British co-driver, 59, were held and remanded in custody after more than 15 kilos of cocaine and 750 kilos of hashish were found stashed in hidden compartments under beds and behind cabinets.

They were later denied bail by a Spanish judge, but 10 weeks after his arrest Michael's wife Melissa, 34, insists that he is innocent and says she has been told that a

police probe could go on for two years.

Melissa - who has set up a fundraising campaign to help her husband pay for a lawyer - told local UK media: "He would never get involved in drugs. He hates anything to do with that kind of thing and he has no convictions at all.

"We are going out of our mind with worry. He's keep-

ing his head down and getting on with it as best as he can, but he's calling me in tears.

"His children miss him and I miss him.

"He has been set up. He would never get involved in anything like this.

"There are two innocent men stuck in Spain and nobody will listen to us."

It comes as a European Arrest Warrant has reportedly been issued for the owner of the coach firm.

Michael, a professional bus driver, was hired by a British company to fly to Spain and drive the vehicle back to the UK, his wife said.

It had been used by golfers taking part in a competition, and the owner allegedly travelled with the two men before flying back to Britain.

But as the men made their way up the Spanish coast they were stopped by



€4.6 MILLION STING: The Spanish government's Valencia delegate, Juan Carlos Moragues, and regional Guardia Civil commander Amador Escalada congratulate officers on the haul in January and (inset) Melissa and Michael Penney.

Guardia Civil traffic police at a toll near Sagunto, half an hour north of Valencia, at 2.30am on the morning of January 23.

Investigators said at the time that they believed the coach was being used in an international plot to smuggle drugs from Spain to the UK.

Melissa claims she did not hear from Michael until six days after he was arrested.

"The kids are really upset," she added.

"They are putting on a brave face and saying 'we'll go to school and work hard for dad' but it's just terrible.

"We've been told it could take two years to fight the case."

A Foreign Office spokeswoman said: "We are providing assistance to two British men arrested in Valencia in January."

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Hikers helped

BENIDORM fire brigade answered two consecutive calls to airlift injured mountain walkers on Sierra Bernia (Altea) and Coll de Pouet (Finestrat). They first rescued a 63-year-old Dutch woman with a sprained ankle and on the second occasion assisted a Spanish man with a twisted knee.

Cool response

ONLY one person was interested in running the municipally-owned La Carrasqueta boutique hotel and restaurant at the old Ice House which cost Jijona Council €140,000 to restore. The monthly rent of €726 was suggested by Alicante University experts and the sole applicant comes from Santa Pola.

Island gripe

EURO-MP Marina Albiol (Izquierda Unida) complained to the European Commission that Benidorm Island has been 'occupied' for 50 years by a privately-run restaurant. The Island is state property and the unauthorised restaurant is allowed to function owing to the national and local governments' passivity, Albiol said.

DNA solution

THE Bonalba Golf urbanisation's residents association in Muchamiel complained that stronger measures should be taken against dog-owners who do not clean up after their pets. The DNA of all dogs should be registered so that uncooperative owners can be traced and fined, the association said.

Not over

THE PAH support group for those threatened with eviction has helped more than 1,000 Marina Baja families since 2011 but warned that the crisis has not abated. There will be a rise in families forced to leave their homes after falling behind with rent payments, PAH predicted.

A grand design!

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 10

ALL THE MOOR REASON TO VISIT: The Alhambra is among Spain's most popular tourist attractions.

IT has inspired travellers for centuries.

And Granada's jaw-dropping Alhambra palace has been chosen for a new guide to the world's 120 greatest man-made buildings.

The Moorish architectural wonder is included in travel guide publisher Lonely Planet's Amazing Architecture: A Spotter's Guide, a grand tour of the planet's most awe-inspiring constructions.

Perched atop the red hill of Sabika with the Sierra Nevada mountains as

a backdrop, the world heritage site attracts up to 6,000 tourists per day.

It houses some of the most important Islamic architecture in Europe, with the Generalife gardens and 14th-century Palacios Nazaries the must-see showpieces.

The fortified complex was first built as a walled citadel in AD 889.

It was later rebuilt as the palatial seat of the city's Nasrid emirs, the last Arab Muslim dynasty in Iberia, and the name derives from the Arabic al-qala'a al-hamra, meaning 'the

Red Castle.'

The Alhambra was later claimed by the Christians during the 1492 'reconquista,' when the mosque was replaced by a church, before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V demolished a wing of palaces and replaced them with a giant Renaissance building.

In the early 19th century French Napoleonic troops tried to blow the building up, partly destroying it, and restoration work has continued for almost 200 years.

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By George!



SAINTLY STUFF: Revellers build castells - human towers - in Barcelona on Saint George's Day.

HE'S the patron Saint of England, and is most famous for slaying a dragon.

But as the Great British nation gears up for Saint George's Day, parts of Spain are preparing their own celebrations.

The feast of Saint George takes place each year on April 23, the accepted date of his death in AD 303.

It is marked by many Christian churches plus towns, cities, regions and countries of which he is patron, which in Spain include the northern communities of Aragon and Cataluña.

Legend has it that a vision of Saint George appeared above the crown of Aragon in the Battle of Alcoraz, which in 1096 saw King Peter I defeat the forces of Al-Mustain II to reclaim the city of Huesca and the region from its Arabic conquerors.

As a result, St George's Day (Dia de San Jorge) is a major holiday throughout the former Crown of Aragon region as well as the modern-day Aragon Community.

On April 23, the area celebrates 'Aragon

Day,' when the regional government hands out its annual awards and parties take place in most towns and villages, including the provincial capitals Zaragoza, Huesca and Teruel.

In Cataluña, George is known as Sant Jordi, and the day is a normal working day, with festivities more romantic in nature.

Hundreds of stalls spring up in the streets of Barcelona and elsewhere, with girls traditionally presenting boys with a book, receiving a flower - typically a red rose - in exchange.

The custom of flower-giving dates back to the 15th century, when women attending a mass, in the Sant Jordi chapel at the Palace of the regional government, were handed a rose.

The red colour is said to symbolise passion, and the blooms are often accompanied by an ear of wheat representing fertility.

It is also popular for crowds to fill streets and squares to watch brave souls building human towers dubbed castells.

In 1930, Catalan book day was moved from October 7 to April 23, and the current practice was born.

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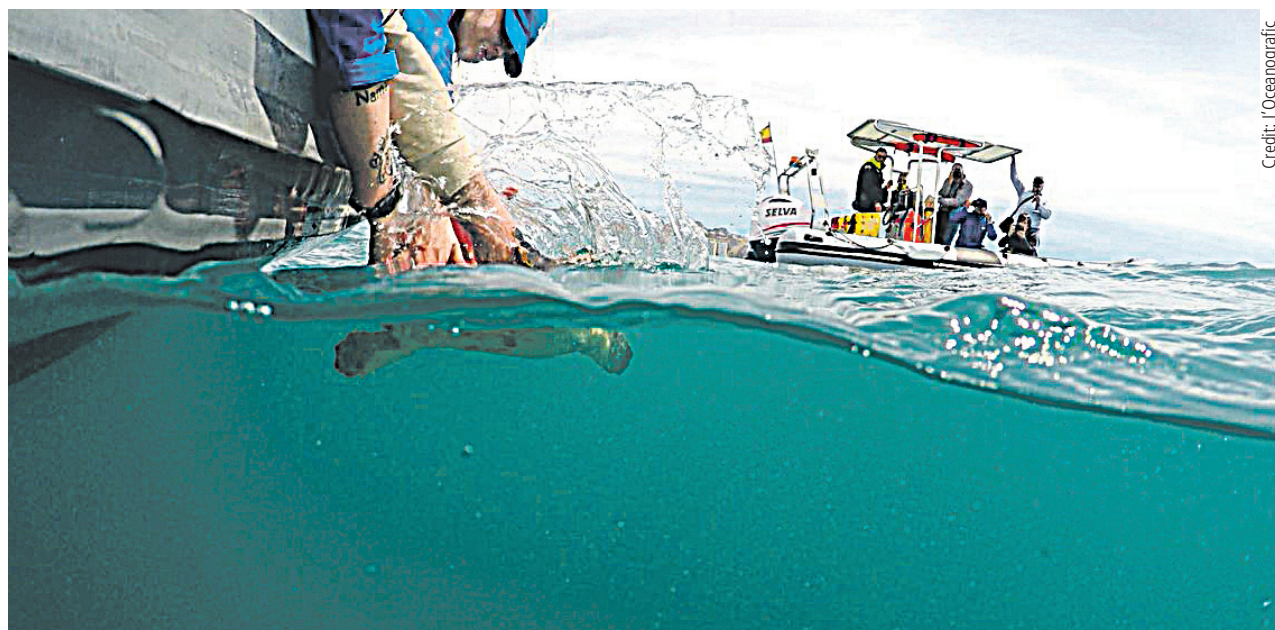
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Turtle reintroduced to the wild



Credit: I'Oceanografic

THE TURTLE: Called Benidorm, has been reintroduced into its natural habitat.

A **LOGGERHEAD TURTLE** that was found injured in waters off of a Benidorm beach last July has been re-released into the wild following a nine-month recovery.

The young turtle, who was aptly named Benidorm after his rescue, was found by a swimmer in the waters of Benidorm's Levante beach with a plastic

bag hooked to its leg.

The swimmer brought the turtle, who now weighs approximately seven kilos, to shore after removing the bag that was trapped around its fin and it was then sent to the I'Oceanografic and Cavanilles Institute to recover.

Since his rescue, Benidorm has undergone three separate

surgeries to save one of his fins while he was also found to have a bone infection.

But having now fully recovered from his injuries, the young turtle has been released by staff from I'Oceanografic, the town hall and the Serra Gelada Natural Park roughly 500 metres from the Benidorm coast

Father arrested for alleged assault

A **MAN** has been arrested in Novelda on suspicion of domestic violence towards his daughter.

According to reports, police received reports claiming that a man was allegedly pressuring his daughter not to report him for mistreating her.

When police arrived on the scene and attempted to separate the young girl from her

father, he allegedly assaulted officers and even attempted to take an arresting officer's weapon.

After a strong struggle the man, who reportedly has a long list of criminal records, was eventually restrained and arrested, while the girl was transferred to an emergency health centre for treatment.

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Gere to marry pretty woman

SILVER FOX Richard Gere is reportedly set to marry his Spanish girlfriend.

The *Officer and a Gentleman* star, 68, and 35-year-old publicist Alejandra Silva have been an item since 2015.

And according to Spanish media rumours, the couple will tie the knot in Washington DC on May 5.

Alejandra is the daughter of a former Real Madrid vice-president and met the Hollywood heartthrob through their mutual interest in human rights.

The Galician was embroiled in a divorce from American businessman Govind Friedland when she met the icon, who was himself previously married to supermodel Cindy Crawford and actress Carey Lowell.

But the wedding has yet to be confirmed, and Alejandra last year said during a red carpet interview: "I am recently divorced. As far as a legal wedding, no, but maybe we'll have a celebration."

AGE-DEFYING:
Elizabeth Hurley in Ibiza.

Gee Liz!

SHE recently raised eyebrows after revealing that her teenage son snaps her sizzling bikini shots.

But British actress Elizabeth Hurley, 52, showed she is unmoved by the critics after flaunting her enviable curves in a series of skimpy swimsuits while soaking up the sun on the private island of Tagomago, Ibiza.

The sexy designs are part of her own Elizabeth Hurley Beachwear collection.

Photo credit Elizabeth Hurley/Instagram/Flickr

Monk-ey business

SHE'S the glam pop star who is about to host the first season of *Love Island Australia*.

And after jetting back to Oz from Mallorca as filming ended, Sophie Monk, 38, posted a hilarious video on social media.

The footage shows the singer recording an introduction line for the show, as she tries to speak in a raunchy voice before fumbling her lines and blurting out "oh, sh*t."



FOUL PLAY: Sophie Monk.



LOVED UP: Richard and Alejandra.

Floyd star rages against the machine



DARK SIDE OF THE FACTS:
Roger Waters.

FORMER Pink Floyd frontman has told concert-goers that the White Helmets is a 'fake' organisation encouraging the bombing of Syria.

The *Another Brick In The Wall (Part 2)* hitmaker, 74, made the claim during a gig in Barcelona.

His comments came as the United States, France and the UK launched controversial airstrikes in response to alleged

chemical weapons attacks on the city of Douma by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime. And the strikes were based on video footage shot by the White Helmets, a volunteer rescue organisation operating in rebel-controlled parts of Syria and Turkey. "The White Helmets is a fake organisation that exists only to create propaganda for jihadists and terrorists. That's my belief," Waters told the crowd.

X factor

AMERICAN actress Olivia Munn and Spanish hunk Alex Gonzalez been spotted driving around Los Angeles together.

The pair, both 37, have starred in *X-Men* movies, and they were snapped after parking outside a shopping centre in the home of Hollywood, parking rumours of a budding romance.

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'Sprung from police van'

And the tactic was so unique it forced G4S chiefs to increase the strength of the doors, the court heard.

They were snared in the wake of a probe after McDonagh was caught on a security camera with his balcony up.

After an unsuccessful hold-up at a post office, police swooped on them

at a pub car park near junction 4 of the M61.

McDonagh was arrested while Smith, Groom, and Dargan fled towards the motorway slip road where they tried to car jack an elderly couple, punching the 64-year-old driver in the face before being cuffed.

The court also heard how they took 'meticulous' steps to avoid being caught, including the use of multiple getaway cars, some of which were burned out after the robberies, while bleach was used to wipe away forensic evidence.

Salford-born Smith was in 2010

held by Spanish police on suspicion of attempted robbery in Alicante.

He was at the time wanted under a European Arrest Warrant after he was sprung from a prison van. The vehicle was attacked by men wielding crowbars as it drove him to Salford Magistrate's Court to be

quizzed in connection with the torching of a vehicle yard used by police, in what investigators said was a bid to destroy criminal evidence.

In 2001 Smith was caged for five and a half years for the manslaughter of ex-paratrooper Ben Kamanalangi, who was beaten to death outside a Manchester nightclub where he was working as a bouncer.

XXX factor!

Brawling 'lapdancers' separated on Spanish flight

by Matt Ford

CABIN crew were forced to step in after three women believed to be erotic dancers downed spirits before sparking a punch-up on an easyJet flight to Tenerife.

One of the friends, who were travelling together, was left with a bloodied face after the scrap during which they 'tore each other's hair out.'

Horrorified passengers later revealed that the trio were sharing a bottle of expensive vodka before the brawl.

The booze was confiscated by attendants after holidaymakers complained about the women's drunken swearing on the flight from Gatwick.

Angie Dilloway, 50, was on the jet with daughter Bella, 10, who can be heard screaming in the footage.

She told UK media: "No one expected it to happen. They were friends and cuddling one minute and then getting louder and drinking Grey Goose vodka the next.

"They started arguing and they were swearing using the 'f' word and the



Photo credit: YouTube

POLE POSITION: The women were pulled apart by cabin crew after downing vodka.

'c' word. Other passengers started to complain and the stewardess took the bottle of vodka away from them.

"Then a brunette lunged at a blonde, screaming. She was ripping her hair out. We feared someone would get badly hurt."

The airline said in a statement: 'easyJet can confirm that flight EZY8709 from London Gatwick to Tenerife South on April 13 was met by police on arrival in Tenerife South due to passengers on board behaving in a disruptive manner. The passengers were escorted away by police.'

It comes a week after the UK government announced it is considering a crackdown on inflight boozing, with tougher sanctions for drunk passengers and selling duty-free alcohol in sealed bags among the proposals.

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Due to this decision, it is suggested that a significant number of these people have lost their jobs due to the need for employers to be satisfied with their immigration status and others have had to engage lawyers to fight extradition orders.

With Commonwealth leaders in the UK at the moment the matter has been raised with the government and after first denying that there was a problem both Home Secretary Amber Rudd and Prime Minister Theresa May have had to apologise for the treatment that these people have received.

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Push and go

BENIDORM now has 36 more pedestrian crossings adapted for the deafblind in addition to the 72 already equipped with tactile push-buttons for a safe crossing.

Bike rides

BICYCLES could again be allowed on the promenade at Campello's Muchavista beach in low season if the police think it advisable, although municipal sources admitted that many cyclists routinely ignore the current ban.

Big bang

PARTICIPANTS in the mock battle, the Alardo, during Alcoy's Moors and Christians fiestas will use 4,868 kilos of gunpowder, double last year's allocation, following negotiations between the organisers and city hall.



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GANDIA Town Hall is continuing construction of a Trinquet stadium for the Valencian ballgame despite a Valencia City court order calling a halt as the building flouts local planning laws and lacks Generalitat permission.

Buzz off

THE Guardia Civil in Vinaros (Castellon) arrested a man suspected of stealing more than 320 beehives worth €40,000 from different towns in the area since 2014. Fifteen have now been returned to their owners.

Go fish

ALICANTE fish farms produce more gilt-head sea bream than any other province in Spain, marketing 5,619 tons in 2016 and 7,258 tons in 2017 according to provisional figures.

Angels walking the streets

BENIDORM'S British Businesses Association (BBBA) hopes to put volunteers on the resort's streets to help British tourists.

'Street Angels' would cover the Rincon de Loix area with its concentration of pubs, bars and discos catering for a mainly British clientele, explained BBBA president Karen Maling Cowles.

Carrying water and basic first aid kits and wearing high-visibility vests with a 'Street Wise' logo, the volunteers would help disorientated visitors and the victims of muggings or theft.

The last thing the BBBA would want is to hinder or substitute the work of the police or paramedics, its president insisted.

The association has already spoken to the British consulate whose representatives expressed interest in the initiative. There have also been meetings with the town hall, tour operators



STREET WISE ANGELS: Helping hands will soon be on Benidorm's streets.

and the Costa Blanca hoteliers' association, Hosbec, detailing a project that would improve Benidorm's image.

Despite the SATE office that assists foreign tourists in their own language, the BBBA revealed that some tourists say they would never return to Benidorm, ow-

ing to an absence of help in some situations.

"If a British visitor had a problem and we helped, they would go home with another impression. We want families to return," Maling Cowles said.

Existing security bodies are a principal drawback for the town hall, however.

"Crime rates demonstrate that Benidorm is a very safe town," municipal sources said.

"The town hall is all in favour of civic associations that help the public and carry out projects, but not those which adopt roles corresponding to the State security bodies."

Bodies 'found in boot'

POLICE have found the dead bodies of two men in the back of a parked car in a garage in Cordoba.

Sources said that the bodies showed signs of violence - believed to be stab wounds - when they were found on the back seat of a car in a community garage in Priego de Cordoba.

Initially, it was reported they were found in the boot.

The victims are believed to be men of 43 and 24 years old who were reported missing several days ago.

It is understood that the car and parking space were owned by the 43-year-old man who lived in Priego de Cordoba. The younger man was from Lucena.

The Guardia Civil found the victims on Sunday afternoon and the bodies were removed to Cordoba for autopsies to determine the causes of death.

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No sex on the beach

By Greg Kirby

LOVE ISLAND, Britain's sauciest television sensation, will be back to Mallorca and Britain's television screens this summer, but with some changes.

The programme was a hit success last summer, capturing the nation's eyes with its steamy sex scenes on the Spanish island of Mallorca.

But new restrictions to this year's Love Island may put off those coming back for a second helping of naughtiness.

Reportedly, there will be full nudity ban, forcing participants to leave at least something to viewers' imaginations this year.

Another Love Island no-no this year is sex with drunken co-stars.

This may cause frustration among contestants, although another ban - this time on masturbation - rules out that option as an alternative.

ISLAND LOVERS: Love Island's 2017 winners, Kem Cetinay and Amber Davies.



But a new addition to this year's show - giving contestants access to counsellors following sexual intercourse - should rid fears that this season will be a dry version of last year's.

In preparation for a raunchy return to the island, the sun-loving love-seekers will receive a sexual handbook with advice on sexual consent and protection.

Thirty-eight-year-old holiday host Caroline Flack is not surprised by viewers' eagerness to travel to Love Island.

"I mean, why would you not apply?," she said.

Holiday horror

A BRITISH holidaymaker has been hospitalised after plunging off a seafront cliff while snapping a selfie in Mallorca.

The unnamed man, who is reportedly 38 years old, plummeted more than three-metres near the Puig de Ros housing

estate in Lluçmajor, after a rock he was standing on gave way.

He had been staying at a nearby hotel with friends and was rescued by firefighters after a witness raised the alarm.

Although conscious, he told onlookers he thought he had

broken both arms and a leg.

Medics said he may have suffered spinal injuries and was in "a serious condition" after an ambulance took him to Son Dureta hospital in the island's capital Palma, where he was expected to undergo surgery.

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FIESTAS RULES: Aimed mainly at Benissa's youth.

Defusing problems before they happen

BENISSA'S town fiestas start tomorrow (Friday) and the town hall is taking a tough line with underage drinking.

Beforehand there was an inspection of each casal that the peñas or fiestas groups use as headquarters and where they spend most of their time.

A casal is usually located in unoccupied garages, shops and other premises, often in the town centre, and the fiestas groups are generally very noisy, particularly those with young and adolescent members.

Hoping to prevent problems before they begin, the town hall issued a list of conditions that all groups must observe.

No alcohol may be consumed or stored by a group whose members are all under 18 and police will confiscate any that is found. Each peña and casal has to be registered at the Citizens' Services Office (OAC) and comply with health and safety regulation.

Music should not be going full blast at any time, but must be turned off at 2.30am. The fiesta may continue inside the casal but without too much rowdiness.

"Each year there are more casales and we felt it was essential to register the peñas and counteract possible problems," said Benissa's Fiestas councillor Domenec Miralles.

Pin number fraudsters arrested

THE Guardia Civil in San Juan arrested two people accused of spying on supermarket clients as they punched in pin numbers.

A Romanian (32) and a Slovak (38), believe to belong to a criminal group operating in Castellon, Almeria, Murcia, Tarragona and Zaragoza as well as Alicante Province.

Guardia Civil investigators identified a further six Romanians and Slovaks who fled the country once they learnt that they were wanted by the Spanish authorities.

The group allegedly targeted elderly, unaccompanied women, whom they followed as they parked at supermarket chains. One of the gang would watch as the chosen victim punched in a pin number, which he would relay to an accomplice waiting in the car park.

According to the Guardia Civil, the Alicante operatives obtained €32,000 with this setup.

Before reaching their car, targets would be divested of their bank cards which the gang members used to withdraw the maximum amount of cash from the nearest ATM machine.

The gang came to the notice of the San Juan Guardia Civil after a victim who put up resistance was threatened with a razor and intimidated into handing over his bank card.

Identifying the thieves was not an easy task as the San Juan investigators had to trawl through hours of CCTV footage and the movements of numerous bank accounts before identifying and locating the culprits.

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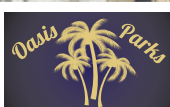
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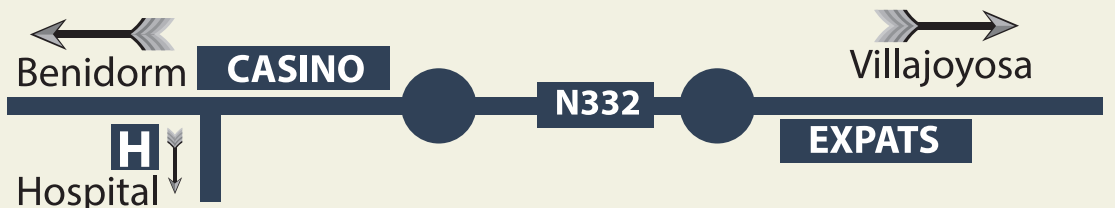
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Armed robbers arrested



NATIONAL POLICE: Some of the seized items.

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The investigation started six months ago and police believe that they have identified those behind eight robberies carried out in both Alicante and Murcia and have arrested the alleged gang including the ring leader who had three arrest warrants in place for him.

So dangerous was this mis-

sion that a special crime busting section of the National Police (GOES) was brought in and it was established that several members of the gang were responsible for monitoring their victims, collecting information about them, including home addresses, personal vehicles and work schedules.

The gang concentrated on people involved with banks, commercial establishments and entrepreneurs from whom they could obtain sig-

nificant amounts of money or possessions.

Having satisfied themselves that they had identified all of those involved in the crimes, a combined operation between different units of the National Police was undertaken with targets in Benidorm, Elda and Alicante City.

As well as the arrests, four house searches were carried out, where officers seized four firearms, as well as a large quantity of ammunition,

a Taser, masks, shackles and €7,000 in cash.

Also seized was a high speed motorbike with false number plates and three other vehicles.

Of the 11 detainees - two women and nine men of different nationalities - four have been immediately remanded in custody including the alleged leader of the organisation who was wanted for two robberies with firearms and for evading custody.

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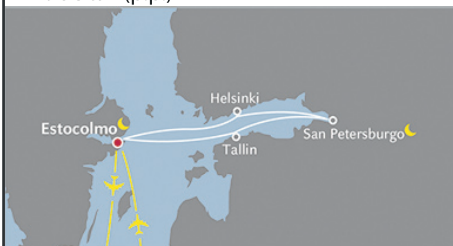


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By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



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Life in the Orange Groves - Testimonial

Andrew and Sue have no regrets about relocating to a rustic corner of the northern Costa Blanca, made possible by HomeEspaña finding them a home among the orange groves.

The couple picked up the keys to their detached villa near the town of Pego, inland from the resort of Dénia, in mid-December 2017. They first visited the property during a trip to Spain in May that year.

"While there we viewed about six properties with Nick from HomeEspaña," said Sue. "We really liked one of them – a large detached house overlooking Pego. So we asked Nick if we could squeeze in a second viewing before we flew home – to do it, he kindly interrupted an afternoon out with his wife! As we made our way through the orange groves towards the house, I was reminded of Chris Stewart's fabulous book *Driving Over Lemons*. I had to pinch myself! We were both smitten by the property – and especially by the views. A week or so later we made the vendors an offer of €345,000, which they accepted, and we paid the required deposit in June."

"We were able to move for good in December, after Andrew had retired from the fire service. Everything went like clockwork, which we found a little surprising as we had heard and read so many negative stories about problems associated with buying in Spain."

Their new home is surrounded by orange groves criss-crossed by quiet roads, yet they are still only 12 minutes' drive from the wonderful untouched beaches that run south from Oliva. The property sits on a three-acre plot, which includes terraces with fruit trees, and to the side of the

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Booze binge scam

Brit stag party held on forged cash rap



GOODBYE KITTY: The counterfeit and legal money seized from the Brits' holiday flats in Mallorca.

By Matt Ford



FOUR British revellers on a stag-do in Mallorca have been held on suspicion of using counterfeit money to party for free.

The unnamed quartet, aged between 30 and 50, had been staying in Magaluf, where they were allegedly spending the false €20 and €50 bank notes on booze-ups in bars and night-clubs before accepting change in legal tender.

They were sporting specially designed t-shirts emblazoned with 'Marty, the game is over my friend,' featuring a black

silhouette of a man on all fours wearing a dog collar held by a woman.

Local Police launched a probe after business owners on the riotous Punta Ballena strip reported that the bogus cash was appearing in their tills.

The investigation led to the arrest of one of the suspects, who was carrying five forged €20 notes plus small amounts of cocaine and cannabis as he drank in a bar.

But when they took him to his holiday flat in the Torreno-

va neighbourhood to check his passport, officers found more counterfeit money in the property's safe, leading to three others being held after Guardia Civil investigators were called in.

Investigators requested a search warrant for the apartments, seizing €800 worth of forged cash, plus €3,000 and around £1,000 in legal notes.

All four men had been on the island 'for a short time,' police said in a statement.

The arrests came after three people were charged with smuggling false bank notes from Italy into mainland Spain.

Two of the suspects were held in Alicante and the third in Barcelona, with one surprised as he left a post office clutching a package containing €4,600 in counterfeit cash.

The notes were reportedly brought from Naples to Spain by an Italian citizen, or mailed by his son.

A fourth individual who is serving time in a Tarragona prison has appeared in court for allegedly heading the plot from his cell, detectives confirmed.

A total of €5,050 of fake bank notes and €4,535 in legal tender were seized during the sting.

Oltra sues over father's death

REGIONAL vice-president Monica Oltra's family are suing the lorry driver who ran over and killed her father, Juan Oltra.

The politician's parent died when a cement-mixer lorry was discharging cement at his Godella (Valencia) home in May 2013 and the family are accusing the driver of involuntary manslaughter.

The case is being heard in a Valencia City criminal court and lawyers representing Oltra's family are asking for a €1,800 fine and a three-month driving ban for the accused as well as €124,000 in compensation, split into €86,000 for the widow and €19,000 each for Juan Oltra's two children.

The lawyer defending both the lorry driver and his insurance company maintained that despite the lamentable loss of a human life, "the victim was entirely responsible for the accident" as he was lying on the ground, repairing a water pipe beside the cement mixer, when the accident happened.

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GOOD EFFORT: The team managed to collect many of the bags.

A QUIET drink in a Costa Blanca seafront cafe turned into a bid to save the environment for a group of plucky British expatriates.

It came after strong winds blew hundreds of plastic bags into the air in La Mata.

A nearby road where a street market had taken place was filled with plastic, and the gusts were blowing the bags over boats and sand into the sea.

Couples Eileen and Tony Mayes and Pete and Kate Goodger rushed to collect as many as they could, filling three larger bags, but it was

Plastic drag

Expats wage war on litter



nothing compared to what had blown into the water and still littered the market road.

Tony Mayes told the *Euro Weekly News*: "To leave a road after the market had gone with so much rubbish in it is ridiculous. Not one council employee or refuse lorry was to be seen. Market traders had left hundreds upon hundreds of

plastic bags on the road.

"We are hearing over and over on TV news programmes about the volume of plastic entering our seas and oceans.

"Quite rightly there's a massive campaign in Britain to deal with plastics but it is totally useless if other countries don't care about the environment!"

Owner of killer dogs abused them

THE owner of five dogs that savaged and killed a 76-year-old man in Ondara faces five years in prison.

The public prosecutor and the private accusation, which includes Andres Ayuso who was also attacked and the family of Luis Angel Sala are asking for the maximum sentence for this kind of offence.

Marinus Cornelis Schoots' five pit bull crosses were finally put down after killing Sala who was working on his smallholding in February 2017.

The dogs turned on a volunteer at the animal shelter where they were confined following the attack, later injuring Ayuso when they escaped.

Only one dog was microchipped and none was registered as belonging to a potentially dangerous breed, the court heard.

According to the public

prosecutor, Schoots had 'brutalised' dogs and knew they were aggressive. He was remanded in Fontcalent prison 11 months ago after Sala's DNA was found in the dogs' saliva.

Schoots had also tried to wash one of the dogs to eradicate any traces of the killing before the Guardia Civil arrived.

Luis Angel Sala's family are also asking for €100,000 compensation for his widow and €2,000 for each of his three children.

Schoots lawyer said the recommended sentence was disproportionate and that his client should be fined, not imprisoned. He also maintained that Sala could have died before the dogs attacked him although a post mortem revealed that he died from massive blood loss caused by the dog bites.

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Drunk and disorderly

‘Disruptive’ Brit passenger fined after flight u-turn



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HOLIDAY HELL: The mid-air drama has seen Karl Wend (inset) fined.

By Karl Smallman

A RYANAIR passenger whose ‘drunken antics’ forced a flight from Manchester to divert back to the UK, and delayed the journey for all the other passengers for a day, has been fined £2,500 (€2,892) in court.

When the flight carrying father-of-five, Karl Wend, 45, arrived back in the UK he was arrested and his fellow passengers were forced to wait until the following morning for another flight.

Wend, from Runcorn in Cheshire, was heading to Tenerife on a stag do with friends when he was aggressive towards another passenger accusing a young woman of stealing his phone and travel documents.

The flight had taken off two-hours late during which time Wend and his pals drank at the bar.

Shortly after takeoff Wend became abusive and Manchester Magistrates’ Court heard that the Ryanair pilot decided to abandon the flight to the Canary Islands and return to Manchester Airport.

Prosecutor Tess Kenyon said, “There was a two-hour delay to the flight and Mr Wend was with a group who were out for a stag do on that flight.”

“A supervisor of the cabin was working on that flight when he was approached by a passenger who stated that a man was being hostile and becoming aggressive towards a young woman and accusing her of taking his phone.

“The supervisor noticed this man was drunk, he smelt of alcohol, stumbled around and he believed he was on a different planet.

“The defendant then became aggressive with the supervisor and began shouting, so he called over other members of the cabin crew.

“This man then became threatening and abusive and the woman involved explained to the staff that she was intimidated and scared.

“The crew attempted to separate the defendant from the young woman but he tried to push past to talk to the woman who he believed took his phone. He then began making accusations that she had stolen

his travel documents.

“Mr Wend continued to try and make his way towards this young woman and the supervisor ended up placing himself in between them. She was visibly upset. The supervisor came to the conclusion that it wasn’t safe to continue with the flight due to the behaviour of the defendant and told him this and asked a member of the crew to instruct the captain.”

Since the incident Wend has issued an apology.

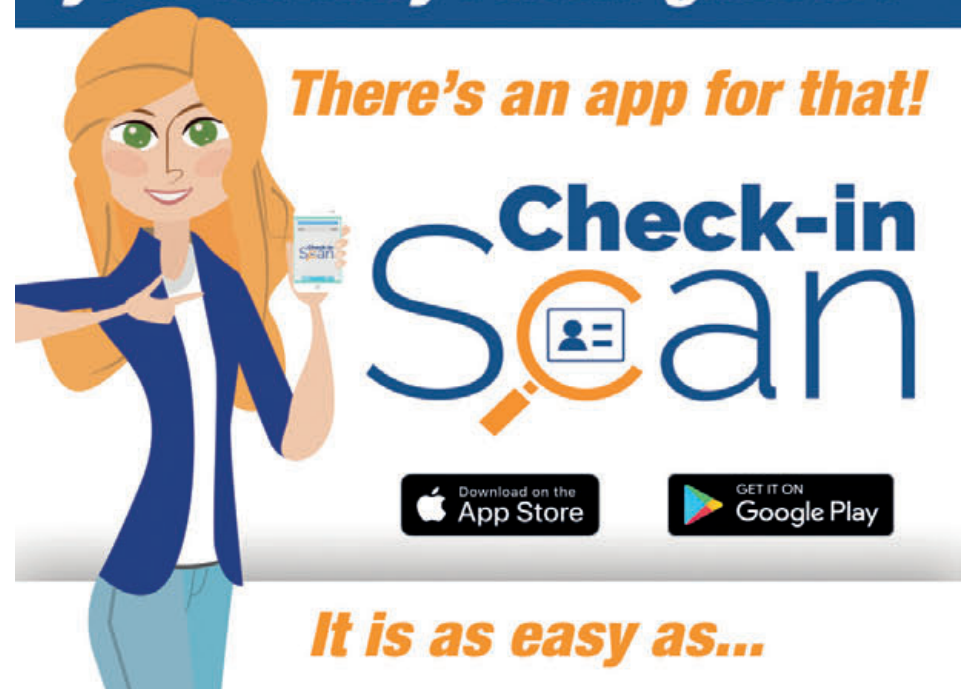
“I just got carried away. I never normally drink, but that day I drank a lot.

“People know me as ‘Karl the Smiler’ but I haven’t smiled since then. I understand how angry the passengers must have been, I know I ruined their flight and their holiday, I accept they would have had to rearrange the flights and I am truly sorry for that.

A Ryanair spokesman said, “This flight from Manchester to Tenerife (March 8) returned to Manchester after a passenger became disruptive inflight. The aircraft landed normally and the passenger was met by police upon arrival.

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DUKE'S STAIRS: Juan Carlos Moragues, Antonio Aguilar Mediavilla and Vicent Grimalt pay a visit.

A stairway to the past

THE restored Renaissance staircase originally built at Denia castle by the Duke of Lerma has now been formally inaugurated.

Denia's mayor Vicente Gri-

malt accompanied Juan Carlos Moragues, the national government's delegate to the Valencian Community and Antonio Aguilar Mediavilla, director general for Architecture, Housing and Land to inspect restoration at the 14th century Palau Vell and the extension carried out by the Duke of Lerma in the 17th century.

Work centred on the Escalera del Duc based on existing sections of the staircase and reconstruction of the central part that connects to the Palau Vell.



DUKE'S STAIRS: In use once again.

The €650,000 project was financed by the Ministry of Public Work's 1.5 per cent Cultural programme for the conservation of historic properties belonging to the State as

well as Denia Town Hall.

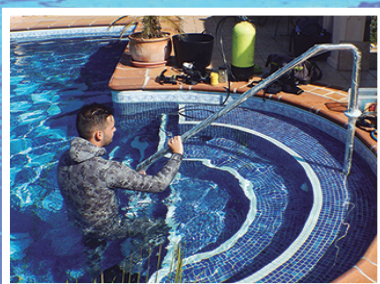
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Bridging the gap

ALFAZ will at last have a bridge over the Soler gully where this crosses Calle San Miguel.

Work on the bridge, which will cost a little over €385,000, is expected to start after the summer and will take four months to complete, said Town Planning councillor Toni Such.

The bridge is much-needed as once Calle San Miguel becomes a continuous road, this will help to decongest traffic heading towards Albir.

Vehicles driving to Benidorm along Cami Vell d'Altea will soon be able to reach this via Calle San Miguel without having to detour through the centre.

A load of rubbish?

€650 'plastic-bin' top launched in Spain

YOU might just lose the shirt off your back if you fork out a whopping €650 on a new fashion item from the Balenciaga fashion house in Spain.

Their latest collection features a neon-green top, made from 100 per cent polythene - the same material used to make plastic carrier bags.

It made its debut on the 2018 spring and summer catwalk in Paris and the fashion house's name features on the front and back in gold lettering.

On an online store webpage the top is dressed up to read: "Creative director Demna Gvasalia's satirical approach to traditional tailoring is showcased with Balenciaga's green Plastic-Bin shirt."

"Seen on the SS18 runway, it's crafted in Italy from a shiny water-repellent fabric and cut to a classic point-collar, short-sleeved shape with a metallic-gold logo print on the chest and across the back."

An additional note warns that it needs 'specialist' cleaning.

The luxury fashion house was founded in 1919 by Cristobal Balenciaga, a designer born in the Basque Country, and now has its headquarters in Paris, France.



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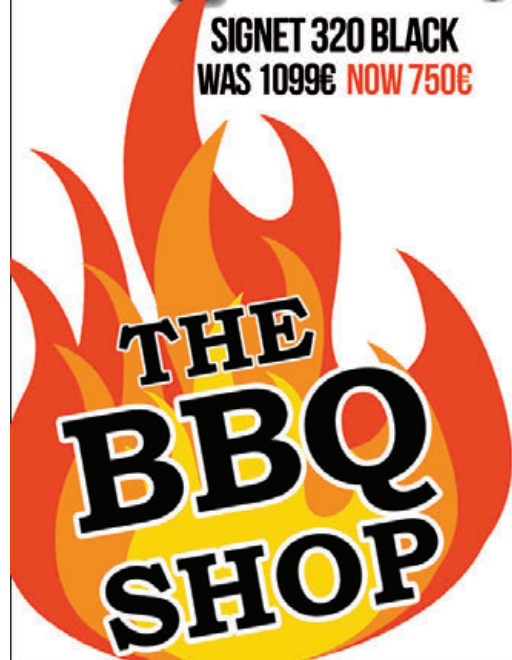
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Late repairs

VILLAJOSYOSA will receive subsidies totalling €134,746 from the Diputación provincial council to repair three rural roads that were damaged during the storms of November 2016 and January 2017.

Clear-up

AFTER receiving permission from the Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar (CHJ) water board, Altea's Environment department cleared a section of the Els Arcs stream, which was clogged with reeds and litter.



Photo credit: Generalitat Valenciana

DIGNITARIES: Local politicians during the Santa Faz pilgrimage.

A (relatively) sober time had by all

FOUR young people needed treatment for alcohol poisoning during the pilgrimage to the Santa Faz monastery in San Juan.

Three people were arrested for stealing mobile phones and 47 pilgrims needed medical attention at the first aid tent for blisters, falls, faintness and allergies although only two people, both elderly, were admitted to hospital.

Eighty Local Police and Guardia Civil officers were posted

along the route to maintain order as thousands walked the eight kilometres from Alicante City to Santa Faz. They were also keeping watch for drinking in the street, especially amongst the young, and impounded 789 bottles of alcohol.

Most of the young people were bound for Playa de San Juan, ready for a Botellon drinking session and by 2pm there were 5,000 in Avenida de Niza although in other years there would have been

nearer to 40,000, police sources said. Many managed to smuggle alcohol in back packs and rucksacks, however, there was less drinking than in the past as those found drinking knew they would have to pay a €90 fine.

The tougher police measures also meant that this year police impounded only nine trolleys, taken from supermarkets and loaded with alcohol, compared with 400 last year.

Bull-running runs into trouble

BOUS AL CARRER bull-running during Oliva's fiestas was always held in Calle Sant Vicent.

This year, knowing that he had the backing of the street's residents as well as the fiestas' organisers, councillor Pepe Salazar informed the bull-running association, Peña el Becerret, that the street would not be available.

He suggested that bull-running could be held elsewhere in the town but the offer was turned down.

The Peña's president Jose Pozos accused the councillor of lying and claimed that neither residents nor festeros were behind him although the Calle Sant Vicent neighbours had delivered a document with 56 signatures to the town hall, expressing support for Salazar.

Most were elderly and cordoning off the street for the bull-running disrupted their daily routine and hindered mobility, the document explained.

Meanwhile, Calle Sant Vicent festeros unanimously agreed that they did not want bull-running, which they stopped organising in 2003, and passed on the decision in another written note.

Both groups stressed that they were not opposed to bull-running, but did not want it in Calle Sant Vicent.

The Fiestas councillor has now explained that he did not reveal either document's existence as he had not wanted to create ill-feeling between the Peña and the town hall, festeros or Sant Vicent residents.

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What does this mean?

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Local craftspeople on popular programme



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UPCOMING PROGRAMME: Francisco, Irene and the television crew.

LA NUCIA will be featured in the TVE programme *Aquí la Tierra* on Friday next week.

The popular and prize-winning magazine programme, airs on weekdays and Sundays and has an audience of two million viewers. The programme looks at Planet Earth from unaccustomed viewpoints, introducing viewers to the best and most interesting images that Spain has to offer.

Next week's programme, which has already been recorded, shows La Nucia residents Francisco Martinez and his granddaughter, Irene Urosa.

They live in Carrer Calvari in the Old Town and both are experts in working with esparto grass, demonstrating on the programme the tools they use and the household and decorative items they make.

Carrer Calvari was closed to traffic for an hour while Francisco and Irene answered questions from the *Aquí la Tierra* presenter Koldo Arrastia, explaining how they obtain the esparto and the different techniques used to work ancient source of raw material.

The programme which will be broadcast on TVE1 at 8.30pm on April 27, concludes with shots of La Nucia's Old Town.

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A challenge for swimmers

MORE than 600 people have already signed up for the Mediterranean Coast Challenge across Altea Bay on May 13.

The principal race, 5.5 kilometres from Altea to Albir, is valid for Spain's Open Water Cup, the Regional Championship and the Open Water Tour.

There will be a popular two-kilometre race as well as the 500-metre Mini Mediterranean race for children and a 10-kilometre international challenge for professionals.

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Somewhere for a good chat

THE Alfaz Breakfast Club recently celebrated its first anniversary.

Created by Alfaz's Armed Forces Veterans Club it now has 52 members and is one of only three in Spain, the others being located in Murcia and another in La Linea (Cadiz).

The celebratory event was held at the Albir Arms, where the club meets on the first Saturday of each month, and was attended by Alfaz's Foreign Residents councillor Martine Mertens.

"Everybody is very cordial, very outgoing and this is a very practical way of making contact with other residents," Mertens said.

Although the Breakfast Club's founders belonged in the past to the Armed Forces, all members of the public are welcome at the monthly meetings. There is nothing to pay, enrolment is not required and the club is open to anyone looking forward to a few hours in conversation.



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BREAKFAST CLUB: Meet the first Saturday in Albir.

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More staff for A & E

THERE will be improvements to the Emergency service at Altea's main health centre, residents learnt at recent meetings.

Health councillor Diego Martinez explained to the gatherings in Altea and Altea la Vieja that an additional doctor and nurse will be on call in Altea.

Until now patients needing urgent medical attention have been seen by their assigned primary care doctor when the

main Health centre is open.

As they take precedence over patients with appointments, this practice has been causing lengthy delays which will now be avoided thanks to the extra medical staff, Martinez said.

There will be further improvements, the councillor continued, as the Generalitat's regional health department will shortly be providing an emergency vehicle that will be available for home visits.

Beating the bugs to it

ALFAZ has begun its annual onslaught on insects and vermin, starting in the town centre and continuing to Albir.

"Fumigating drains and sewers is the only way to control them and ensure the health and well-being of residents," explained Town Planning councillor Toni Such. "We have also started early in other spots that are likely to see concentrations of insects with the arrival of the hot weather.

New candidate

ALTEA'S Partido Popular chose Jesus Ballester, currently the PP's spokesman at the town hall, to head the party's voting list in next year's municipal elections. He replaces former mayor Miguel Ortiz, the PP's principal candidate since 1991, who announced he would not be running again.

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Teulada Moraira

NEWS

Head-on crash

THREE people suffered minor injuries after a head-on collision at night between two cars on the CV-743 linking Teulada and Moraira. Officers from Teulada's Local Police closed the road to traffic for two hours as the victims received first aid from Proteccion Civil and the Emergency Services cleared away the wreckage.



Photo credit: Teulada-Moraira town hall

CURSA POPULAR: Formal announcement from the town hall and organisers.

Ready, steady, run!

ONCE again, Teulada-Moraira Town Hall and the Corremundos Athletics Club have organised the Cursa Popular run.

Held this Saturday, it will

be the 16th edition of the run, which provides participants with points for the Marina Alta Circuit a Peu.

Teulada-Moraira mayor Carlos Linares, Sports coun-

cillor Mario Font and representatives from the Corremundos Club as well as the president of the San Vicente Ferrer Fiestas Committee recently made the official announcement for the next Cursa Popular.

This begins in the Plaza de la Constitucion in Teulada at 4pm with the Children's Run, which has seven categories, ranging from 80 metres for the youngest querubines to 10,000 metres for juveniles.

The Prueba Reina - the adults' 10-kilometre circuit - starts at 6.30pm and the first 1,500 runners to cross the finishing line, which is also in Plaza de la Constitucion, will each receive a commemorative t-shirt.

The €1 per object cloak-room charge for personal belongings and bicycles will go to the San Vicente Ferrer Fiestas Committee.

Iron rations in hospital

A TEULADA-MORAIRA resident complained after finding a shard of metal inside a hamburger served at Alicante General Hospital.

"We've been at the hospital for a week where my son has had an operation," the mother wrote in the social media.

"The doctors and nurses have been wonderful, but today I was very angry when I found that one of the two hamburgers he was given for lunch had a piece of metal inside it," she said.

"It seems incredible that we are pay to have a quality public health service, and that should include patients' food while they are in hospital. Luckily neither my son nor any other child swallowed that piece of metal."

The woman has now complained to the hospital, urging the management to be more careful with patients' food.

When asked by the local Spanish media to comment on the hamburger's contents the regional Health department replied that it was investigating the matter and those responsible "would be asked for explanations."

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Lighthouse situa

IN 2015, Javea appealed against a Ministry of Public Works decision to turn the San Antoni lighthouse into a hotel.

The town hall argued that the lighthouse, built in 1861, should become an Interpretive Centre, or informal museum, focusing on the Sant Antoni marine reserve which is part of the Montgo national park.

The appeal was upheld and the hotel plans were shelved, but the Interpretive Centre is no nearer completion than it was three years ago.

Javea's mayor, Jose Chulvi, hoping to expedite matters, re-

cently met Juan Antonio Gisbert, president of Alicante's Port Authority.

Chulvi presented a document expressing unanimous backing from the park's board of governors for the town hall's plans for the lighthouse highlighting the biodiversity and richness of the marine reserve.

The mayor also drew attention to the town hall's existing collaboration with the Oceanografic oceanarium seawater aquarium in Valencia which is currently carrying out an in-depth study of the

Javea seabed.

Following the meeting, Chulvi emphasised the Port Authority's willingness to smooth the way for putting the lighthouse into municipal hands.

The next step is a formal, written application and, once the concession has been granted, the town hall can get down to converting the lighthouse.

This could be complicated, Chulvi explained as the building itself is deteriorated and a northern section of the perimeter wall has collapsed.

Dodgy mussels withdrawn



NOROVIRUS CULPRITS: All those affected are recovering satisfactorily

THIRTY-NINE people were taken ill after eating pre-cooked frozen mussels at a Javea hotel.

They are now recovering satisfactorily although when Spain's Consumer Affairs, Food Safety and Nutrition Agency first announced the food poisoning cases, it admitted that it did not rule out further cases.

This prediction was borne out the following day when another 12 people were diagnosed

after eating them in a Gandia hotel.

Prepared by Estrella Polar, they were distributed in the Valencian Community and Navarra, but have been withdrawn from sale, the Agency confirmed.

The affected consignment is labelled Mejillon media concha super, bearing the serial number 010DOP-18 with a 1/2020 best-before date and 19/1/2018 manufacture date. The Agency rec-

ommended that anyone who had bought this product should not eat it.

The Agency learnt of the food poisoning cases after they were notified by the Valencian Community Health authorities and patients' analyses later revealed that they were affected by a norovirus. The cooked mussels came from Galicia and further analysis revealed the presence of norovirus GI and GII.

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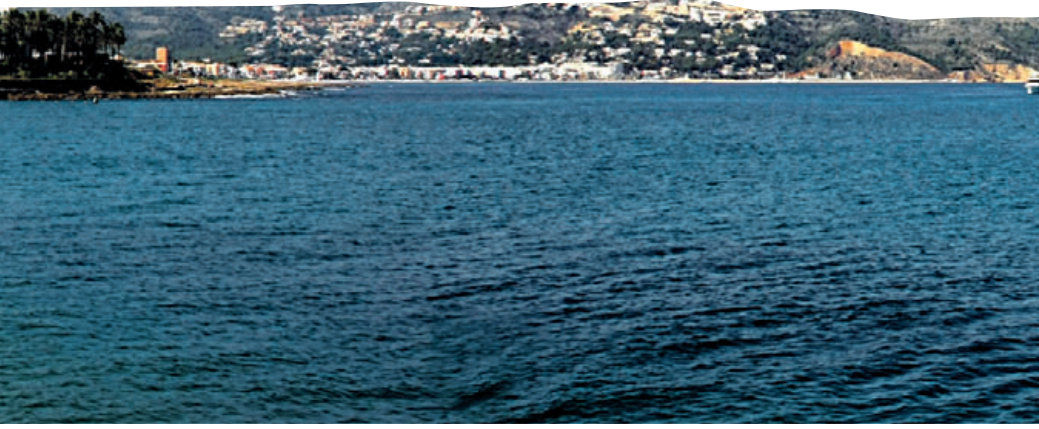
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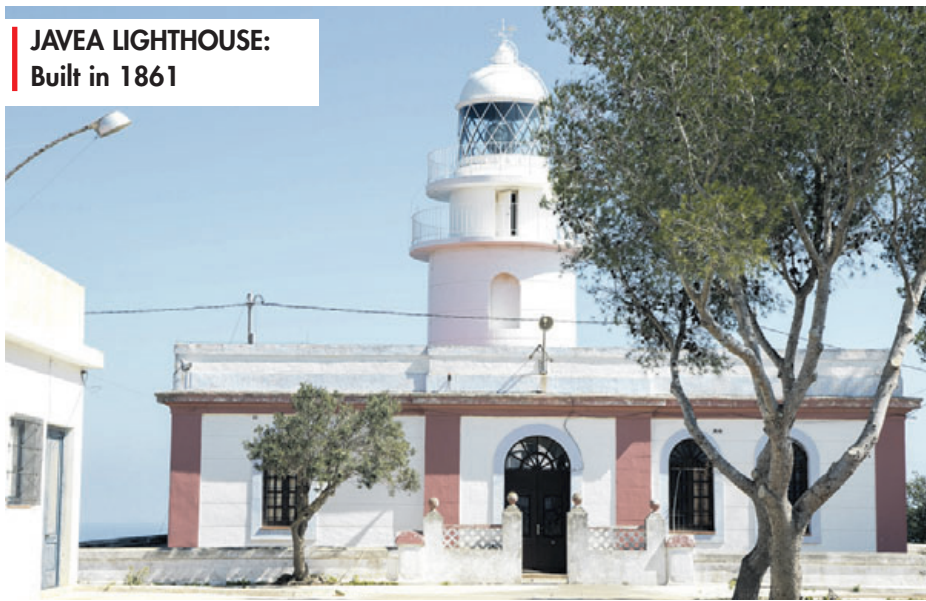
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Denia was originally believed to be their natural habitat according to popular belief and the devotion of those who had tried them. Their name developed over generations. However, despite their name, they are not actually to be found on the shores of Denia, a fact confirmed by Paco Alonso, in *La Vanguardia* newspaper less than a year ago.

"The red prawns don't live off the coast of Denia... the species is located on the continental and insular slopes, such as off the Balearic Islands, in depths ranging from 200 metres to depths above 1,000 metres, concentrating in muddy sea beds between 350 and 550 metres deep."

They are a natural and succulent dish that requires little or no elaboration. Connoisseurs say that the flavour of the Mediterranean resides within them, and one really only has to taste them to know what they mean. The red prawns really are that good, and quite unlike other prawns.

Finding the red prawns is a test of fire for the most seasoned sailors, since their banks tend to change locations over time. And the secret to their whereabouts is closely guarded by those who have contin-

uously been successful, like hidden treasures of the Mediterranean Sea.

A couple of minutes in boiling sea or salted mineral water will suffice to let the incredible taste of this amazing crustacean be enjoyed. They will have to be cooled before serving and then they will be ready to enjoy. They are a plate highly prized by every true Dianense, and one that is best enjoyed eating with your hands, no matter how fine the restaurant.

There are many places in Denia where you can enjoy the Red Prawns of Denia, but one of the most beautiful and cosy enclaves to enjoy these and almost anything else, is the Restaurante Primera Línea:

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Bus back

THE bus link between Banyeres and Villena, which was interrupted after the concessionary failed to renew, has been restored after another company took over and has included Biar in the existing route.

Unlucky dip

A 53-YEAR-OLD Spanish man in Valencia City was accused of illegal possession of a firearm after failing to hand in a semiautomatic 9mm pistol complete with ammunition clip that he found in a rubbish container.

More vino

WITH 4,000 hectares of land now planted with the grapes used for cava, the Valencian Community intends to increase production next year from eight to 10 million bottles, aiming at 16 million by 2028.

Steady jobs

EMPLOYMENT will continue to grow in Alicante Province, predicted a Chamber of Commerce report, although at a more moderate rate than at present, owing to domestic demand and the improved world economy.

Moved out

THE Earned Income, Audit and Treasuring departments at Villena Town Hall had to be vacated recently following a check by Work inspectors who found that wooden beams supporting an entire floor needed replacing.

Did cult film cause teenager's death

WITNESSES claimed that shortly before a 16-year-old was run over in Petrel they saw him trying to dodge traffic.

He was apparently videoed by friends as he played a deadly game of chicken on the A-31 motorway between Alicante City and Spain's capital, Madrid. The same witnesses also maintained that shortly before the accident that resulted in the boy's death, they saw several

young people hanging from the railings of the footbridge over the A-31 that is 200-metres from the spot where the accident occurred. Others in the group were videoing them, onlookers said, presumably to upload to YouTube and other sites as they copied scenes from the 1995 Spanish film, *Tales from the Kronen*.

The boy was run over as a lorry overtook a trailer on the outside left lane, a manoeuvre that he would not

have seen as he darted through lorries and vehicles driving towards Madrid.

Despite these theories, the boy's death is now under analysis and investigation by the Guardia Civil.

As reported in the *Euro Weekly News* he was run over by several other vehicles following the initial collision with the lorry, whose 31-year-old driver had to be treated for a panic attack.

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ical malpractice, or the negligence of another professional such as an architect, advisor, lawyer, etc that the person who has suffered has some clear understanding of how they are able to start the process and it is always advisable to ask for the advice of an expert lawyer.

Deadlines to claim

The deadline to claim can be different ranging from one to 15 years, depending on the claim so timescales as an example are:

Deadline of one year, for claims against public administrations including medical negligence by health professionals working in the Spanish Public Health System.

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For this reason it should be understood that it is important to go to a specialist lawyer to initiate the necessary steps and present the formal requests needed, as soon as possible, to avoid expiration of time for the claim.

Different ways to claim

Claims for medical or professional negligence or malpractice can be initiated in different ways and before different authorities or jurisdictions.

Contentious-administrative claims and jurisdiction. For example, when one is affected by the medical malpractice of a person who is a staff member of the administration, we would normally recommend to go to this jurisdiction.

Civil claims and jurisdiction. For example, when you have been adversely affected by the negligence of a private professional, who does not belong to the administration, for example, an adviser, a lawyer, an architect, one would normally undertake civil proceedings.

Criminal claims and jurisdiction. In some cases, normally in cases of negligence with serious consequences, a claim may be considered as part of criminal proceedings.

The importance of documentation and evidence

In general we can say that it is very important to try from the first moment to locate all the documents, correspondence, evidence, etc of what happened, and this is especially important in the cases of medical malpractice.

There is an absolute need to obtain the medical history and evidence of all kinds of tests, reports etc and if they are not to

hand, need to be formally requested as soon as is possible.

Types of responsibility.

As we have seen in other articles, professionals cannot reasonably expect to be successful in every situation, that is, doctors cannot guarantee to save all lives and lawyers cannot be expected to win all court cases, etc.

But they have an obligation to act diligently and have knowledge of what they are doing.

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Plastic on the way out

THE regional government intends to slap a ban on one-use plastics.

Baleares and France have already introduced measures that veto plastic when this can be substituted by non-contaminating materials.

Cotton buds, chupa-chups lolly sticks, drinking straws, throwaway plastic cutlery and coffee capsules could all be banned if planned legislation goes through, revealed Elena Cebrian.

She also wanted to make clear that the ban applied only to products where plastic was substitutable. When there was no practical alternative, plastic would continue to be used, she emphasised.

The head of the Generalitat's department of Agriculture, Environment, Climate Change and Rural Development said that the regional government is committed to generating less rubbish, especially plastics, in line with European Union directives.

The central parliament in Madrid recently approved a text with the votes of all parties except the Partido Popular, that proposed modifying existing laws and opening the door to a ban on one-use plastics.

Sealing landfill sites is another of her department's priorities as well as a long-term necessity, Cebrian said, as emissions from these sites "obviously" affected climate change.

Sealing landfills requires substantial investment and each year the Generalitat Budget has assigned €1 million for this project, she added.

Careful budgeting benefits all

CALLOSA'S healthy finances will allow more investment in infrastructure and municipal services, the town hall said.

Thanks to its budget stability, the town hall spent €1.417 million less than it paid out, finishing the year with a surplus of €2.769 million.

Councils that have complied with the national government's economic guidelines may now use any budget surplus for local improvements instead of using it to pay off the municipal debt once this drops below a certain level.

In Callosa this has now fallen to €758,134 which means that the town hall can spend €377,373 on replacing water pipes at the Margeve-Onaer pumping station.

Amongst other investments, €330,000 will cover renovating and improving equipment needed for the domestic water supply and €76,787 for repairs to Cami



CALLOSA: Town hall savings used for improvements

de la Casilla, although this has already been carried out and paid for by the town hall.

Another €68,457 will be used to settle bills from suppliers and concessionaries that provide municipal service.

By making savings, cash can now be used for improvements benefiting the local population, although the town hall pointed out that the central government has the last word on how the money is spent.

NEWS EXTRA

School's out

ANNOUNCED in 2009, halted in 2011 during the economic crisis, activity at the almost-completed new building for the Pere Maria Orts high school in Benidorm has stopped once again, two months after work recommenced.

All lit up

DENIA firemen answering a call to rescue a dove trapped inside a street lamp, explained afterwards that these rescues are increasingly frequent as the birds often take refuge to evade predators.

Well protected

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Bogus holiday sickness clampdown



FAKE ILLNESS: The government is set to act.

By Karl Smallman

MINISTERS in the UK have announced a crackdown on bogus holiday sickness claims which could come into effect within weeks.

They plan to introduce a cap on the legal costs tour operators have to pay out after the number of gastric illness claims has soared by 500 per cent in five years, hitting travel operators with massive bills.

Speaking last year Justice minister Dominic Raab said: "Bogus claims against tour operators risk driving up the

price of summer holidays abroad for hard-working families who have earned a break. We're taking action to deter these claims, and protect holidaymakers from being ripped off."

The clampdown comes after it emerged that British tourists are being barred by some hotels after a surge in bogus sickness claims.

Most cases target all-inclusive resorts, with claimants saying they only ate at their hotel in a bid to identify it as the cause of their supposed food poisoning.

Tui, which owns all-inclusive specialist, First Choice, recorded a 1,400 per cent rise in claims in the last two years.

The company's UK managing director, Nick Longman, said: "There's a distinct risk that if this carries on as it is unabated, the hoteliers will say to us either 'we don't want to work with the British market at all' or 'we're not going to offer you all-inclusive'."

In October of last year Spanish police said that they had identified 800 British tourists accused of sickness scams.

Officers claimed the holidaymakers acted through more than 70 UK-based law firms.

Allegedly, 'lawyers' would pick up clients in the hotels by telling them they could claim the cost of their holiday back by filing a food poisoning complaint. The tourist would then contact the law firm once they returned to the UK, with some complaints not appearing until three years after the trip was made.

In November 2017, holiday firm Thomas Cook partially blamed fake holiday sickness claims for a 40 per cent fall in UK profits.

Recent research discovered that one in five Britons (19 per cent), or around 9.5 million people, has been approached about making a compensation claim for holiday sickness.

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'DESPERATE CROSSINGS': The number of migrants arriving to Spain is on the rise according to the UN.

Migrant deaths 'doubled'

ONE in every 27 migrants who attempted to cross the Mediterranean to Spain this year died during the journey, according to estimates from a United Nations (UN) report.

The Desperate Crossings report, from the UN's High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), stated that one in every 52 migrants trying to reach Spain died between January and March last year.

The report added the number of those arriving in Spain doubled in 2017 to 28,000. The figure for the year before was 14,000.

The growth trend appears to have continued into this year with arrival numbers rising by

an estimated 13 per cent, according to data.

Moroccans and Algerians were the two largest groups of those arriving last year. The rate of sub-Saharan Africans arriving in Spain rose in 2017 and Syrians made up the majority of those arriving by land, coming mainly via Melilla in Africa.

The figures for Spain come as statistics showed the number of those arriving in Europe as a whole declined over the past year. The rate of decline began from 2015 onwards after the European Union (EU) signed an agreement with Turkey which attempted to stem the flow of new arrivals.

Arrival numbers throughout

Europe fell from 1,000,000 in 2015 to 364,000 in 2016 and to 171,000 in 2017, according to data.

Death rates have increased across Europe despite the decline in arrival numbers. Around 3,140 people died crossing the Mediterranean in 2017 as have 501 since the beginning of this year.

The report found the Italian migration route was the most dangerous of those taken. One in every 14 people crossing to the country died, with the arrival rate dropping by 74 per cent.

The amount of migrants resettled in the European Union increased by 54 per cent last year, according to the report.

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NEWS EXTRA**Hair dos**

THIRTY barbers and hair-dressers from all over Spain raised €3,000 for Solc, Alcoy's support group for cancer patients, by offering their services in the Glorieta in exchange for an €8 donation to the charity.

Bather saved

LIFEGUARDS on Benidorm's Levante beach saved an 87-year-old man from drowning after seeing that he was in difficulties. Once removed from the water, he was stabilised and transferred to Villajoyosa hospital.

Safety first

A TOTAL of 1,200 police and emergency services professionals will be on hand to ensure safety during the three days of Alcoy's Moors and Christians fiestas this month and the preceding Dia dels Musics.



Credit: Catalans for Yes Twitter

FREE THEM: Catalans call for Independence and release of 'political prisoners' still strong.

Pro-Independence march back in Barcelona

By John Smith

ACCORDING to police figures 315,000 people took to the streets of Barcelona to demand the release of the Catalan leaders currently in prison in Spain.

They also want those who fled the country prior to the arrests to be allowed to return without threat of incarceration although the Spanish government is currently supplying fresh evidence to the German judiciary in its bid to have putative Catalan president, Carles Puigdemont returned under a Eu-

ropean arrest warrant.

Organisers of the demonstration which include the two main Catalan independence parties as well as regional branches of two major Trade Unions believe that some 750,000 people attended the rally and once again the streets of the city were awash with yellow and red as well as Catalan flags.

The slogan for the day was 'For rights and freedoms, for democracy and cohesion, we want you home!' and this was welcomed by Mr Puigdemont.

Language row

Spanish woman attacked on tube train



Credit: BTP

ATTACK: British Transport Police are investigating

THE British Transport Police Service (BTP) has issued an appeal for witnesses to a racial attack on a Spanish woman on a Central Line train in London.

What they refer to as a vicious and racially-motivated assault took place a week ago when the victim, a 24-year-old woman, was talking to some friends in Spanish.

Two nearby women heard her and started shouting at her, saying she should be talking English when in England.

They then grabbed her hair and pulled her around by her hair. This resulted in injuries to her scalp and cuts to her face.

The aggressors who were responsible for the attack on the train that was travelling from Liverpool Street to Stratford are both reported as being black and in their late 20's.

This appeal is in support of the current enquiries being undertaken by the force whose officers are also checking CCTV recordings.

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NEWS EXTRA**Orange alert**

THREE men detained in Vil-lena who could not account for 780 kilos of oranges in their possession are now under investigation for the robbery of 14 tons of oranges which disappeared recently in Xativa (Valencia).

Going it alone

PUPILS at the Arabi high school in Alfaz recently celebrated the 182nd anniversary of the town's separation from Polop with a symbolic reading of the document published in Alicante's Official Bulletin in 1836.

Spot check

A PAEDIATRICIAN at an Alicante medical conference warned parents not to skip measles jabs as Spanish children risk catching the disease from the offspring of tourists from European countries with influential anti-vaccination groups.

Madrid olives under threat

XYLELLA FASTIDIOSA has reached Madrid.

The lethal bacteria, also known as tree Ebola for trees, was first detected on the Spanish mainland in Alicante Province but as far as is known, only almond trees have been affected although the plague has reached 153 plots of land in the Marina Baja, the Marina Alta and inland El Comtat.

Now worst fears have been realised and an infected olive tree has been found on private land in Villarejo de Salvanes in the Madrid region.

The bacterium is present principally in the US and was first detected in Europe in Apulia (southern Italy) in 2013. Since then it has been responsible for the destruction of millions of olive trees.

The Villarejo olive is so far the only known case outside Alicante Province, the Ministry of Agriculture announced. The Madrid authorities have begun to apply



Photo credit: Josemanuel

OLIVES THREATENED: Madrid could be next, observers warn.

the stringent measure that has prompted so much local criticism in Alicante Province.

All trees within a 100-metre radius of the Villarejo olive must now be uprooted and shredded to prevent the spread of the xylella bacteri-

um. All trees, whether olives or any others susceptible to infection, within 500 metres of the diseased tree must also be treated with insecticide.

Meanwhile the agricultural union, Unio de Llaoradors which represents regional

farmers and growers, announced that it has identified the flying insects that have propagated the disease.

It remained now to take immediate action, eliminating the insects by preventing them from breeding, a spokesman said.

What a shower

THE rain in Spain has fallen almost continuously for a month across much of the country and a couple of thieves have tried to cash in on the downpours.

But their plans were thwarted as the pair were caught stealing 30,000 umbrellas from a warehouse in Sevilla.

They were loading the imported brollies from China into a large lorry when they were surprised by the warehouse owner.

The two fled and abandoned the vehicle but the police discovered the truck had been rented and traced the thieves through the hire company.

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Helping hands



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SWEET AS CANDY: Candida Wright presents a cheque to Ana Benenden Quintana, president of Denia Cruz Roja.

HELP of Denia and Marina Alta recently held their annual general meeting at Monroe's Restaurant in Pedreguer.

The meeting was attended by over 50 members of HELP DAMA, including five committee members. Once again, they have had a successful year and have raised over €98,000 for the charity.

Of this amount, €37,600 was used towards respite care, residential care and care in the community, €18,800 for medical equipment and aids that people can borrow when needed, and €15,200 for their Activity Centre in La Xara.

They also purchased items for the Denia children's home, La Pedrera Hospital, local health centres, Benitachell Fire Service, the Red Cross in Denia and Javea, Amadem Association for Mental Health Care, Pedreguer Women's Shelter and the Franciscan Brother's Shelter for Men in Gandia.

They mainly raise their funds from their two charity shops in La Xara and Moraira, but they also hold fundraising events and accept donations.

During the AGM, President Candida Wright was presented with a lovely gift to thank her for all the hard work she has done over the past three

years. Although she has now agreed to continue for a further three years and has many future plans for HELP in the Community as they celebrate 35 years next year.

As part of their fundraising campaign, HELP DAMA will be presenting 'From Seconds to Fabulous' on April 27. This is a charity fashion show at HELP activity centre, Avenida Oeste 29 in La Xara.

Go along and enjoy a great fashion show as clothes and accessories from their La Xara and Moraira charity

shops are put on show along the catwalk. Doors open at 12.30pm and the show will begin at 1pm. Tickets are €5, which includes a welcome drink and canape.

Booking is essential, so to make a reservation please call 661 224 134 or purchase tickets from the La Xara shop.

Finally, if you would like to volunteer in the shops, in the office or to assist the hospital team please contact HELP DAMA on 966 427 044 or visit their website at www.helpofdenia.com.



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Sunshine sale



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TABLE TOP TREASURES: Stall-holders selling their wares at the ARC fundraiser.

JALON Valley ARC had a lovely day recently for their fundraiser.

There were lots of stall-holders with a huge variety of goods who helped to raise money for themselves and a total of €624 for ARC, via the raffle, the stall money and the delicious array of cakes and sandwiches which were all do-

nated by our amazing volunteers.

They would like to thank everyone who supported the event and hope you all found yourselves a bargain.

Congratulations to Julie for winning the lovely cake which was baked and donated by Karen Avery.

As always, funds raised will

be used to provide food and vet treatment for the animals in ARC's care. Their next event is a stand at the Homes, Gardens & Lifestyle Show on Friday and Saturday at the Villa Gadea Hotel, Altea, from 10am to 5pm. They would love you to go and visit them at Stand 68 and vote for your favourite pet in the Pet Idol Competition.

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For more information please contact Sally on 625 985 689, Jayne on 649 310 285, email jalonvalleyarc14@yahoo.co.uk or via their Facebook page (Jalon Valley ARC).



Credit: Jalon Valley ARC

EROS: You'll fall in love with this little 'rag doll.'

Forever friends

LOS AMIGOS, locally known as Sam's Bar, has been a supporter of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal since Sam took over the bar. Sam selected the Royal British Legion as her favoured charity and vowed to raise €5,000 in five years.

Originally a favourite haunt of the La Marina Branch, Sam's Bar hosted many of their functions and collected for the Poppy Appeal in the process.

After La Marina Branch joined with the Gran Alacant Branch, Sam continued to collect in the Poppy boxes and by her fifth anniversary in February, she had collected the magnificent sum of €5,611, including more than €1,500 in the last year alone.

To mark this superb achievement, The Gran Alacant and La Marina Branch

Chairman, Robin Hargrave, obtained a Certificate from the Royal British Legion to present to Sam's Bar/Los Amigos.

Robin duly presented the Certificate to Sam in the company of the Branch Members during a recent Branch lunch outing at Sam's.

The Gran Alacant and La Marina Branch of the Royal British Legion meet on the first Monday of the month at 6pm in La Taberna, next to Monte Y Mar Restaurant & Bowls Club, Plaza Mayor, (Masa Square) Gran Alacant.

There is no need to be ex-service personnel to be a member. For further details, contact the Chairman on 966 695 423, the Treasurer on 639 917 971 or email granalacant.secretary@rbl.community.

THE Teulada - Moraira Lions gathered at the Teulada

Alzheimer's Society (AFA) centre to donate a cheque for €10,000 as part of the Lion's Centenary celebrations drive.

This year marks 100 years since the formation of Lions Clubs International and the Teulada - Moraira Lions were happy

Lions come to the rescue

happy to hand over the cheque to Mrs Sylvia Tatnell, President of

to join in with several projects benefiting local good causes, one of which had been identified as the Alzheimer's centre in Teulada, which gives day care for many patients of all nationalities.

Lion President, Brian Clarke, was very

the AFA, who thanked the Lions for their generosity and continued community spirited work. The money will go to extend and improve the centre so that more patients can be cared for in future. For information please visit www.tmlions.com.



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SWEDEN

Swedes snubbed

FACEBOOK will not join Google and Twitter at a Swedish government meeting stating that the Swedes had already attended a similar meeting on the removal of illegal content at Facebook's Dublin headquarters.

China spies

SWEDISH prosecutors have charged a 49-year-old man for spying on exiled Tibetans 'of importance to the Chinese regime.'

Drugs rap

A MAN has been charged in Sweden after Gothenburg police caught him with 78 kilos of amphetamine in his car. The 40-year-old driver said he was forced to carry the drugs which are estimated to be worth just under €2 million.

Nobel King

THE King of Sweden is considering using a royal decree to support members who wish to leave the Nobel Literature Prize awarding committee. Without royal support the members are expected to serve on the committee for life.

NOBEL KING: The King of Sweden considers using royal powers to over-rule the Nobel Literature Prize awards committee.

GERMANY

Skier vanishes

ONE of Germany's richest men disappeared while skiing solo in the Swiss Alps. A 'full-speed search' is underway for billionaire supermarket magnet Karl-Erivan Haub who was skiing off-piste to prepare for an endurance race. Haub's brother said he was 'prepared' for bad news.

Hamburg stabbings

A MAN is suspected of killing his ex-

wife and child in a knife attack at a busy Hamburg train station. The child died at the scene and the woman later succumbed to her injuries in hospital.

Headscarf wobble

TEACHERS and equality campaigners are set to stall a law that would ban German girls under 14 from wearing headscarves. Green Party spokeswoman, Berivan Aymaz, demands that

Merkel's government 'should first deliver facts' amid doubts of how many girls actually wear headscarves.

Chem conscience

KREMPEL GROUP, a German company, whose parts were found in Iranian-produced rockets used to gas innocent Syrians, has ignored a US government warning about conducting business with Iran.

FRANCE

Paris sues Airbnb

PARIS authorities tighten their grip over home-sharing giant Airbnb. The prosecution follows the firm's failure to remove undeclared lodgings from their site. Smaller site Wimdu is also being sued for the same reason.

Brexit blues

BRITISH expats interrogated the country's ambassador Edward Llewellyn over their post-Brexit rights in France. What was supposed to be a routine update turned into a two-hour roasting of the diplomat from the anxious Brits.

Dinosaur deal

TWO trendy dinosaur skeletons marketed as hip design items sold for €1.4 million at a Paris auction house. The price paid for the 150-year-old Jurassic monuments was 'exceptional,' said Drouot auction house.

Netflix kicks Cannes

NETFLIX has refused to attend Cannes Film Festival off the back of a change in law that prevents it from winning the main prizes. The streaming firm's content chief said that the festival had treated Netflix 'disrespectfully.'

BELGIUM

Child porn prosecution

LARS DE R, a 2009 finalist of Holland's Got Talent is being prosecuted in Belgium for making and distributing child pornography. The guitarist, aged 26, is also accused in the Netherlands of sexually abusing 13 underage boys.

Diamond Downturn

THE volume of Belgium's polished-diamond exports has fallen by 13 per cent from last year. The drop was down to a fall in sales to the United Arab Emirates and Switzerland.

Kinky Pursuit

WEPION in Belgium played host to a sex toy treasure hunt which aimed to promote 'pleasure equality between men and women but it also caused controversy with Catholics.

Slow living

SO-CALLED 'slow cabins' are popping up across Belgium offering guests a chance to try to live off-grid amongst nature. The eco-pads are the brainchild of entrepreneur Xavier Leclair.

NETHERLANDS

Mosque row

A FAR-RIGHT group has protested outside mosques in Houten and Enschede provinces in the Netherlands. The group, called Rechts in Verzet (Rights in resistance), planted banners reading, 'we don't want a mosque,' and 'Islam is terror,' at the mosques' entrances.

Sour song

A SINGING road which plays the Friesland regional anthem if drivers stick to the 40 km/h speed limit has angered locals. Residents from Jelsum and Leeuwarden are complaining that the tune, which sounds across the village, is keeping them awake at night. The local council has reportedly agreed to remove the sound strips.

Drugs up

THE ex-treasurer of a local arm of the Christian Democrats party will spend a year in jail for keeping Netherlands' biggest ever drugs lab in a shed on his farm. The prosecutor said that the 'industrial scale lab produced ecstasy and amphetamines valued at around €10 million per day.

Saharan skies

A LARGE cloud of Saharan sand blew across Europe delighting the Dutch with intense sunsets and sunrises. But the bright red sandy skies left their trace, leaving locals to wipe a thin layer of sand off their vehicles and garden furniture.

NORWAY

Europe's first

NORWAY is set to open Europe's first underwater restaurant. The restaurant, named 'Under,' boasts a 10-metre wide panoramic window, which will allow people to enjoy the mainly fish menu while being connected to nature, said Rune Grasdal, the project's architect.

Doomed DNA

THE Norwegian government is pushing for changes to a law that would allow authorities to test immigrants' DNA. The tests would reveal incomers' relations to Norwegian citizens in an attempt to block the estimated 40 per cent who currently cheat the system.

Rainforest rescue

NORWAY'S government has donated over €200 million to protect Colombian rainforests. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos praised Norway's donation which aims to help reduce deforestation to zero in the next 12 years.

Brexit bros?

NORWAY has hinted that it will fulfil Britain's hopes to keep its trade agreements with non-EU countries. Brexit would otherwise break the UK's tariff-free trade with Norway and many other non-EU-countries in March 2019.

DENMARK

Amazon arrives

AN Amazon subsidiary is set to open an office in Copenhagen and will provide on-demand cloud computing to individuals, companies and governments. Foreign Minister Anders Samuelson is 'pleased' to welcome Amazon Web Services whose customers already include Spotify, Netflix and the CIA.

Dane aid

DENMARK holds onto its position in a select group of OECD countries who meet the UN's international aid goal. The 0.7 per cent of national income target is also met by Norway, Sweden, Luxembourg and the UK.

Cyclist shooter

A DANISH man has been charged with attempting to kill two cyclists by shooting at them. The 27-year-old gunman belongs to the loyal to Familia gang that plagued Copenhagen with conflict-related shootings for much of last year.

Tower fail

AN investigation is underway to uncover why a silo tower demolition went wrong and landed on a cultural centre in the town of Vordingborg. The 170ft tower reportedly 'switched sides' as it crashed.



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WARNING REQUEST: Russia has asked the US to provide it with information about potential targets in Syria.

Kremlin asks for Strike warning

RUSSIA'S military has asked the United States to provide it with airstrike target locations in Syria, according to reports. The request comes as US President Donald Trump said on *Twitter* that the Kremlin should 'get ready' for missile strikes in the country.

from the Russian Public Opinion Research Centre (VCIOM) said oligarchs 'bring more harm' than benefits to the country.

Sanction aid call

RUSSIA'S Prime Minister has said the state should step in to help companies in the country hit by United States sanctions. Dmitry Medvedev's comments follow a US Treasury announcement that seven leading oligarchs and 12 companies would be slapped with penalties for profiting from Russia's alleged 'malign activities' across the world.

Defamation law passes

LAWMAKERS in Russia's Duma have approved measures that would allow authorities to block websites caught publishing defamatory information about public figures. The Internet Libel Bill allows for bans against sites with information that discredits the 'honour, dignity or business reputation' of a citizen.

Help turned down

THE daughter of a former spy allegedly poisoned in Salisbury, England has reportedly refused an offer of assistance from the Russian embassy in London. Yulia Skripal added: "I want to stress that no one speaks for me, or for my father, but ourselves," in a statement published by British Police. Russia denied any involvement after Britain claimed it was behind the attack.

Oligarch opinions

AROUND 3 per cent of Russians agree with the Kremlin's claim that there are no oligarchs left in the country, according to a recent survey. Almost 45 per cent of those questioned by state pollsters

Melted snow floods

RUSSIANS looking forward to warmer weather in time for Orthodox Easter were instead faced with a deluge of water from melting snow. People took to social media to share pictures of streets submerged under rivers of water, with one appearing to show someone using a kayak to get across the road.

GREAT FLOOD: Streets in Orel and elsewhere ended up under water after snow melted.



Bill fears spark ministry alarm

THE Spanish Finance Ministry has written to 13 local councils warning that they will be fined if they continue to avoid paying their bills.

Jaen, Jerez, Granada, Huelva, Puerto de Santa Maria, Chiclana de la Frontera, Algeciras, and Velez-Málaga in Andalucía, Alcorcón, Leganes and Parla in Madrid, and Gandia and Telde in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, are the offenders.

All are accused of failing to pay suppliers within 60 days after racking up combined debts totalling more than €3 billion.

EC chief backs Brexit veto

EUROPEAN Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker has said that the UK must 'fully respect' Spain's Gibraltar veto during Brexit negotiations.

His comments came after Tory MEP leader Ashley Fox and Labour counterpart Clare Moody asked the European Commission (EC): "Does the Commission agree that the enthusiastic Europeans who live in Gibraltar, who voted 96 per cent to remain in the European Union, are also entitled to an orderly and smooth departure, as are the 13,000 EU nationals from all parts of

the Union who live in Spain and work in Gibraltar?"

Mr Juncker replied: "In line with these directives, the territorial scope of the withdrawal agreement, including as regards the transition period, should fully respect paragraph four and 24 of the European Council guidelines of April 29, 2017, notably as regards Gibraltar."

The controversial clause 24 states that any transitional agreement or future trade deal only applies to Gibraltar if Spain agrees.

Britain and the overseas territory have

argued that transitional negotiations form part of the withdrawal agreement and should therefore apply to the Rock.

Spanish foreign minister Alfonso Dastis appears to have softened his stance on the issue, after he last week pledged not to hold the UK's Brexit talks 'hostage' by using them to reclaim Gibraltar.

But the EC's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier recently told Spanish media that clause 24 is a 'lever of solidarity' for Spain, adding that he hopes 'there will be an agreement' between the two countries.

€775m rail gig for Real gaffer

THE company chaired by Real Madrid president Florentino Perez is set to agree a €775 million mega deal to build a Canadian rail link.

Construction of a new light railway in Toronto City is to begin after the summer, and Madrid-based construction firm ACS has been designated a preferred bidder, an official revealed.

Working alongside two local enterprises, the company will reportedly land a 33 per cent slice of the infrastructure and half of the maintenance contract.

Quote of the Week

"The tax agency is not the inquisition, the problem in this country is that the rich complain too much!" Spain's Treasury Minister Cristóbal Montoro defends his crackdown on tax fraud.



Sales Swede and sour after spend



WHY-KEA? An IKEA online shopping point in La Marina shopping centre, Finestrat, Alicante.

SWEDISH flat pack furniture specialist IKEA is feeling the pinch.

The chain has revealed that operating profits in Spain fell by €20 million to €130 million in 2017, while net profit plunged to €98 million, a 19 per cent drop.

And bosses are blaming the firm's own online shop and new specialised emporiums for the nosedive, since sales rose by 5.8 per cent to €1.46 billion.

An IKEA official said that the giant retailer pumped money into the

launch of its internet offering plus 'new commercial formats,' including city centre shops.

According to official data, more than 40.6 million people walked through the doors of its 16 Spanish stores last year, a year-on-year increase of 200,000, while its website attracted 108.7 million visits for a 13.9 per cent climb.

Cataluña and Madrid saw flat-pack fans fork out the most cash, raking in €356 and €342.6 million, respectively.

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Chopper shoppers

THE United States has approved the sale of 17 Boeing CH-47F Chinook heavy-lift helicopters to Spain at a cost of around €1.05 billion including defensive aids and technical support, according to the US Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

€3bn jackpot

SPANISH public electricity firm Iberdrola expects to rake in close to €3 billion net profit in 2018, a 7 per cent year-on-year increase, the company's president Ignacio Sanchez Galan told shareholders at a general meeting in Basque capital Bilbao.

Cutting costs

GERMAN cash and carry chain Makro has announced the €90 million sale of three of its stores in the Madrid area, as it tries to attract a third-party buyer from which it then intends to lease the premises.

Compo scheme sells sole

SPANISH department store group El Corte Ingles has launched the world's first life insurance policy that pays customers compensation to walk.

Bonuses will vary depending on the amount of steps taken per day, and only non-smokers, or those who have not smoked for at least two years are able to sign up to the scheme,

dubbed VidoMovida.

It is otherwise available for anyone aged 18 to 65, with those walking 10,000 steps per day receiving gift vouchers to spend in the firm's stores.

The product is reportedly based on the idea that those who maintain healthy lifestyles are less likely to submit claims.

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CLOSING PRICES APRIL 16				
COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,700.00	12.00	0.71	23,400.61
Associated British Foods	2,592.50	-27.50	-1.05	20,413.32
Admiral Group	1,847.50	-67.00	-3.50	5,475.14
Ashtead Group	2,035.50	-24.50	-1.19	9,989.89
Antofagasta	922.00	-20.00	-2.12	9,345.92
Aviva	511.00	2.80	0.55	20,487.57
AstraZeneca	4,937.50	-72.50	-1.45	63,880.45
BAE Systems	574.50	-19.50	-3.28	18,866.65
Barclays	211.00	-2.35	-1.10	36,884.57
British American Tobacco	4,140.00	21.00	0.51	95,892.97
Barratt Developments	552.50	-3.50	-0.63	5,576.08
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,900.00	-6.00	-0.15	5,211.99
British Land Co	648.00	-5.80	-0.89	6,415.34
BHP Billiton	1,405.00	-52.80	-3.62	30,521.55
Bunzl	2,090.50	-10.50	-0.50	7,044.59
BP	502.50	-1.80	-0.36	100,528.46
Burberry Group	1,620.50	-112.00	-6.46	7,196.42
BT Group	241.00	-0.50	-0.21	23,847.29
Coca-Cola HBC	2,546.00	53.00	2.13	9,204.15
Carnival	4,525.00	55.00	1.23	9,290.28
Centrica	139.65	-1.05	-0.75	7,823.68
Compass Group	1,422.50	-37.50	-2.57	23,157.20
Croda International	4,638.50	-16.50	-0.35	6,101.00
CRH	2,371.00	4.50	0.19	20,012.86
DCC	3,360.50	-3,294.50	-49.50	5,864.11
Diageo	2,509.00	17.00	0.68	61,273.58
Direct Line Insurance Group	358.00	-2.10	-0.58	4,904.63
Evraz	412.05	19.45	4.95	5,669.50
Experian	1,569.00	19.50	1.26	14,178.18
easyJet	1,625.00	14.00	0.87	6,600.81
Ferguson	5,290.00	-14.00	-0.26	13,140.66
Fresnillo	1,275.00	-9.00	-0.70	9,343.81
G4S	242.25	-8.25	-3.29	3,925.53
GKN	440.50	-11.20	-2.48	7,568.92
Glencore	342.50	-3.30	-0.95	49,272.03
GlaxoSmithKline	1,413.00	-7.00	-0.49	70,937.96
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,711.00	0.00	0.00	8,063.42
Halma	1,208.00	0.00	0.00	4,523.43
HSBC Holdings	679.90	-5.30	-0.77	136,749.26
International Consoltdt Airs	620.00	11.00	1.81	12,458.39
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,280.00	48.00	1.13	8,108.24
3i Group	870.80	-25.80	-2.88	8,701.59
Imperial Brands	2,492.50	29.50	1.20	23,533.46
Informa	719.80	0.00	0.00	5,960.85
Intertek Group	4,815.00	0.00	0.00	7,756.55
ITV	144.00	-0.20	-0.14	5,757.54
Just Eat	743.80	8.20	1.11	4,956.96
Johnson Matthey	3,275.00	-28.00	-0.85	6,301.45
Kingfisher	301.50	1.20	0.40	6,508.93
Land Securities Group	950.00	-5.00	-0.52	6,980.47

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	269.00	-2.10	-0.77	16,073.69
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	68.65	0.47	0.69	49,108.23
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,200.00	-70.00	-1.64	14,722.44
Micro Focus International	1,364.50	65.50	5.04	5,489.44
Mediclinic International	695.80	104.20	17.61	4,283.39
Marks & Spencer Group	268.50	-3.30	-1.21	4,403.91
Mondi	1,885.50	-77.50	-3.95	6,987.86
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	231.00	0.00	0.00	5,431.41
National Grid	829.50	3.20	0.39	27,656.87
NMC Health	3,282.00	-128.00	-3.75	7,004.02
Next	5,015.00	1.00	0.02	7,160.94
Old Mutual Group	245.00	10.00	4.26	11,720.28
Paddy Power Betfair	7,120.00	0.00	0.00	6,037.62
Prudential	1,857.50	11.00	0.60	47,091.91
Persimmon	2,813.00	137.00	5.12	8,283.59
Pearson	757.50	-5.90	-0.77	6,006.35
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,045.00	30.00	0.50	42,463.56
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	259.00	-5.80	-2.19	31,715.37
Royal Dutch Shell	2,370.00	-8.50	-0.36	108,814.21
Royal Dutch Shell	2,420.00	-2.00	-0.08	90,314.92
RELX	1,520.00	6.50	0.43	15,867.46
Rio Tinto	3,755.00	-30.00	-0.79	50,055.19
Royal Mail	563.00	2.20	0.39	5,702.00
Rolls-Royce Group	865.00	-1.80	-0.21	16,374.10
Randgold Resources	5,729.00	-55.00	-0.95	5,367.02
RSA Insurance Group	647.00	-6.80	-1.04	6,687.97
Rentokil Initial	249.50	-30.00	-10.73	5,042.44
Sainsbury (J)	253.55	-2.35	-0.92	5,551.10
Schroders	3,220.00	-45.00	-1.38	7,288.09
Sage Group (The)	577.50	-39.50	-6.40	7,271.08
Segro	612.20	0.00	0.00	6,078.74
Shire	3,667.50	61.00	1.69	33,544.62
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,146.00	164.00	5.50	6,994.37
Sky	1,349.00	44.50	3.41	22,441.77
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.85	-1.15	-0.31	11,193.01
Smith (DS)	485.90	-15.90	-3.17	5,269.14
Smiths Group	1,552.25	37.25	2.46	5,940.24
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trt	480.00	32.40	7.24	6,288.90
Smith & Nephew	1,350.00	28.00	2.12	11,600.38
SSE	1,292.50	-18.50	-1.41	13,166.50
Standard Chartered	720.00	-13.50	-1.84	24,215.41
St James's Place	1,066.25	-16.25	-1.50	5,737.03
Severn Trent	1,883.00	19.50	1.05	4,355.71
Tesco	221.45	-12.15	-5.20	22,814.09
TUI AG	1,650.50	78.00	4.96	9,297.16
Taylor Wimpey	196.00	5.35	2.81	6,221.25
Unilever	3,935.00	5.50	0.14	48,389.97
United Utilities Group	713.50	1.10	0.15	4,799.13
Vodafone Group	202.76	-4.09	-1.98	55,258.85
WPP Group	1,152.50	-35.50	-2.99	15,041.40
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APPLE	174,730	+0.34%	0,590	886.582,29
BOEING CO	329,280	-2.43%	-8,200	193.402,36
CATERPILLAR	150,230	+0.06%	0,090	89.799,25
CHEVRON	119,92	+0.58%	0,69	229.257,87
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,000	-0.78%	-0,340	207.153,23
COCA-COLA	44,51	+1.09%	0,48	189.813,30
DOWDUPONT	66,17	-0.45%	-0,30	153.954,31
EXXON MOBIL	77,84	+0.80%	0,62	329.886,43
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,4900	+2.35%	0,3100	117.227,42
GOLDMAN SACHS	255,92	-1.41%	-3,67	96.993,73
HOME DEPOT	172,8000	-0.32%	-0,5600	199.097,27
IBM	156,71	-0.86%	-1,36	144.319,37
INTEL CORP	51,8600	-1.63%	-0,8600	242.035,80
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	110,3000	-2.71%	-3,0700	375.930,63
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,6200	+0.15%	0,1900	350.567,35
MC DONALD'S CORP	161,7300	+0.07%	0,1100	128.438,53
MERCK AND CO. NEW	57,17	+0.76%	0,43	153.969,43
MICROSOFT	93,080	-0.53%	-0,500	716.696,73
NIKE	67,25	-0.77%	-0,52	86.286,80
PFIZER	36,3200	+0.00%	0,0000	216.171,61
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	78,370	+0.75%	0,580	197.621,48
TRAVELERS CIES	136,29	-0.73%	-1,00	36.827,50
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,71	-0.44%	-0,54	98.202,58
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	224,28	+0.02%	0,04	217.124,21
VERIZON COMMS	47,66	-0.17%	-0,08	196.877,10
VISA	120,75	-0.26%	-0,32	218.117,57
WAL-MART STORES	86,0200	+0.69%	0,5900	253.833,69
WALT DISNEY CO	100,3500	-0.04%	-0,0400	150.908,87
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Most Advanced		
Future FinTech Group Inc.	\$ 2.50	0.53 ▲ 26.90%
Turtle Beach Corporation	\$ 3.91	0.82 ▲ 26.54%
Energy XXI Gulf Coast, Inc.	\$ 5.54	0.74 ▲ 15.42%
Dogness (International) Corporation	\$ 4.213	0.4331 ▲ 11.46%
Applied Genetic Technologies Corporation	\$ 5.05	0.45 ▲ 9.78%
JAKKS Pacific, Inc.	\$ 2.40	0.20 ▲ 9.09%
Northern Technologies International Corporation	\$ 27	2.25 ▲ 9.09%
Invuity, Inc.	\$ 3.925	0.325 ▲ 9.03%
Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 8.98	0.74 ▲ 8.98%
Pixelworks, Inc.	\$ 4.39	0.35 ▲ 8.66%
Calyxt, Inc.	\$ 15.45	1.23 ▲ 8.65%
Most Declined		
Zions Bancorporation	\$ 18.24	3.14 ▼ 14.69%
Spero Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 15.49	2.36 ▼ 13.22%
Essendant Inc.	\$ 8.60	1.23 ▼ 12.51%
Dropbox, Inc.	\$ 30	3.27 ▼ 9.83%
QuinStreet, Inc.	\$ 10.78	1.06 ▼ 8.95%
Allegiant Travel Company	\$ 151.05	14.20 ▼ 8.59%
Innoviva, Inc.	\$ 16.14	1.45 ▼ 8.24%
Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 3.78	0.32 ▼ 7.80%
China Internet Nationwide Financial Services Inc.	\$ 17.33	1.45 ▼ 7.72%
PetMed Express, Inc.	\$ 38.22	3.14 ▼ 7.59%
Cellular Biomedicine Group, Inc.	\$ 20.65	1.65 ▼ 7.40%

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SAUDI PRINCE'S €1.8BN DEFENCE SPLURGE

Spain signs warship deal

SPAIN has signed a €1.8 billion deal to supply warships to Saudi Arabia.

The agreement with the Gulf State was reached as crown prince Mohammed bin Salman paid an official visit to Madrid.

It came after the 32-year-old heir to the throne attended a banquet lunch with Spanish royals, King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia plus senior Spanish officials and businessmen.

He later met with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy and Defence Minister Maria Dolores de Cospedal to discuss a range of bilateral deals between the countries in his dual role as defence minister and chief of energy and economic policy.

The talks saw the co-signing of an 'executive summary to facilitate the necessary procedures' for a contract between the Saudi Defence Ministry and Spain's national shipbuilder Navantia to be drawn up.

The Saudi government said in a statement that a second agreement between Navantia and Saudi Arabian Military Industries - a state-owned defence company launched last year - had also been sealed, although it failed to provide specific details.

A Spanish Ministry of Defence source told media that the warship deal will see five small ships sold to Saudi Arabia, with negotiations ongoing since 2015.



Photo credit: Mariano Rajoy Rajoy/Twitter

BILATERAL BONANZA: The Saudi and Spanish delegations talk business.

Spain's army will also train Saudi soldiers and other personnel, and construction firms will build new infrastructure for the state's navy.

A number of campaign groups, including Amnesty International, Greenpeace and Oxfam have urged Spain to renege on the deal because the ships could be used in Saudi Arabia's Yemen offensive against Iran-backed Houthi rebels, which has seen thousands of civilians killed.

The prince arrived in Spain after a three-day visit to France as he wound up a tour which has also tak-

en in the UK, United States and Egypt.

The moderniser has signed a number of multi-million Euro deals over the course of the trip, as he continues to implement his 'Vision 2030,' which comprises a series of economic and social policies designed to reduce the kingdom's dependence on oil exports.

Spanish companies have already won contracts to build a high-speed desert railway linking the cities of Mecca and Medina, plus a rapid transit system in Saudi's capital Riyadh.

AIRLINE CONFIRMS STAKE IN BUDGET CARRIER

BA eyes up Norwegian bid

BRITISH AIRWAYS owner International Airlines Group (IAG) has revealed that it is exploring a possible takeover bid for budget carrier Norwegian Air Shuttle.

The firm said in a stock market dispatch that it has already acquired a 4.61 per cent stake in the airline, leading to

an initial 40 per cent surge in its shares on the Oslo stock exchange and lifting its estimated value to €800 million.

IAG's statement said that the investment is 'intended to establish a position from which to initiate discussions with Norwegian, including a possible buy-out.

The announcement added that it views the carrier as 'an attractive

investment,' clarifying that 'IAG confirms that no such discussions have taken place to date, that it has taken no decision to make an offer at this time and that there is no certainty that any such decision will be made.

'A further announcement will be made if appropriate.'

But a Norwegian Air official said that the company "had no prior knowledge" of the move, adding that it has "not engaged in any discussion or dialogue with IAG about this matter," before admitting that "IAG's interest in the company confirms the sustainability and potential of our business model and our global growth."

The operator later confirmed the sale of the stake.

Norwegian Air is a direct rival of low-cost specialists Vueling - which

offers short-haul flights in Spain and Europe - and new long-haul airline Level, both of which are owned by IAG.

It has grown rapidly over the last year after opening up an array of new routes at knockdown prices, including flights from Edinburgh and Dublin to New York from as little as €115.

Its Spanish base is Barcelona's El Prat hub, from where it operates direct flights to Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York and Miami, and it also plans to introduce a service from Malaga to New York in the near future.

They also fly from Barcelona to San Francisco, as well as Boston, Buenos Aires and Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic.

Norwegian Air transports 30 million passengers a year and recently struck a deal with easyJet allowing its customers to book cheap long-haul flights.

After posting profits of more than €1.1 billion in 2016, last year it was announced a €30.8 million deficit, holding the purchase of 32 new jets and hiring new staff responsible for the loss.



TAKING OFF: British Airways could launch a full takeover bid.

Bank reveals new 'instant' international payments app

SPANISH banking group Santander has launched a new international payments service.

Santander One Pay FX records data digitally using xCurrent, a blockchain-based technology, and allows clients to complete money transfers within 24 hours, often on the same day.

The mobile app is available in Spain, the UK, Brazil and Poland, and will be rolled out elsewhere over the next few months, the firm said in a statement.

It added that customers will be shown the exact amount that will be received in the destination currency before the transfer is complete.

As things stand, users in Spain can transfer funds to the UK and United States, whereas those in the UK can send money to any European country and the US, with more countries to be added in the near future.

Taskforce for international cybersecurity

TELEFONICA has joined an international cyber security crusade.

The Spanish telecommunications giant has joined forces with Emirati-based Etisalat, Singapore's Singtel and Japanese firm Softbank to form a global security alliance.

According to a statement, the union will be 'one of the world's leading cybersecurity providers,' with more than 1.2 billion customers in Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East.

Between them employing more than 6,000 cybersecurity experts, the deal will see the companies share network intelligence on possible threats 'taking advantage of their global reach, combined assets and cybersecurity capabilities to help customers around the world.'

Telefonica's cybersecurity boss Pedro Pablo Perez hailed the move as 'a giant step forward to expand our development as a provider of intelligent security services.'

Businesses' global warning

SPANISH FIRMS URGE CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

SPANISH companies have moved to combat global warming.

Around 30 multinationals and medium-sized firms this week co-signed a document prepared by the Spanish Green Growth Group (SGGG) urging 'the public authorities' to 'reach an agreement in 2018 to approve climate change laws with an ambitious but stable transition to efficient energy.'

Among the major signatories are publicly listed companies including Abertis, Acciona, Bankia, BBVA, Endesa, Ferrovial, Iberdrola, Mapfre, Red Eléctrica de España, Siemens Gamesa and Telefonica, plus Eulen, OHL, NH Hotels and Ikea.

It comes as Spanish congress continues to argue over how the new standards should be designed and implemented in the wake of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy signing the international Paris Climate Agreement in 2015.

The national Energy and Environment ministries - which are supposed to be working together on the regulations - are instead at loggerheads, according to reports.

Energy Minister Alvaro Nadal has re-



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GOING GREEN: A solar energy plant in Sevilla and (inset) SGGG president Valentin Alfaya.

peatedly dampened hopes over the legislation, arguing that it is in Spain's interest to wait until the European Union deliver their climate change package before unveiling its own measures.

But his environmental counterpart Isabel Garcia Tejerina recently told Spanish

media that a draft of the standards will be ready "soon."

And the lack of urgency has sparked concern within Spain's business sector, leading infrastructure and renewable energy giant Acciona to create the SGGG with support from the Corpo-

rate Leaders Group.

SGGG president Valentin Alfaya, a director at Spanish transport giant Ferrovial, has warned that the country "needs a roadmap for the future urgently."

The document prepared by the group, which has been submitted to the national government in Madrid, says: "Most of our neighbours are already working towards a low carbon economy, which is set to unleash a global revolution that will generate huge opportunities."

"Spain is well-positioned to take advantage, but effective policies are not yet in place."

"We need a stable and credible legal and regulatory framework to lay the foundations on which this 'new' economy will be built."

The signatories also call for a "progressive calendar to abandon support for all types of fossil fuel," and a "tax review so that the 'polluter-pays' principles can be met."

Not all SGGG members signed the demand, with energy firms Enagas and Gas Natural, plus banking groups Santander and La Caixa among those abstaining.

Internet giants league topped by US monster

E-COMMERCE behemoth Amazon is officially the biggest online retailer in Spain.

The American firm last year turned over more than €4.2 billion, leading the Spanish internet sales market ahead of Chinese rival Al-Express and Madrid-based department store group El Corte Ingles, which raked in €1.2 billion and €684 million, respectively.

Amazon also processed more than 53 million orders, laying waste to the competition, with 16.9 orders placed with AliExpress and 13.5 with third-placed eBay.

El Corte Ingles was again the best-placed Spanish firm, trailing in fourth place with 3.7 million orders, with the online top 10 completed by Carrefour, Decathlon, Zalando, Gearbest, Zara and Privalia.

But Spain did top the ranking for highest-priced single sales, as customers of domestic appliance specialist Electrocosto spent an average of €308.



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Many unanswered questions?

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I FIRST met Cliff Richard in 1958.

At the time I was living in Finsbury Park, in the same digs as Bruce Welch and Hank Marvin, later to form the wonderful Shadows. The boys brought him to the house, introducing him as Harry and adding enthusiastically that, they were 'going the whole way' with their new singer.

Some years later, when I attained pop success of my own, I did on a few occasions find myself in the same hotel as Cliff and a couple of times joined him in the odd game of tennis (which he always won!).

I always found him extremely pleasant and, although there were a number of 'gender suspicions' around, can quite categorically state, I was never aware of any indications that he may have been paedophilic.

Witnessing this whole sorry saga of the accusations against him over the last few years I have experienced varying degrees of disbelief, doubt and often a genuine sympathy.

Seeing Cliff at this latest court hearing, I



CLIFF RICHARD: 'No smoke without fire'?

was pretty shocked at his appearance, and also moved by his admittance, that the accusations and subsequent ransacking of his home, had left him shattered and sullied and indeed fully aware that many people still retain suspicions ala the 'no smoke without fire' syndrome.

He has to my mind quite rightly sued the BBC, who allegedly collaborated with the police in publicly raiding and searching his home and announcing the move to the whole world with no mention or pre-warning to Cliff whatsoever.

Cliff has constantly declared his innocence of the paedophile accusations and obviously wants nothing more than to clear his name.

In my opinion, if he is to achieve this and show himself to be utterly innocent of these accusations, he has to sue the Crown Prosecution Service. Not for the somewhat innocuous and piddling amount he received in 2017 for the police collaboration with the BBC, but millions, for defamation of character, loss of earnings, mental trauma and Lord knows what else.

Only in this way will the real truth come to light and Cliff hope to be exonerated and cleared of suspicion. There are too many

questions still unanswered, and this present case will settle none of them.

For example, why is it that the Elm House paedophile ring investigation, in which he was allegedly involved, appear to have been dropped altogether? Why, when he was initially suspected, did he subsequently run for the hills of Portugal and not stay in Britain, using his privileged position to protest his innocence and demand justice from the platforms of every media outlet available?

Why did he take out full Barbadian citizenship, a country with no extradition agreement with the UK? And why is so much information on the subject blacked out or 'unavailable' on the internet?

'Insufficient evidence to prosecute,' the final decision of the CPS, is not a declaration of innocence. If Cliff's conscience is indeed totally clear, he has, for his own sake, to use every means available to answer all of these troubling questions. It's highly likely that suing the CPS for 'proper money' could bring the whole sorry case fully into the open and settle it once and for all.

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How Spain's largest national park is being allowed to dry up

A decade of destruction

With the Doñana national park on the brink of being declared the EU's first 'endangered' national park, David Noon looks back over the past 10 years to examine how Spain's most important wetland started to dry up

AN Iberian lynx hides silently in the long grass as a young red deer sips from the Guadalquivir River.

All the while a Spanish Imperial eagle soars gracefully in the warm breeze overhead, looking down upon the hundreds of migratory bird species united in the trees that line the riverbank.

It is a Utopian image that exists in few places on earth.

However, Spain's paradisiacal snapshot is at risk of being wiped out.

Doñana national park in Andalucía is on the verge of being declared the EU's first 'endangered' national park.

Environmental groups have long been calling on the park's management to sort itself out, while the EU has warned the Spanish government time

**20
species of
freshwater fish
catalogued in
the Park**

and again about the ongoings at the park.

For the best part of a decade UNESCO has stated that it is on the brink of removing Spain's largest national park from its list of World Heritage sites after years of neglect and environmental scandals.

Controversy remains over the Extremadura to Huelva pipeline running through the park, which was installed in 2013.

Constant dredging in the Guadalquivir River to allow ships to pass through has also come under fire.

While unprecedented levels of illegal strawberry farming is literally sucking the life out of the park.

In total there is approximately 1,000 illegal boreholes draining the aquifer of one of Europe's most important wetlands.

The lack of moisture was highlighted last summer in the most dramatic fashion when some 8,400 hectares of land in and around the park was razed to the ground by wildfires.

More alarmingly, some 360 species

of birds, 127 of which breed regularly in the park, are being forced to find new homes as the park runs dry.

Not to mention the endangered population of Iberian lynx, fallow deer, Spanish red deer, wild boars, European badgers and Egyptian mongooses which reside in the park's 50,720 hectares.

Placing Doñana on the list of World Heritage site 'in danger' is a decision made by UNESCO's World Heritage committee.

As Juanjo Carmona at WWF Spain says, nobody 'wants to see this happen'.

"It would be the first EU National Park to be given this listing," Carmona explains to me. "We don't want to see this happen."

"Instead we want the government to get serious about stopping the activities



Timeline of outrage and inaction

- **1969** - Established as a national park the WWF joined forces with the Spanish government to purchase a section of the Guadalquivir Delta marshes and establish the Doñana national park.
- **1994** - The Doñana national park was officially declared an UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **1998** - The Aznalcollar disaster occurred when a holding dam burst at the Los Frailes mine owned by Boliden-Apirsa, releasing a flood of toxic sludge that entered the river Guadiamar, the main water source for the park.
- **2006** - The responsibilities of maintaining the park were transferred to the government of Andalucía by the Royal Decree.
- **2006** - The park recorded a record 376,287 visitors in the calendar year, following many government-led promotions.
- **2012** - President of Doñana Felipe Gonzalez steps down following an investigation by the National Research Council (CSIC) investigating a Doñana national park scientist for altering - and even inventing - data in his studies.
- **2015** - Junta vowed to protect Doñana from gas extraction while announcing that the Aznalcollar would reopen.
- **February 2016** - Supermarkets unite to stop Spain's strawberry fields sucking Doñana wetland dry by refusing to stock strawberry's from the region.
- **May 2016** - Spain given ultimatum by European Commission to protect Doñana World Heritage site.
- **December 2016** - Environmentalists protest at Doñana national park as water supplies plummet and 'illegal farming' continues.
- **January 2017** - Outrage as gas company awarded millions to operate in Doñana national park. EU considers intervention.
- **February 2017** - Andalucía's ombudsman launches investigation into at risk Doñana national park.
- **April 2017** - Three hundred illegal wells shut down in Doñana in bid to stop landowners draining wetlands.
- **May 2017** - Spain's government forced to deny 'unfairly' slashing funds for Doñana national park.
- **June 2017** - Forest fires raze 8,400 hectares of land in and around the park.

**360
species of
birds live in
the park**



IN DANGER:
Doñana is home to the endangered Iberian lynx.

that are threatening the future of Europe's most important wetland.

"The government needs to urgently tackle illegal and unsustainable use of water in the park.

He adds: "Combined with climate change this could cause irreversible changes to Doñana's wildlife."

In 2016, tens of thousands of people from around the world joined the #OrigamiMigration for Doñana which WWF organised when there was a pressing threat of an 'in danger' listing.

Since then over 1.5 million people have directly emailed prime ministers and presidents around the world, helping motivate them to reverse multiple, immediate threats to World Heritage sites including Doñana.

And it is not just the WWF clamping down on Doñana.

In 2016, Spain was issued an ultimatum by the European Commission to protect Doñana's World Heritage status or risk funding cuts.

Meanwhile UNESCO has time and again demanded to see improvements.

In 2011, UNESCO first threatened to place Doñana on the 'endangered' list.

Just two years later the threat was again placed at Spain's mat.

And so on and so forth for almost every year for the last decade.

However, thus far, the Spanish government has been able to satisfy UN-



875
indigenous
species of flora
at the park

ESCO that it is doing (just about) enough to turn the bleak landscape around.

In its most recent report, UNESCO praised the 'state party's commitment not to authorise the dredging project to deepen the Guadalquivir River' and welcomed 'the decision of the State Party not to authorise the gas and storage projects in Marisma Oriental.'

This is despite, the same report stating that it needed to see more evidence of 'enhancing water resource management' as well as confirmation that a research project for Aznalcóllar mine has been authorised.

A subsequent report must be filed to UNESCO by December 1 this year which will be mulled over by the World Heritage committee.

A spokesperson for UNESCO told *Euroweekly News* that while 'the state of conservation of Doñana national park has been a source of concern of UNESCO's World Heritage committee for several years and at last year's session it recognised several improvements and this reflected them on its

1,000
illegal boreholes
discovered in
the park for
farming

Doñana disaster

FOREST fires, illegal farming and controversial pipelines are all current problems facing Doñana.

However, the biggest environmental disasters to face the park took place some 20 years ago.

On April 25, 1998, a holding dam burst at the Los Frailes mine releasing almost 5 million cubic metres of mine tailings into the River Agrio and then its tributary the river Guadimar, travelling about 40 kilometres along these waterways before they could be stopped.

The cleanup operation took three years, at an estimated cost of €240 million.

But the real damage was on the park's wildlife, not the bank balances of those responsible.

After the dam exploded almost 2,000 birds, chicks, eggs, and nests were killed or destroyed and more than 25,000 kilos of dead fish were collected in the aftermath.

As a result of the ecological disaster, nothing survived because of the high acidity of the waste, which contained a mixture of lead, copper, zinc, cadmium and other metals, along with sulphides.

High levels of heavy metals are still embedded in soil and water today.

And yet, despite the tragedy it was announced three years ago that the mine would reopen.

While the current stance is that it will be for 'research purposes', environmentalists are understandably worried about the Spanish government's true intentions for the mine.



TRAGEDY: Dead ram along the side of the River Agrio.

decision.

For now, at least, Spain seems to know how to appease the officials keeping watch on one of the country's most prized possessions.

And yet, every year the problem worsens as Doñana spirals down a dark well towards the abyss.

Groups such as the WWF are among those demanding that more needs to be done.

"Unsustainable water use needs to be stopped, habitats need to be restored and there needs to be long term commitments put in place to protect Doñana," Carmona warns. "In recent decades the World

Heritage site has been used for short term gains.

What we need to see happen is the focus shift to the park's long term prosperity and preserving Doñana for fu-

ture generations.

"The livelihoods and quality of life of the people that live in and around Doñana is dependent on the national park, there's no future for the area if we don't bring Doñana back to life.

Doñana risks losing the exceptional nature and wildlife that led it to being awarded with World Heritage site status.

It may be possible to artificially maintain small populations of iconic animals, such as the Iberian Lynx or the Imperial Eagle, but important ecosystems such as the 'marisma' wetland will disappear and the richness and diversity of Doñana will be destroyed.

The abundance of species that are unique to Doñana, such as dragonflies, or the bird species that depend on the wetland, such as the marbled teal, have already suffered a huge decline.

"People have shown they won't stand for continued loss of precious nature like Doñana."



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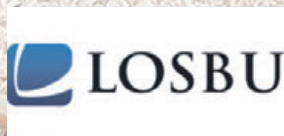
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1:05am	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q
1:35am	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
2:35am	Wild Tales From the Village
3:35am	Room 101
	Chat show in which guests are given the opportunity to rid the world of the things they hate.
4:05am	Spike Milligan

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	Mobil 1 the Grid
7:40am	Motorsport
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	King of Queens
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:55am	Frasier
10:25am	Frasier
10:55am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	A Place in the Sun
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	Location, Location, Location
6:35pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	The Restoration Man
9:00pm	Britain's Most Historic Towns
10:00pm	Dirty Grandpa
12:00am	Colombiana
2:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:50am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:25am	The Gadget Show
12:15pm	Police Interceptors
1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:15pm	Police Interceptors
4:10pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:05pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
6:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
9:00pm	The Dead Sea Treasure Map Mystery
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5 The Championship.
11:00pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
11:30pm	World's Deadliest Weather
12:30am	Criminals Caught on Camera

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5:45am	Rules of Engagement
7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Made in Chelsea
9:55am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
11:00am	Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	Young Sheldon
4:00pm	The Net
6:10pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Red 2
12:10am	Gogglebox
1:15am	The Inbetweeners
1:50am	The Inbetweeners

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Rugby League
	Wests Tigers take on Newcastle Knights at ANZ Stadium in the NRL.
9:25am	Rugby League
11:15am	My Icon
11:30am	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:00pm	Soccer Saturday Pre-Match
12:30pm	PI Live
4:00pm	Rugby Union
	Leinster meet Scarlets in Dublin in the semi-finals of the European Rugby Champions Cup.
7:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
10:45pm	Boxing
	Amir Khan and Phil Lo Greco go head-to-head at the Echo Arena in Liverpool
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Live International Fight Night

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8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:25pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:25pm	The Hungry Sailors
2:25pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Ayr
5:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:20pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:50pm	ITV News
11:05pm	Private Benjamin
1:10am	Change Your Tune
2:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka

itv2

7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:25pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:30pm	Liar Liar
3:30pm	FYI Daily
3:35pm	Liar Liar
4:15pm	Yogi Bear
5:15pm	FYI Daily
5:20pm	Yogi Bear
5:55pm	Casper
6:55pm	FYI Daily
7:00pm	Casper
8:00pm	The Mummy
9:00pm	FYI Daily
9:05pm	The Mummy
10:20pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:20pm	Celebrity Juice
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:35am	American Dad!
2:05am	American Dad!
2:30am	The Cleveland Show
2:55am	Plebs
3:20am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records

itv3

6:25am	Judge Judy
6:45am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:45am	Murder, She Wrote
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Inspector Morse
	Detective drama featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic chief inspector
12:00pm	A Touch of Frost
2:05pm	A Touch of Frost
4:20pm	Columbo
5:55pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Vera
	Detective drama based on the novel of the same name by Ann Cleeves
2:05am	On the Buses
	Internationally-acclaimed comedy starring Reg Varney as bus driver Stan Butler
2:35am	On the Buses
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Goals of the 70s
7:10am	The Protectors
7:35am	Cycling Highlights: Paris-Roubaix
8:30am	World Superbike Highlights
9:30am	British Superbike Championship Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:35am	The Big Fish Off
12:35pm	Jeremiah Johnson
1:45pm	FYI Daily
1:50pm	Jeremiah Johnson
2:50pm	Bend of the River
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Bend of the River
4:45pm	Chisum
5:45pm	FYI Daily
5:50pm	Chisum
7:05pm	The Green Berets
8:05pm	FYI Daily
8:10pm	The Green Berets
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon 4
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Lethal Weapon 4
12:25am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:25am	FYI Daily

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7:00am	Twister
9:00am	The Hurricane Heist
11:00am	Fast and Furious 8
1:20pm	U.S. Marshals
3:35pm	Premium Rush
5:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
7:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:20pm	Premium Rush
1:00am	Birth of the Dragon
2:40am	U.S. Marshals
5:00am	Twister

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10:10am	Look Who's Talking
11:55am	Look Who's Talking Too
1:25pm	Look Who's Talking Now!
3:10pm	Rampage: Special
3:40pm	Going in Style
5:25pm	Here Comes the Boom
7:15pm	The Ugly Truth
9:00pm	Going in Style
10:45pm	Here Comes the Boom
12:35am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:40am	Just Charlie
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Sky
8:50am	Growing Up Smith
10:40am	The House
12:15pm	Alien: Covenant
2:20pm	Rough Night
	Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.
4:10pm	The Dark Tower
5:55pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
7:25pm	The House
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10:45pm	The Dark Tower
12:25am	Alien: Covenant
2:35am	Batman: The Killing Joke
4:05am	Sky

sky sports football

8:00am	SPFL Matters
8:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
9:00am	Eredivisie
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Info not available
3:45pm	Gillette Soccer Special
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Special
6:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
7:00pm	Goals Express
8:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:30pm	20 Years of El Clasico
12:15am	La Lige Icons: Luis Suarez
12:30am	EFL Goals: Championship

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7:00am	Breakfast
8:35am	Match of the Day
9:10am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
9:30am	London Marathon
3:00pm	BBC News
3:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:15pm	Sunday Politics
4:30pm	Songs of Praise
5:05pm	B.O.B's Big Break
5:15pm	Madagascar
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	The Woman in White
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
1:00am	The Women's Football Show
1:35am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:05am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
7:35am	Countryfile
8:30am	Beechgrove Garden
9:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Snooker
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Gardeners' World
3:00pm	London Marathon 2018
3:30pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Nature's Biggest Beasts
8:00pm	London Marathon Highlights
9:00pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
10:00pm	My Year with the Tribe
11:00pm	Famalam
11:25pm	Joe Lycett: That's the Way A-ha A-ha
12:25am	Snooker
1:15am	Snooker
3:15am	Question Time
4:15am	Holby City
5:15am	This is 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
9:10pm	Natural World
10:00pm	Imagine... Habaneros <i>You Say You Want a Revolution? Part Two.</i>
11:30pm	Arena <i>A daily magazine programme which looks at the world of arts and entertainment.</i>
12:30am	Latin Music USA
1:30am	Natural World
2:20am	How to be Bohemian with Victoria Coren Mitchell <i>A daily magazine programme which looks at the world of arts and entertainment.</i>
3:20am	Arena <i>A daily magazine programme which looks at the world of arts and entertainment.</i>

CHANNEL 4

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	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:25pm	The Simpsons
3:55pm	Dr. Seuss' the Lorax
5:35pm	Location, Location, Location
6:35pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Homeland
11:15pm	Gogglebox
12:10am	Easy A
1:50am	Kahaani 2
4:00am	KOTV Boxing Weekly
4:25am	Mobil 1 the Grid

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Divine Designs
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:30pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
1:00pm	Britain's Greatest Bridges
1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:15pm	Police Interceptors
3:15pm	Dances with Wolves
6:45pm	Pearl Harbour
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Diana to Meghan: Royal Wedding Secrets
11:00pm	Big Wedding
12:40am	Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:30am	Fail Army
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Body in the Freezer: Countdown to Murder
5:00am	Tattoo Disasters
5:25am	Tattoo Disasters
5:45am	House Doctor

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5:40am	How I Met Your Mother
6:05am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:20am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	Young Sheldon
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Snow White and the Huntsman
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

sky sports main event

3:00am	Live International Fight Night
6:30am	Great Sporting Moments
6:45am	Great Sporting Moments
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
8:30am	Rugby Archive
8:40am	Live Women's 7s: Japan
10:30am	Total Goals
11:00am	Sports Sunday
12:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
2:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	La Liga Greatest Games
12:10am	Football
2:15am	Premier League Greatest Games
2:30am	Football
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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9:00am	The Haunted Hathaways
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Sunday
10:25am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:20pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:25pm	Britain's Brightest Family
2:55pm	Nanny McPhee
5:00pm	Change Your Tune
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Info not available
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	The Good Karma Hospital
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	100 Year Old Driving School
12:45am	This Time Next Year

itv2

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm	Take Me Out: 10th Anniversary Special
1:50pm	You've Been Framed!
2:50pm	The Mummy Returns
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	The Mummy Returns
5:15pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:35pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:40pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	What If...
2:25am	FYI Daily
2:30am	What If...
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv3

7:00am	On the Buses <i>Sitcom about a bus driver and his conductor pal.</i>
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:15am	Murder, She Wrote
9:15am	Heartbeat
10:15am	Heartbeat
11:15am	Columbo
12:50pm	A Touch of Frost
2:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
4:55pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	The Cruise
9:30pm	The Cruise
10:00pm	Tommy Cooper Forever
11:00pm	Tommy Cooper: Not Like That, Like This
1:10am	Blue Murder
2:10am	Blue Murder
3:05am	Tommy Cooper Forever
3:55am	Stephen Fry's Key to the City
4:45am	Road to Avonlea
5:35am	Road to Avonlea

itv4

7:00am	Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton
7:15am	Storage Wars Texas
7:40am	Storage Wars Texas
8:25am	Storage Wars Texas
9:15am	Storage Wars Texas
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:35am	Pawn Stars
11:30am	Pawn Stars
12:00pm	Pawn Stars
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:20pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Mr. Bean
2:50pm	Mr. Bean
3:25pm	The Big Fish Off
4:35pm	The Green Berets
5:40pm	FYI Daily
5:45pm	The Green Berets
7:25pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
10:00pm	Assassins
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Assassins
12:40am	Safe House
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Safe House

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5:00am	Twister
7:00am	The Mask of Zorro
9:30am	The Legend of Zorro
11:45am	Armageddon
2:30pm	Star Trek Beyond
4:45pm	Rampage: Special
5:15pm	The Mask of Zorro
7:45pm	The Legend of Zorro
10:00pm	Star Trek Beyond
12:15am	Rambo
1:50am	Armageddon
4:25am	Ultraviolet

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8:35am	Brewster's Millions
10:25am	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
12:10pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
2:00pm	Snatched
3:45pm	Juno
5:30pm	Sausage Party
7:10pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
12:20am	Sausage Party
2:00am	Barbershop: The Next Cut

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6:00am	Ready Player One: Special
6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	Just Charlie
9:00am	Batman: The Killing Joke
10:25am	The Dark Tower
12:05pm	Gifted
1:50pm	Rough Night
3:35pm	Alien: Covenant
5:40pm	The House
7:15pm	Gifted
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:40pm	Rough Night
12:25am	<i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
	Alien: Covenant
	<i>The crew of a damaged colony ship discover a seemingly hospitable planet and go in for a closer look</i>
2:30am	The House
4:15am	Growing Up Smith

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	Info not available
2:00pm	Info not available
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Info not available
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Info not available
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Info not available
10:45pm	Football
12:05am	MLS Greatest Games
12:10am	Football
2:15am	One2eleven
2:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
2:45am	SPFL Greatest Games

TECH FOR THE TIMID



I MAY never understand why a hand is feminine in Spanish but a day is masculine, even though they end in 'o' and 'a' respectively.

Nor in any case can most English speakers grasp why a house should be feminine and a pencil, masculine.

That all makes this well-thumbed story particularly intriguing: should our second-favourite techno-toy (after our smartphones) be 'el computador' or 'la computadora,' a language class was asked?

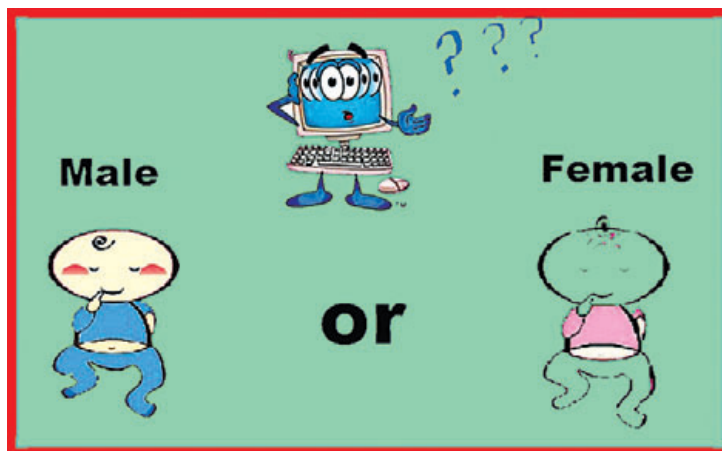
The teacher separated the students into two groups, male and female, asking them to choose.

The males decided computers should be feminine, because:

- No-one but their creator understands their internal logic;
- The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else;
- Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval; and
- As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay-check on accessories for it.

Mind the gender

Terence Kennedy hopes we can still poke some fun at the gender-polarised computer world



THE X-Y FILES: Gender gap or gulf?

The females voted that computers should be masculine, because:

- To do anything with them, you have to turn them on;
- They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves;
- They're supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem;
- As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited a little

longer, you could have had a better model.

The women apparently won.

Jokes apart, you're probably aware there are some serious gender issues raging in the tech world right now. Never mind the fact that Ada Lovelace is regarded as the world's first programmer, way back in 1842.

Even as recently as the 1960s, now-Dame Vera Stephanie Shirley had to

adopt the name 'Steve' just to trick corporate backers into seeing her to consider her business venture - which went on to write the programming for Concorde's flight recorder, among the many other achievements of its 300 staff, 297 of them women.

Long before the MeToo hashtag took wing last year, women have struggled in tech against male prejudice, bullying, sexism and underpayment.

Whether it's true or not that women have better analytical abilities than we lesser males, whether we refer to our computers the way we do to our cars (generally 'she'), boats (overwhelmingly 'she') or GPS devices ('She Who Must Be Obeyed' on my own family outings) - there's certainly no excuse for what happened when an entrepreneur recently searched Google for 'an English major who taught herself calculus.'

Google's algorithm rejected the query. It asked: 'Did you mean an English major who taught himself calculus?'

Boys' club

CAN we, should we, still laugh at 'women vs computer' jokes?

What's the difference between a woman and a computer? One is a cold heartless machine and the other is a computing device. You can mute the sound on a computer. The manual isn't complete. Pressing all the buttons halts action. They're both known for bad drivers and crashing. And so on...

Distinctly unamusing is that 90 per cent of women in tech have suffered gender bias, women only run 5 per cent of startups, they only hold 25 per cent of computing jobs, and they earn 29 per cent less than the men.

Perhaps we can at least agree on one of my favourite computing truisms: that computers are the perfect thing for women who don't feel that men provide them with enough frustration. Touché!



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12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
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!
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Health
9:00am	Hugh's Wild West
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
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
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	Countryside
4:00am	My Dad, the Peace Deal and Me
5:00am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
5:45am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:30pm	Nature's Microworlds
	Series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems.
9:00pm	Turkey with Simon Reeve
10:00pm	Baku: An Art Lovers' Guide
11:00pm	The Ottomans: Europe's Muslim Emperors
12:00am	Dan Cruickshank: At Home with the British
1:00am	Turkey with Simon Reeve
2:00am	Top of the Pops
	Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983.
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:05am	Baku: 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	Coast v Country
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	Holidays Unpacked
9:30pm	Travel Man
10:00pm	The Island with Bear Grylls
11:00pm	Kiss Me First
12:00am	999: What's Your Emergency?

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Social Nightmare
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Fergie v Wenger: The Feud
12:00am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:00am	America's Toughest Prisons
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
5:00am	Tattoo Disasters
5:25am	Tattoo Disasters
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
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:10am	Made in Chelsea

sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	ATP 500: Barcelona
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
	Delhi Daredevils take on Kings XI Punjab at Feroz Shah Kotla in the VIVO IPL.
8:00pm	Football
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

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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	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Info not available
12:45am	The Investigator: A British Crime Story
1:40am	Last Laugh in Vegas
2:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

itv2

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
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	American Dad!
11:00pm	Plebs
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!

itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Sparkling Cyanide
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young
	Twice
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:10am	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
9:25am	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
4:50pm	The Saint
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	Merry Christmas Mr Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	Jaws 2
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Jaws 2
12:20am	Maximum Conviction
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Maximum Conviction
2:25am	Motorsport UK
3:20am	The Protectors
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

3:15pm	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
5:35pm	Robin Hood
7:35pm	Robin Hood
10:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
12:15am	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
2:45am	Robin Hood

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:45am	The Object of My Affection
10:45am	Uncle Buck
12:30pm	Dumb and Dumber
2:25pm	Bad Neighbours 2
4:05pm	The Dictator
5:35pm	Sweet Home Alabama
7:30pm	30 Minutes or Less
9:00pm	Bad Neighbours 2
10:40pm	The Dictator
12:10am	City Slickers
2:10am	Liar Liar
3:45am	The Joshua Tree

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:15am	Growing Up Smith
6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Gifted
9:00am	The House
10:45am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
1:10pm	The Dark Tower
3:00pm	Rough Night
4:55pm	Gifted
6:50pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:40pm	Rough Night
	Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.
12:25am	The House
2:10am	Just Charlie
4:10am	Growing Up Smith

sky sports football

10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	Info not available
1:05pm	Info not available
3:10pm	Info not available
5:15pm	La Liga Icons
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Info not available
7:15pm	Info not available
7:30pm	Football's Greatest
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	La Liga Icons
8:55pm	Info not available
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits

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Patek Philippe's new manually wound ladies' chronograph

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THIS new ladies watch - Ref 7150/250R-001 - is the only chronograph in Patek Philippe's watch collection for members of the fairer sex.

It is worn on a shiny mink grey alligator leather strap secured with a rose-gold prong buckle that sparkles with the fire of 27 diamonds.

In 2009, Patek Philippe introduced a chronograph intended exclusively for feminine wrists. It was the exclusive debut of a classic manufacture-made chronograph movement (column wheel, horizontal clutch, manual winding) that had been developed entirely in house. That was also expressed by the name Ladies First Chronograph Ref 7071, which was manufactured until 2016.

Now, the Genevan watchmaker is enriching its collection of complicated wristwatches for

ladies and endowing this chronograph - highly coveted by discerning women - with a totally new face.

The cushion shaped case has been replaced with an elegant, round rose-gold case with a diameter of 38mm featuring a bezel set with 72 diamonds. Its timelessly sleek design is emphasised by refined vintage look details such as the fluted and delicately curved strap lugs, the round chronograph pushers with manually guilloché faces, and the gently cambered sapphire crystal 'box' glass.

The silvery opaline dial also combines a contemporary style with classic aesthetics, showcasing sculpted Breguet hour and minute hands in rose gold and a display layout that makes it eminently legible. The pulsometer scale of the new watch pays tribute to the tradition of clas-



sic chronographs that can measure the cadence of an active lifestyle or the slightly increased heart rate of its proud owner.

The compact case accommodates the manually wound calibre CH 29-535 PS movement with an instantaneous 30-minute counter, crowning its classic architecture with six patented innovations. Its subtlety can be admired through the box-type sapphire-crystal case back that is slightly chamfered to echo the profile of the rear bezel.

And the cost? A cool €68,035.

WATCH OUT: The new Patek Philippe timepiece.
HIGH-END QUALITY: The reverse highlights the calibre of construction.
ROCK SOLID: Detail of the strap and buckle that sparkles with 27 diamonds.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Rip Off Britain
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
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	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	The Split
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Rent for Sex: Ellie Undercover
12:15am	The Botox Bust: Ellie Undercover
12:45am	How Police Missed the Grindr Killer
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

5:45am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It! <i>Antiques show which helps amateur auctioneers, collectors and bargain-hunters make a saving.</i>
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	The Super League Show
9:00am	Sea Cities
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
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	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	MasterChef
4:05am	Secret Agent
5:05am	Selection: WW2
	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City
9:00pm	King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
10:00pm	The Story of the Jews
11:00pm	Majesty and Mortar: Britain's Great Palaces <i>Series in which Dan Cruickshank tells the story of a thousand years of palace building.</i>
12:00am	Chivalry and Betrayal: The Hundred Years War
1:00am	Francesco's Italy
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983</i>
2:40am	Top of the Pops
3:15am	The Story of the Jews

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
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	Class of Mum and Dad
10:00pm	Fatberg Autopsy
11:00pm	The World's Most Luxurious Airline
12:00am	Flight Hs13: Walter Presents

CHANNEL 5

6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Secrets of Eden
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Autumn in Loch Lomond
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Ben Nevis: The Venomous Mountain
11:00pm	Disastrous TV: When Television Goes Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Britain's Great Cathedrals with Tony Robinson
5:00am	Tattoo Disasters
5:25am	Tattoo Disasters
5:45am	House Doctor

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9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>
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	ATP 500: Barcelona
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Mumbai Indians take on Sunrisers Hyderabad at Wankhede Stadium in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Gillette Soccer Special
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
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	Devon and Cornwall Cops
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
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women

itv2

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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	American Pie: The Wedding
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	American Pie: The Wedding
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	American Dad!

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Agatha Christie's Marple
1:35pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:15pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Last Laugh in Vegas
12:30am	The Street
1:55am	The Street
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Saint
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon 4
11:15pm	FYI Daily
11:20pm	Lethal Weapon 4
12:30am	American Gangster
1:30am	FYI Daily
1:35am	American Gangster
3:35am	The Protectors
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:45am	Once Upon a Time in Mexico
10:45am	Ghost Rider
12:45pm	Star Trek
3:00pm	Rampage: Special
3:30pm	Salt
5:15pm	The Hunter's Prayer
7:00pm	Ghost Rider
9:00pm	Star Trek
11:15pm	Salt
1:00am	Once Upon a Time in Mexico

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	The Truth About Cats and Dogs
8:45am	Don Verdean
10:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
10:45am	Spanglish
1:05pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
3:15pm	Clueless
5:05pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
6:40pm	Spanglish
9:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
11:10pm	Clueless
1:00am	Superbad
3:00am	Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas
5:00am	Casual Encounters

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:10am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	Sky
8:50am	Batman: The Killing Joke <i>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.</i>
10:15am	Rough Night
12:05pm	The Dark Tower
1:45pm	Broken Vows
3:25pm	Gifted
5:10pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
7:20pm	The Dark Tower
9:00pm	Rough Night <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend</i>
10:45pm	Broken Vows
12:20am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
2:30am	Gifted
4:30am	Sky

sky sports football

2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Eredivisie
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Revista de la Liga
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	Eredivisie
9:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
9:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
9:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
10:00pm	Eredivisie
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	La Liga Icons

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Stop glorifying murderers

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



OCTOBER 5, 1962 was a remarkable day for me. It was the day that The Beatles released *Love Me Do*, their first UK single and I became a fan immediately. I have loved all their music ever since.

I loved everything they stood for - peace, love, and youngsters having fun, a new age revolution, but a good revolution - a new era of happiness.

Now fast forward to February 8, 2018 and I read that the last two Beatles have been captured. Not Paul and Ringo but two terrorists that were given the name of 'The Beatles' back in 2015 when there was four of them. How dare the media glorify these vile humans?

This, of course, got me thinking. Why does the press have to give them these jolly little names? It makes them sound like celebrities. Terrorists and killers often revel in publicity. Why does the public need to know the names of every person that shoots someone or plants a bomb?

Granted, our 'survival of the fittest', animal instinct draws us to violence and conflict. And although this glorifying journalism caters to

that human weakness, why publicise radicalised killers, felons and terrorists? In fact, why print their names or pictures at all? What if the media just used initials?

They should never be named, the most they should get is initials and definitely not start publicising all their family and friends telling us what lovely people they are. Why give them exactly what they want? No pictures, no information, nothing. I know some say by issuing pictures and other publicity the authorities can get more information. Well let them do their job but stop the media glorifying these people.

Then there's the term 'lone wolf' which conjures up another type of character and makes them sound cool and predatory. I'd prefer to read, 'another killer did this or that' instead of lone wolf.

Although the term often refers to an individual acting without help from a group, it is now often used to downplay acts of terrorism committed by white, non-Muslim perpetrators. Anders Breivik, the Norwegian right-wing white supremacist, who killed 77 people in 2011, was always referred to as a 'lone wolf' in the media. Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, the Tunisian who killed 86 people when he drove a truck into a crowd in Nice in July 2016 was not.

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

THERE is a lot to get through this week, so diving right in, Piers Morgan is back on *Good Morning Britain*, *ITV* weekday mornings and he didn't waste time laying into the government and the opposition for failing to put up a spokesperson to talk about the UK forces air strikes.

I agree with Piers (please, don't fall into your vino tinto) that surely someone, somewhere, should have been free to talk to *GMB* and provide an update on what was happening, enough said.

Completely changing the subject, *The Big Painting Challenge* is back on *BBC1* on Sunday evenings. Reverend Richard Coles (you will know him when you see him) and Mariella Frostrup (you think you know the name, I still have no idea who she is) are back guiding amateur painters through painting challenges each week.

If you remember Hannah Gordon's 'Easy Strokes' you might be disappointed but, if you are a fan of the 80's group The Communards (the Rev was a member) and/or the art of gentle paint-

Painting, springtime and laughing in Las Vegas



80'S REVIVAL: Last Laugh in Las Vegas.

ing, this one is for you.

As if to prove spring has sprung, *Springtime on the Farm* raced across *Channel 5* last week serving up masses of celebrity contributions and stuff that happens on a farm. The celebrity contributor list read like something a BAF-TA red carpet would be proud of, but what stood out for me was the resilience of the Nicholson family who have oper-

ated Cannon Hall farm for 60 plus years. I don't think the Nicholsons need celebrity friends to illustrate how brilliant they are.

Anyone in need of a nostalgia boost might want to look out *Last Laugh in Vegas*, *ITV* Tuesdays. There are eight acts performing including Cannon and Ball and Su Pollard.

The gang travel to Las Vegas to put



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SHOCK DEVELOPMENT: Critic agrees with Piers Morgan.

on one-last-show, directed by Frank Marino. Frank knows his stuff. He is the only person to have two stars on the Las Vegas Boulevard Walk of Fame and has raised millions of dollars for charity. Frank also badly needs a haircut.

The shows lead up to a one off performance, it has to be said in one of sin city's lesser known theatres and whatever Frank's weekly ratings might sug-

gest, I'm sure the final show will be great. The real shock for me though is Bernie Clifton's voice, he is a great singer. Look out for a feature length episode coming to *ITV3* soon.

On Monday night David Attenborough and The Queen got together in *The Queen's Green Planet*, *ITV*. This regal documentary showcased Her Majesty's plan to create a patchwork of protected forests across all 53 Commonwealth countries.

There was a bit of staged eavesdropping where the pair chatted about health and safety with Her Majesty blaming a noisy helicopter on President Trump. Cameo appearances from William and Kate, predictably planting trees and then not so predictably catching salmon with their bare hands and by Prince Harry rounded off the sort of programme the *BBC* used to do much better, but which *ITV* now seem to have the 'By Royal Appointment' accolade.

Happy viewing.

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

THE Spanish press was beside itself with vicarious pleasure when Spain's latest queen Letizia, prevented her mother-in-law, queen emerita Sofia, from being photographed with her granddaughters.

A clash between daughter-in-law and mother-in-law? Or commoner and queen? Most women will be familiar with scenes like these and - interestingly - the elder of the two infantas, Leonor, disengaged readily and brusquely from granny.

The Zarzuela Palace damage-limitation merchants immediately swung into action with photos of both queens beaming at each other and doubtless all future domestics will take place in private.

With a career as a news presenter and a previous marriage behind her, Letizia is not universally popular in Spain. Paradoxically, even those with republican leanings believe that a queen should be the result of years of inbreeding with cousins while oozing majesty and protocol.

But the coup de grace for Letizia came from Andrew Morton, royal biographer supreme, in his latest analysis of Prince Harry's future wife Meghan Markle. Far from



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CLASH: Spanish queens Sofia and Letizia.

comparing Markle with Princess Diana, he likened her to Letizia.

Both are divorced, ambitious, centred, with a lot of determination and strong opinions, he pronounced.

All of which is true, but not what Letizia needs to hear right now.

Degrees of silliness

CRISTINA CIFUENTES, regional president of the Madrid Community, was regarded as a possible contender for Mariano Rajoy's crown when he eventually surrenders it.

So there was more than a touch of schadenfreude in some Partido Popular quarters when Cifuentes found herself in a pickle over a Master's degree in Autonomous Law that might or might not have been deservedly awarded.

She has stuck to her guns and clung to her Master's diploma even though all the

evidence points to academic jiggery-pokery. It is disputable whether possessing said degree would have made her a better politician or regional president, not when she has highly-paid advisers to deal with legal issues, autonomous or not.

Cifuentes would have done better to tell the truth or make a lame excuse. The jaded voting public expect politicians to lie, but are unforgiving when they catch them at it.

Practically inaudible

CARLES PUIGDEMONT is at large in Germany although Spain is still determined to haul him back to face the music, this time for misappropriation of public funds.

Meanwhile, Cataluña's former regional president laps up all the attention and flits from press conference to press conference in Berlin.

At one of these, he insisted that he has always said that independence 'wasn't the only answer' for Cataluña.

He might have muttered this at some point in the past but if he did it must have been in a very low voice that very few managed to hear.



ON THE MARCH: Albert Rivera and Ines Arrimadas.

Twice as good

THE Ciudadanos (Cs) party led by Albert Rivera nationwide and by Ines Arrimadas in Cataluña would win the next general election on its present showing, according to the latest Metroscopia poll.

The Cs would have 28.7 per cent of the vote, compared with the Partido Popular's 20.4 per cent.

The PSOE dropped slightly and surprise! surprise! the Unidos Podemos party led by Pablo Iglesias is catching up with the socialists. Whether purposely or fortuitously, Iglesias has boxed clever by allowing himself to be overshadowed by current events.

And the announcement that his partner Irene Montero is expecting twins won't have done him any harm.

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**'WE WOULD ALL MISS OUR NEWSPAPERS -
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Trivia from around the world

*** Albania's Sazan Island was once a Cold War military base. There are now plans to turn it into a holiday resort complete with Vegas-style casinos.

*** Singapore, along with Monaco and Vatican City, are the last three 'city states' in the world, self-governing entities made up of one urban area.

*** There are direct descendants of British pirates who arrived in Honduras around 500 years ago living there today.

*** The ox-driven water wheel arrived in Sudan in around the 4th century BC and it is still widely used today.

*** Bunkers built for former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein featured a swimming pool, a gourmet kitchen and a nursery for his grandchildren.

*** Many women in French Polynesia and the Cook Islands place a tiare flower behind their right ear if single and their left if in a relationship.



TALLEST STATUE: The Spring Temple Buddha in China was completed in September 2008.

DID YOU KNOW?

The three tallest statues in the world are all of Buddhas. The Spring Temple Buddha in Lushan, China is 128 metres tall, the Laykyun Setkyar in Khatakan Taung, Myanmar is 115.8 and the Ushiku Daibutsu in Ushiku, Japan is 110. All were built in the last 25 years.

Women's wit

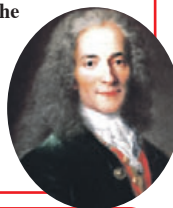
'If I hold back, I'm no good. I'd rather be good sometimes than hold back all the time.'

Janis Joplin, singer

Famous quote

'Life is thickly sown with thorns and I know no other remedy than to pass through them quickly. The longer we dwell on misfortune the greater its power to harm us.'

Voltaire, intellectual



World of English

'Posology - the branch of medicine concerned with the size and frequency of medication and drug doses.'

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Such is your popularity this week that you can be assured of success in many things. Remember that first impressions can be the most accurate and don't be tempted to make too many allowances for others.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

For some time you have been trying to settle a certain matter. Although it is in your nature to get things out of the way quickly, this has not been possible. The chance to make progress this week is welcome but be sure that all is not what it seems.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

A friend of long standing comes up with some bright ideas to get you out of a tricky situation. Don't be surprised. You have for a long time now underestimated their worth. Your friend will be surprised when you show your gratitude in an immediate and physical way, but if there is anything better than finding a new friend it is finding an old friend has hidden talents.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

The urge to get ahead at as fast a pace as possible is apparent this week. Some would say not before time. However, you know the art of choosing the moment and it has not been until now that you have felt the time was right. This is a truly expansive week and one in which your powers of imagination are given full rein. No wonder you are being admired.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

The company is so interesting that you can hardly tear yourself away and new experiences are arriving every day. You could be forgiven for getting a little over-excited. When travel brings you face to face with a stranger, you find that a bit of information you hear has to be acted upon.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Someone close gets a real stroke of luck this week and no doubt the benefits will rub off on you. It seems that some fortune will come your way by the end of the month and lead you to see a situation in quite a

different light. Any travel should be left until the beginning of next month if possible because there are likely to be delays and irritations.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Someone you have been holding at arm's length recently is insisting on getting closer. Charm and tact alone may not save the day, but enlisting the help of a friend could. Travel and career are well-aspected and, if you are expecting a financial windfall, you may have a bit longer to wait.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

The hard work you have been putting in recently has left you tired and, at times, quite tetchy. This week you will start to see the rewards of your efforts which will undoubtedly help you to keep up the momentum. There is a lot of both passion and travel this week, which is set to continue.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

This is a highly sociable week, and you could meet some new faces that not only attract but inspire you. You are a social butterfly, and this brings out your Libran flutteriness. You will have to draw on all your powers of concentration to keep ahead of practical matters such as paperwork.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

You dominate the scene this week and no one is in any doubt about what you are aiming for. If you want to impress someone new to your circle, however, try a bit of cunning as opposed to brow-beating.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Communication and self-expression are what it's all about this week. Although you may feel that indulging yourself is in some ways selfish, you should realise that you are entitled to some fun.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

The call of romance is strong but so is that of your business life. The two will clash to the detriment of each other if you do not plan ahead and pace yourself. Do not be at the beck and call of others when you need all your time and energy for yourself.

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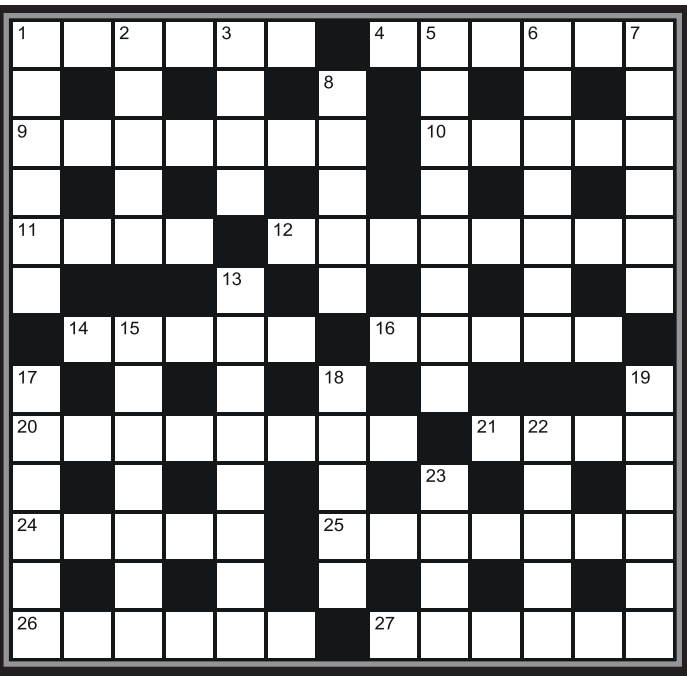
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Cryptic

- Across**
- 1 Bed in the Home Counties for a writer (6)
 - 4 Mutilate a thousand fish (6)
 - 9 Right place, I resolved to find duplicate (7)
 - 10 A very hard stone to find in Wales (5)
 - 11 Whip left in front of tree (4)
 - 12 Rescue gun dog with no tail (8)
 - 14 Fred's wife with the Italian mother (5)
 - 16 Before end of day dining room is cluttered (5)
 - 20 Particular kind of epic sale (8)
 - 21 Cast about for laws (4)
 - 24 Cooking broth is such a pain (5)
 - 25 Possible description of sty could be sty? (7)
 - 26 Easing of pain about change of life (6)
 - 27 Conniving little animal died (6)

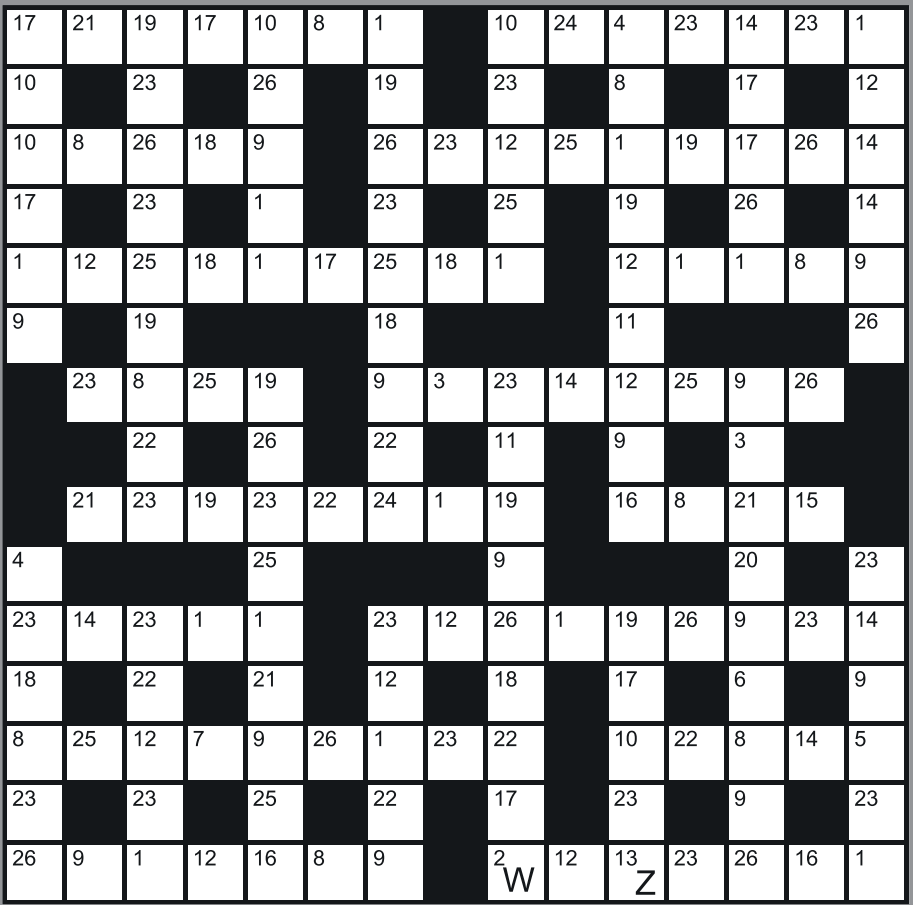


- Down**
- 1 Walk the street holding a register (6)
 - 2 Guys held by Europe security officers (5)
 - 3 Cook first of big onions in liquid (4)
 - 5 Firm fade out supported (8)
 - 6 They fly although they are powerless to do so (7)

- 7 A choice of one in two, or possibly one in three (6)
- 8 King or jack? Same difference! (5)
- 13 Friendly letters in e-mail: A, B, C (8)
- 15 Rip Email off and put at risk (7)
- 17 Improved as a gambler (6)
- 18 Spent getting precious stone, then diamonds (5)
- 19 Doesn't change Belgian port (6)
- 22 Copy a hundred and fifty one (5)
- 23 Come together in game show (4)

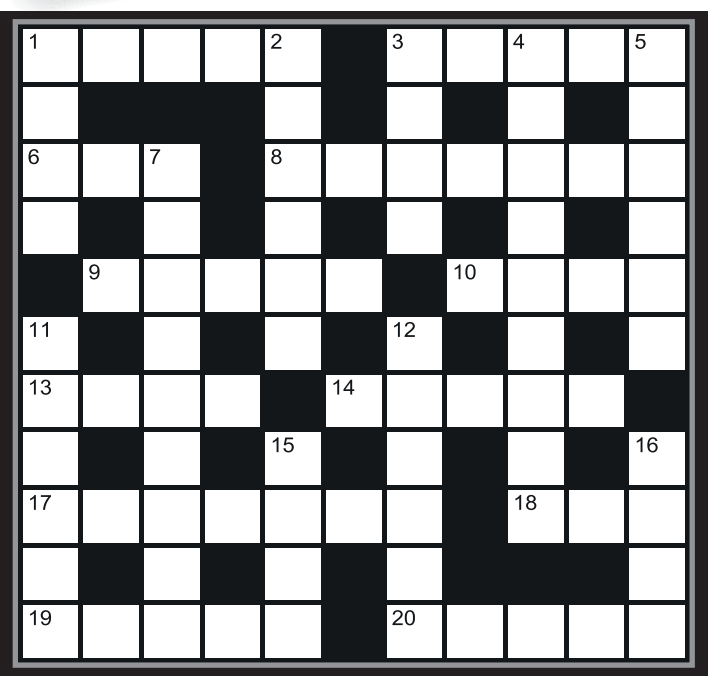
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents W and 13 represents Z, so fill in W every time the figure 2 appears and Z every time the figure 13 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick

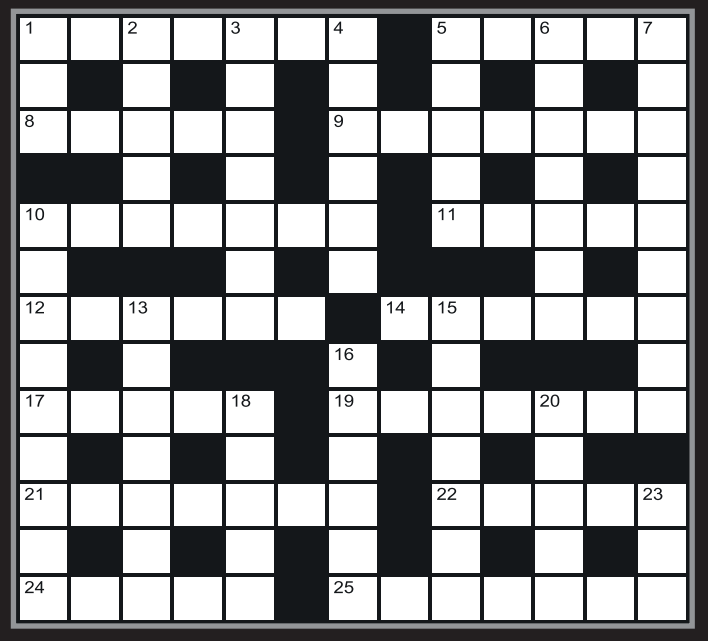


- Across**
- 1 Motion picture (5)
 - 3 Apartments (5)
 - 6/18 Old or experienced sailor (3,3)
 - 8 Airman (7)
 - 9 Judge's small mallet (5)
 - 10 Sign of something about to happen (4)
 - 13 State of extreme anger (4)
 - 14 Tract of level wasteland (5)
 - 17 Own (7)
 - 18 See 6
 - 19 Escape or avoid by cunning (5)
 - 20 No longer fresh (5)

- Down**
- 1 Body of matter without definite shape (4)
 - 2 Hard white substance covering the crown of a tooth (6)
 - 3 Just (4)
 - 4 Tried (9)
 - 5 Calm (6)
 - 7 Inability to feel pain (9)
 - 11 Increase threefold (6)
 - 12 Against (6)
 - 15 Relinquish possession or control over (4)
 - 16 Eye greedily (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Chestnut (7)
 - 5 Arches (5)
 - 8 Demostrar (5)
 - 9 To withdraw (7)
 - 10 To buy (7)
 - 11 Claro (ejemplo, prueba, ventaja) (5)
 - 12 To copy (6)
 - 14 Blankets (6)
 - 17 Playing card (5)
 - 19 Alfombras (7)
 - 21 Árbitro (7)
 - 22 Ship (vessel) (5)
 - 24 Salado (5)
 - 25 Mañana (hora del día) (7)

- Down**
- 1 See 23
 - 2 Tormenta (5)
 - 3 Happiness (cheerfulness) (7)
 - 4 Worker (agriculture, industry) (6)
 - 5 Desván (5)
 - 6 Correcto (7)
 - 7 Sorpresas (9)
 - 10 Cooks (chefs) (9)
 - 13 Doloroso (7)
 - 15 To pass (approve) (7)
 - 16 Gritar (6)
 - 18 Temprano (5)
 - 20 Skiing (5)
 - 23/1 Huevera (3,3)

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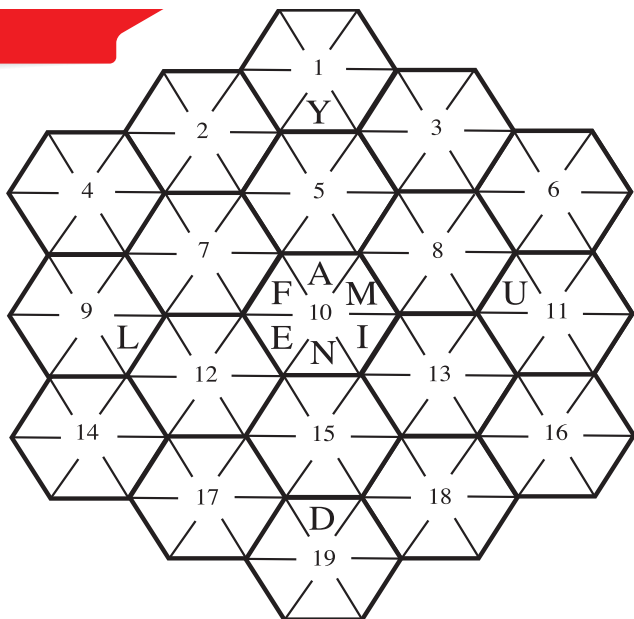
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Hexagram

ASHORE
ATTACK
BEAUTY
BLOODY
BOBBIN
DOMINO
FAMINE (10)
GIBBON
GIRDLE
GUNMEN
LOUNGE
METHYL
MINNOW
MODERN
PERSON
PILFER
STUFFY
VOYAGE
WADDLE



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 (**FAMINE**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

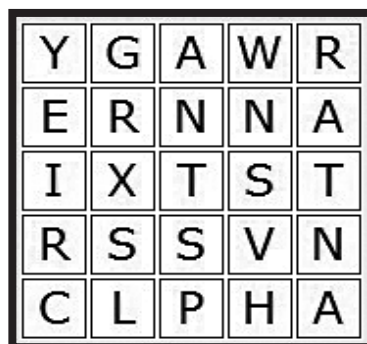
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Bovine 2 Eyeful 3 Invent 4 Finite
5 Syntax 6 Soften 7 Diesel 8 Scanty
9 Indoor 10 Excuse 11 Faulty
12 Solemn 13 Typhus 14 Bosses
15 Shalom 16 Styled 17 Snoopy
18 Laptop 19 Pollen

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: 24
- Very good: 48
- Good: 33
- Excellent: 62

SCORING:

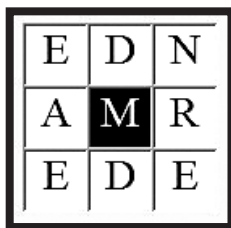
4 letters: 1 point 7 letters: 5 points
5 letters: 2 points 8 or more letters: 11 points
6 letters: 3 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

oxen uses peso penuche penuches
sues sees seed sett hues house
houses hoes heed ness nebs nubs
nude nudes beset bees beet shun
sheet shed site sites jess jetties hubs
issue tees teed tissue ties tied cube
cubes cubs cubed chub chubs chess
cheese cheeses cheque chequed
cheques dune dunes dubs duchess
debs desex quiet quit quite

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



TARGET:

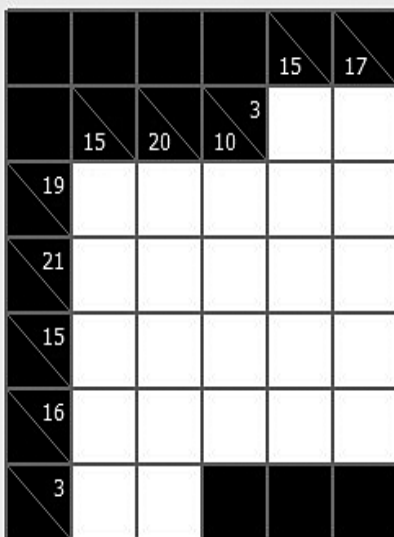
- Average: 10
- Good: 14
- Very good: 20
- Excellent: 25

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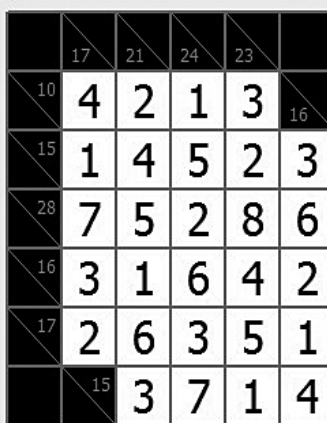
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ring acing agree anger cager cigar eager eagre genic genie genre
given giver grace grain grave green range reign vegan verge arcing
avenge cagier caring caving cringe earring encage enrage gainer
genera geneva graven greave grieve racing raving regain avenger
carving craving engrave generic reeving veering vinegar GRIEVANCE

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

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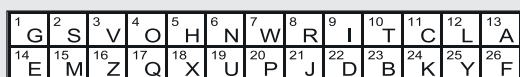
Across:

1 Feline, 4 Fret, 8 Available,
9 Obey, 10 Rabies, 13 Second,
15 Lair, 18 Originate, 19 Fast,
20 Battle.

Down:

1 Furious, 2 Leave, 3 Near,
5 Rabbi, 6/18 Tee off,
7 Bleak, 11 Syringe, 12 Unfit,
14 Chips, 16 Alert, 17 Data.

CODE BREAKER



CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Stands, 4 Moscow, 9 Average, 10 Lyres,
11 Champ, 12 Red tape, 13 Clandestine,
18 Prosper, 20 Lowly, 22 Group,
23 Swindle, 24 Tutors, 25 Unseen.

Down:

1 Starch, 2 Arena, 3 Dead pan, 5 Oiled,
6 Certain, 7 Wasted, 8 George cross,
14 Lookout, 15 Tallinn, 16 Spigot,
17 Wyvern, 19 Piper, 21 Wedge.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Sash, 3 Culpicio, 9 Iglesia, 10 Crash,
11 Sidra, 12 Guests, 14 Rincón,
16 Sticky, 19 Premio, 21 Reach, 24 Irons,
25 Avispon, 26 As soon as, 27 Jefe.

Down:

1 Scissors, 2 Salad, 4 Orange, 5 Uncle,
6 Plastic, 7 Ocho, 8 Estafío, 13 By chance,
15 Nervous, 17 Tercio, 18 Solapa,
20 Museo, 22 Apple, 23 Cita.

App of the week



FindNow

An app that allows users to quickly and easily share their location, and find their friends. FindNow works by searching through phone contacts and users can invite their friends to the app so they can know their whereabouts. Location sharing can be blocked at any time.

QUIZ: BIG CATS

- First published in 1950, who was the author of the fantasy novel for children *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?
- Name any two of the three theme songs to James Bond films sung by Dame Shirley Bassey, who was born in Tiger Bay, Cardiff in January 1937?
- 'The lion goes from strength to strength' is the advertising slogan of which motor manufacturer?
- Tony the Tiger is the advertising cartoon mascot for which breakfast cereal, appearing on its packaging and advertising?
- Welford Road is the home ground of which Premiership rugby union club?
- What is golfer Tiger Woods real first name?

- Which 12th century English king was nicknamed the Lionheart or Coeur de Lion?
- Which alternative rock band released the number one hit single *Three Lions* in 1996 to mark the England football team's participation in that year's European Championships, held in England?
- Which mythical creature had the head and wings of an eagle and the body of a lion, typically depicted with pointed ears and with the eagle's legs taking the place of the forelegs?
- With which sport would you principally associate Dick Tiger (born Richard Ihetu)?

Not a lot of people know that... female lions do the hunting (together in groups) while male lions stay home to protect the pride, however tigers are solitary hunters, and generally search for food alone at night.

Answers:

- C.S. (Clive Staples) LEWIS, 2. GOLDINGER (1964) DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER (1971) and MOONRAKER (1979), 3. PEUGEOT (part of Groupe PSA), 4. KELLOGG'S FROSTED FLAKES (also known as FROSTIES), 5. LEICESTER TIGERS (officially Leicester Football Club), 6. ELDRICK 'Tont Woods', 7. RICHARD I, 8. THE LIGHTNING SEEDS (in collaboration with David Baddiel and Frank Skinner), 9. GRIFFIN (GRIFFON or GRYPHON), 10. BOXING - he was the World Middleweight and World Light Heavyweight Champion

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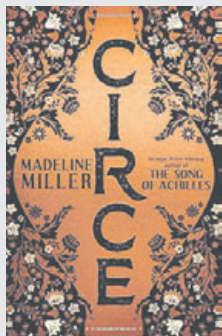
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TIME OUT

BOOKS



A goddess in exile

HELIOS, the titan god of the sun, has just welcomed a baby daughter into his home. Far from being wanted, Circe is scorned and rejected by her fellow divine beings for not being godly enough.

She soon turns to mortals for company and discovers forbidden witchcraft. One dark spell later and she is on her way to the island of Aiaia after being banished from the house of the gods by Zeus.

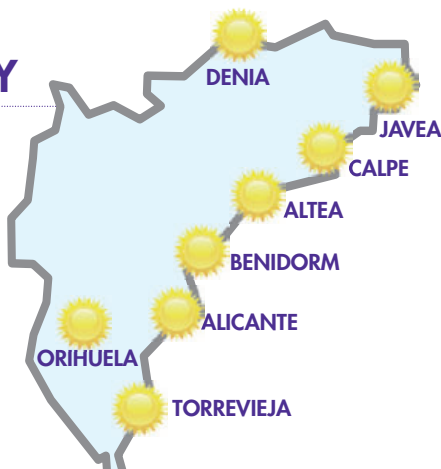
While there she practises the dark arts and soon meets a succession of characters from the craftsman Daedalus to the calculating adventurer Odysseus who passes through on his way home.

The goddess is forced to choose between the world of gods and that of humans while undergoing deep transformations in Madeline Miller's Circe.

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Costa Blanca

TODAY



Malaga
Today: Max 21, Min 12-S
Fri - 22 13 - S
Sat - 21 13 - C
Sun - 22 13 - C
Mon - 23 14 - S
Tues - 22 13 - Sh
Wed - 22 13 - Sh

Almeria
Today: Max 23, Min 15-S
Fri - 23 15 - S
Sat - 22 15 - Cl
Sun - 23 15 - C
Mon - 24 16 - S
Tues - 22 15 - S
Wed - 21 15 - S

Bilbao
Today: Max 26, Min 13-C
Fri - 24 13 - C
Sat - 24 14 - S
Sun - 24 13 - S
Mon - 20 12 - C
Tues - 20 12 - C
Wed - 20 13 - C

Madrid
Today: Max 24, Min 10 - S
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Sat - 22 10 - S
Sun - 22 10 - C
Mon - 22 11 - C
Tues - 23 11 - C
Wed - 23 10 - S

Alicante
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Benidorm
Today: Max 21, Min 13-S
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Sat - 21 13 - S
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Mon - 21 15 - Cl
Tues - 21 14 - C
Wed - 21 14 - C

Mallorca
Today: Max 24, Min 12-S
Fri - 22 12 - S
Sat - 21 12 - S
Sun - 21 12 - S
Mon - 22 13 - C
Tues - 22 13 - S
Wed - 22 13 - C

Barcelona
Today: Max 21, Min 12-S
Fri - 21 11 - S
Sat - 20 12 - S
Sun - 20 12 - S
Mon - 21 13 - C
Tues - 20 13 - C
Wed - 20 13 - Sh

S: Sun Cl: Clear C: Cloudy Sh: Showers Th: Thunder Sn: Snow

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BIRTHDAYS

Joe Hart, Footballer; April 19, 31

Hart attended the Meole Brace School in his native Shrewsbury before going on to make his football debut aged 16. He has since earned the Barclays Golden Glove Award as the keeper with most clean sheets in 2011, 2012 and 2013 for his efforts at Manchester City.

Andy Serkis, Actor; April 20, 54

The Lord of the Rings star is best known for his motion capture animation work which he used to play Gollum in the trilogy as well as King Kong.

Iggy Pop, Singer; April 21, 71

The singer of I Wanna Be Your Dog and The Passenger grew up in a trailer park in Michigan in the US and he



Andy Serkis.

reportedly took his stage name from his first band The Iguanas. He later made his name with The Stooges and went on to have a successful solo career.

Amber Heard, Actor; April 22, 32

Heard has had a successful modelling and acting career that has seen her star alongside former husband Johnny Depp in The Rum Diary. She was involved in drama while at school before dropping out at 17 to pursue her film career.

Kal Penn, Actor; April 23, 41

Penn is well-known as one half of the on screen Harold and Kumar duo. He has also played Dr Lawrence Kutner in House and began appearing in Designated Survivor in

2016. He studied at UCLA and graduated with degrees in film and sociology.

Barbra Streisand, Singer; April 24, 76

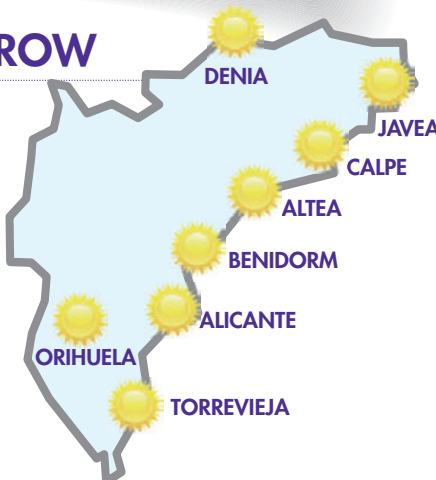
Streisand has sold more than 245 million records and has bagged 10 Grammy Awards since she released her debut record The Barbra Streisand Album in 1963. She has also had a successful acting career and took home an Oscar for Best Actress for her role in the 1968 musical Funny Girl.

Len Goodman, TV Judge; April 25, 74

The judge from Strictly Come Dancing was born in Bromley in England and began ballroom dancing aged 19 following a football injury. He went on to run a ballroom dancing school in Kent and has also appeared alongside Mya Harrison as a judge on Dancing with the Stars.

weather

TOMORROW



SATURDAY



1184 BC - Fall of Troy

Legends state the city of Troy in modern-day Turkey falls to the Achaeans from Greece following a lengthy siege. The battle would later be immortalised in Homer's epic poem The Iliad.

753 BC - Rome founded

Romulus founds Rome after murdering his twin brother Remus and becomes its first King, according to myth.

799 - Pope escapes

Pope Leo III flees Rome after being mistreated by its citizens and seeks refuge at the court of Frankish King Charlemagne in Paderborn.

1653 - Parliament closed

Oliver Cromwell shuts down the Rump Parliament by force, beginning a de facto military dictatorship in England.

1792 - War in Europe

The French Revolutionary Wars begins after the newly-established French Republic declares war against Holy Roman Emperor Francis II. It would last for almost 10 years and pave the way for Napoleon Bonaparte's rise to power.

1889 - Land grab

An estimated 50,000 people rush to claim land on the western frontier of the United States seized from Native Americans. Oklahoma City and Guthrie are founded within hours with populations of at least 10,000.

1971 - Manson sentenced

Charles Manson is sentenced to death for his part in the Tate-LaBianca murders. The penalty is later reduced to life imprisonment.

2005 - First video posted

Me at the zoo, filmed by a user named Jawed Karim becomes the first ever video published on YouTube.

This week in history

DVD

On the prowl



STACY (Adrian Brody), Walker (John Malkovich) and Gage (Rory Culkin) are three career criminals who have wound up trapped in a warehouse with police closing in on them.

They soon discover they are not alone after learning a killer dog is on the loose inside. We learn later the dog suffered abuse at the hands of its trainer Blue (Antonio Banderas) in a bid to make it an unstoppable fighting machine.

The three criminals must find a way out in Unchained.

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

BACK

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

WOOD

JO
WOOD
WORD
WARD
BARD
BARK
BACK
Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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				4	7			
		1		2				6
		8	1				7	4

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Leapy Lee 'How many more lives must be lost?'

I FELT compelled to write to you in reply to the above headline, and cannot agree more with Leapy Lee's assessment.

I was a Police Officer in Tottenham in the early 70's and the frightening statistic then was that 90 per cent of the crime in the area was committed by about 10 per cent of Tottenham's population, in other words the ethnic minority.

This fact, put together by Police Col-lator Reports was never publicised for the very same reason it is not spoken about now - the Politically Correct - and for fear of upsetting anyone! Only those of the Ethnic Minority when arrested, had their own telephone number to call for assistance, because of any alleged racist accusations, and the old adage, quote 'You only stopped/arrested me because I am black.'

John Mather, Costa del Sol

What a waste

I AM prompted to remark that Tor-revieja built a wonderful looking

Sky-high prices to fly

AS a seasoned traveller I am amazed at the frequently high price of flights between Malaga and Madrid.

In the last six months I have used the capital for connecting international flights to the US, Far East, and the Middle East.

With my most recent international ticket provided out of Madrid by a client I found myself responsible for the internal flights, resulting in a price quote of almost €400 return for a Malaga-Madrid return ticket as it was not purchased at part of the original international flight.

With Malaga-London return tickets often available for a quar-



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| SHORT HAUL: Travel from Malaga is expensive.

ter of this amount – in part bargain prices because of the stiff competition that exists - how I wish there was more competition between carriers on the Malaga-Madrid routing.

While I prefer to fly for the sake of convenience with the

connections, the near €400 price tag for a Malaga-Madrid return left me with little option for the sake of my pocket to use the AVE high-speed rail service at less than half the price.

Down to earth traveller, Name and address supplied

desalination plant, but after 10 years was still not used due to the fact that no electricity was built in.

Also the discharge water pipes would have to go through the town. (I left Torrevieja two years ago and it was still not functioning or having any new and necessary features provided, so it could be 12 years.)

My father-in-law was a draughtsman to Stevenage new town. I don't remember any such hiccoughs.

Cutting off the water supply for a number of hours, encourages people to fill up baths, and other containers, then throw it away when water is returned to normal pressure is actually using more of a scarce commodity.

Marie Jenkins, Mutxamel

More motor homes

REGARDING the letter from Dave Turre last week.

Motor homes do not contribute to the local economy as for a start they do not pay towards emptying the rubbish bins, we as residents do, they also take water from the taps that are situated in and around our village, who do you think pays for that?

We pay water rates they don't.

Also they take up all the parking spaces on the beach which cars cannot park as they stay there all winter taking up all the space.

They also empty their sewerage waste in and around the parkland as they have been seen and photographed doing this disgusting habit.

At last the Elche Police are now going to fine them for illegally parking. About time - see what they think of that - if they can afford these luxury motor homes why don't they use the campsites, there are plenty of them.

They are just free loaders.

All the residents here are fed up with them.

May, La Marina

HAVE YOUR SAY

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'Disruptive' stag do passenger fined

£2,500 fine is not enough - what about the costs of all the passengers onboard? Disrupted flight disrupted lives - who knows what cost to each passenger this caused! Each passenger should be compensated by the defendant - and Ryanair costs. Who covers those? A minimum fine of £20,000 if the flight has to turn around due to disruptive behaviour could go some way to reducing this type of behaviour. Saying that, the question does have to be raised as to how on earth he was allowed on the flight in the first place!

Lorraine Enriquez Murphy

So if he was already drunk, why was he allowed to fly. Staff should take more responsibility but if they have to unload a passenger it costs time and money.

Robert Mitchell

Actually by law cabin crew can actually stop you from boarding if we believe you to be drunk before the flight, the problem is once we are in the air alcohol works differently so its much harder to spot on land, the problem is these people think they will be fine when its not always the case, due to the cabin pressure all alcohol in your system doubles its affect if you could limit alcohol intake both on land and in the sky we would solve the issue to a great extent.

Katy Hunt

Comments from EWN online

Man, 84, sentenced to prison for killing violent burglar in Canary Islands

Most in-humane ruling ever. Putting an 84-year-old man in jail for reacting to violence. I truly hope that judge gets burgled himself one day... see how he feels then.

Lucas Verbist

I thought it was only the UK courts that made ridiculous court judgements like this!

Anne Whitfield

Don't care if the gun was legal or not. What that burglar did was illegal. He and his accomplice should NOT have been terrorising these elderly people in their own home or anywhere else. How would you feel if it had been your parents in this situation?

Barbara Anne Holt

So sad - that Spain is going the same way as the UK, in preferring the 'rights' of criminals over those of the victims.

PM

Spanish woman attacked on London tube train for not speaking English

I think it stinks how these people have been treated. Both my wife and myself travel to Spain twice a year on holiday and we have never been treated this way. What if other people went to many different countries would we have to speak many languages prior to travelling? I just hope these women are caught and put in front of a very good judge who will think very hard on the behaviour.

Simon

Do the millions of British people that holiday in Spain every year speak Spanish, I don't think so. Absolutely disgusting.

Sheena Hutson

Absolutely disgraceful... what the hell is wrong with people... sending her best wishes and hope she soon recovers.

Cherill Munday

Lies, damned lies, and statistics

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

COUPLE of rants this week. First off, news that nearly two thirds of supposed, unaccompanied child refugees challenged about their real age after coming to Britain were found to be adults.

In the year to June 2017, according to an official report, 65 per cent of asylum seekers assessed claiming to be juveniles had lied about being under 18 - some even in their 20's or 30's with flecks of grey hair!

What on earth is wrong with us? Why do we allow ourselves to be fleeced like this? When they get to the UK, these so-called 'children' are put into care which not only deprives real children of scarce foster home places, but can also mean adult males placed in children's homes amongst vulnerable young people. And the Home Office refuses to use medical checks on the migrants because it's 'unethical'!

All this amid reports that Britain is the only major western economy to meet the United Nations target for overseas aid...



REFUGEES: UK meets UN target, but are we being fleeced?

News too about that other bastion of British life: the BBC. This, we are told, regularly flouts its own salary cap rules to inflate wages for its top earners - including presenters and programme editors.

So, enormous salaries with equally enormous pensions all provided by you, the taxpayer! Why? The BBC still operates under the illusion that 'the talent' is unique and irreplaceable, a belief strongly encouraged by the agents of said 'talent.'

Perhaps if the BBC spent more researching what their paying listeners and viewers want to see and hear rather than some of the fluff we're offered, we wouldn't mind these extortionate salaries. As it is, the rubbish on offer far outweighs the excellence.

I can only assume the BBC has a 'Director of Discontent' and that he/she earns more than the Director of Content (who's on £325,000) because it's clearly the bigger, tougher, much more demanding job.

The BBC and the Home Office - two rants for the price of one this week! Next scandal, please!

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

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Do I pay Spanish income tax?

Q. We have received several queries about Spanish income tax and the time is upon us now. The most frequent question every year is whether incomes under €22,000 need to be declared. This year many readers are also confused by the new electronic systems available, and the end of the 'borrador' or draft declaration.

A. First, if you are a UK old-age pensioner and your income is less than €22,000 a year, you are

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



obliged to declare for Spanish income tax. This is because your UK pension has not been subject to Spanish withholding tax during the year. Someone working in Spain has tax deducted from his salary each month, just as in the UK, so he has no extra tax to pay. The pensioner, however, will probably find he has a small amount of Spanish tax to pay, even after his deductions.

Second, the Spanish Tax Agency is now touting its new declaration by telephone system so you can "pay with a click."

You must download their app to your smart phone. Our own suggestion is that you consult a Spanish tax advisor to make sure everything is correct.

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WHILST it is relatively easy for an English speaker with no Spanish to be able to order a meal or visit a supermarket, when it comes to discussing dental matters it is much more complicated.

Happily, Dr Chris Jones who is based at the Clinica Dental Alfaz del Pi having qualified in Britain, practising in Spain for nearly 20 years, speaks English and can offer the latest treatment no matter what the dental problem is.

He loves the life in Spain and realised after he had completed his training in Sheffield that Spain offered a great lifestyle but also an opportunity for him to help those who were in pain and had difficulty in explaining their needs.

Now well established in his own premises which he has occupied for the last five years, Dr Jones is able to offer a range of services from simple fillings to complicated implants.

Training for dentistry in Spain was, in the past, somewhat haphaz-



BEFORE AND AFTER: This patient did not like the look of her front teeth, but five visits and two weeks later she had a much better smile.



ard as prior to 1991, dentists had to qualify as medical doctors before they could start studying dentistry which meant that their training was often shorter than those who qualified as dentists in the UK.

As with any part of the medical profession, he keeps up-to-date with latest discoveries and treatments and has been able to combine his UK training with an understanding of what patients in Spain, both local and expatriate are looking for.

The doctor emphasises the benefits of being a British dentist in an area where so many expats live: "Al-

though patients can go to any clinic they want to, I think British people feel more comfortable talking to someone from their own country in their own language. There is much

less risk of misunderstandings."

His dental nurse Katia is also British, so there is never any trouble calling and arranging appointments.

Some of the most advanced proce-

dures available in dentistry are now available in Spain so he has continually trained and updated his skills during his professional life here with his clinic walls adorned with certificates in everything from bridges, implants and root canal treatment to surgery, aesthetics and cancer diagnosis.

Many people have also turned to Dr Jones for a second opinion when not happy with other treatment they have had elsewhere: "I had one woman who was told she needed implants costing thousands but she didn't need such extreme and costly treatment, she just needed a deep cleaning, and that was all," he explained.

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Head to foot

THE feet are two of the most used and battered parts of the body given that they are trodden on every day.

However, when it comes to taking care of our health and looking after ourselves, we often forget our feet and toenails. But it's important to take care of them by practicing good hygiene and pampering them to avoid any pain or calluses.

Feet tend to get dirty and sweat more than other parts of the body, so be sure to wash your feet every day.

If you shower in the morning, do try to wash your feet when you get home at night. Apart from being a habit of good hygiene, this will prevent you from dirtying your bed.

As part of this routine, keep your feet hydrated by applying a moisturising cream. Just remember not to over-hydrate the area between the toes, because this could cause fungi to grow.

Wear shoes appropriate for the weather and the occasion. As the temperature begins to rise, keep your feet cool with sandals or shoes that are ventilated.

Wearing shoes in hot weather could mean you end up with smelly feet or worse with a fungal infection. If you do walk in sandals, you will see that your nails get dirty, so take the time to clean them every time you wash.

Finally, remember to cut your toenails every few weeks. In addition to keeping your nails healthy and strong, this will avoid your feet looking ghastly in sandals.

Ask the Optician - the introduction to eyes and vision

Louise Stone, Store Director, Specsavers Opticas Javea

Today we're helping a patient whose child has some questions about the eyes that they are not sure how to answer. We hope it can help you to understand the eyes better too!

What happens when we see?

Eyes are very complex and sensitive, and work in a similar way to a camera. When we look at an object, light bounces off the object and enters our eyes through the pupil. This light then passes through the lens of the eye, which focuses it to make a clear picture on the retina at the back of the eye.

There are special cells on the retina called rods and cones, which send electrical messages along the optic nerve to the brain. The brain then turns those messages into images allowing us to see the object. Everything we see reaches our retina as an upside-down image. However, the brain is very clever and tells us that we see things the right way up.

How do lenses help us see better?

Lenses are made from transparent materials, such as glass or plastic. Depend-

ing on how we want to bend light, the lenses are made fatter or thinner to make the rays of light meet at one point. This point is called the focus. We see images clearly at the point of focus.

The lenses in our eyes focus images on our retina. By looking through other types of lenses, we can make objects appear larger and nearer, or smaller and further away. This is what happens when we wear glasses, or when we look through a magnifying glass or telescope.

What shape are our eyes?

Some people's eyes are shaped like a football, others are more like a rugby ball.

If the eyeball is shaped more like a rugby ball, the rays of light do not focus exactly on the retina, causing long- or short-sightedness and making you need glasses or contact lenses.

If you or your children have questions about the eyes, ask your optician and make sure that you are all having regular eye tests from the age of three years old. Advanced eye tests at Specsavers Opticas are currently free.

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As you begin to burn the candle at both ends, take on board these tricks to prepare your skin for the parties ahead, without spending a fortune.

Start off your day with a healthy breakfast. Be sure it is balanced, and includes adequate proportions of carbohydrates, proteins, fibres and fats to maintain 100 per cent energy.

To avoid those dreaded puffed eyes, reduce your intake of sodium, caffeine and alcohol during the day, as salt and spirits cause fluid retention. Instead, drink plenty of water to cleanse your system.

Before you begin your real preparations for the night, slightly exfoliate your skin and then rub on a hydrating and nourish-



ing face mask.

Making your skin clean and hydrated will create the best foundation for make-up.

It's always best to style your hair before you begin your make-up, to avoid unsightly smudges as you move and twist your hair around.

From this point onwards, it's simply a matter of applying your makeup and donning your favourite dress. And don't forget the accessories, a bit of bling can bring out the sparkle on your freshly cleansed face.

Finally, the one way to guarantee a young, fresh and natural look, is to simply relax, and enjoy the night ahead.

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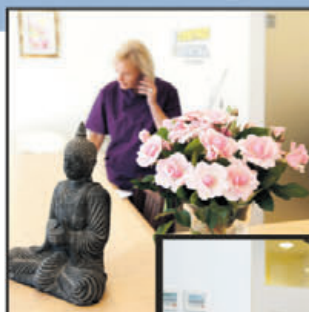
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Update on food, drink, entertainments, what's on and weekly happenings

How to plan your meals

Eat Well
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by Andrew Harding



I THOUGHT I would discuss meal planning and the best way to store, scale and find recipes.

Meal planning for one is easy, I go to a local supermarket (farmer's markets are better and cheaper if you are cooking for four or more), check the meat/fish/vegetarian options, buy what looks the best and select the freshest and best-looking accompaniments.

Going shopping with a pre-conceived idea is not the best way to enjoy the fantastic range of excellent food we have in Spain. Meal planning for more than one is difficult unless a cuisine or theme is chosen, such as

**SIMPLE BUT TASTY: Aubergines can be cooked in the microwave.**

Spanish, English, Oriental, Indian, Italian, etc.

What is the best way to store, scale and find recipes? It has to be by computer! I will state that I receive no money, no publicity, nothing tangible or intangible from the following company.

This is my personal recommendation for the best cookery book you will ever have! The program is called MasterCook, for the Windows PC or an Android Phone (there isn't a version for the Apple Mac). It is now in its 15th incarnation and is available as a download for \$39.99 (€32.45) from the MasterCook website.

I have been using MasterCook for 20 years. You can search by ingredients, combination of ingredients, recipes for those with food intolerances or allergies.

For Christmas, Easter and dinner parties it is especially good, because you can plan meals and print off shopping lists.

If you have ingredients in your fridge that need eating, use the 'Search' function, it will search 40,000 recipes and list every recipe with the specific ingredients that you have selected in about 20 seconds.

This week's recipe; it doesn't get any easier than this!

- Aubergine with onion, garlic and lemon
- Serves four as an accompaniment
- One large onion, skinned and chopped
- Four garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
- One vegetable stock cube crumbled
- One lemon (finely grate ½ of the lemon and reserve, together with the juice of the whole lemon)

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 25cc of extra virgin olive oil
- Two medium sized aubergines, tops removed and diced

Place all the ingredients in a microwaveable covered bowl and microwave on full power (850 Watts) for 12 minutes.

Stir and serve.

HINT: Aubergine is diced last of all, within seconds the flesh turns brown on contact with the air, the lemon juice inhibits this process.

Advance notice of Classical concerts

THERE will be a number of visits being organised by Concerts Costa Blanca over the next three months and brief details of dates, venues and programmes follow;

Saturday - Daniel Abad, a Mozart concert at the Palau de la Musica, Valencia presented by the Chamber Orchestra of Valencia

Friday May 18 - The Zora Quartet at the Auditori Teulada Moraira

Monday May 21 - Puccini and Tosca featuring Kim Haroutounian,

Friday May 25 - Roberto Abbado and the Valencia Opera Orchestra perform the Mahler Symphony 7 in their main concert hall.

Sunday June 24 - Mozart: La Clemenza Di Tito a Concert Performance featuring Eva Mei, René Barbera, Gritskova, Kato and Fabio Biondi

Sunday July 1 - The Damnation of Faust by Berlioz with Albello, Amoretti, Tro Santafé and Roberto Abbado produced by the Opera di Roma and Teatro Regio Turino at Palau de les Arts.

For detailed information and to make reservations visit www.concertcostablanca.com or e-mail info@concertscostablanca.com.

Painting with light

THE next presentation by the Arts Society of Marina Alta will be at the Salones Canor in Teulada on Thursday May 3.

The talk will be given by David Winpenny who is a freelance author and lecturer whose subjects include architectural and gardening history as well as country houses. David is also a regular contributor to the BBC Countryfile magazine as well as English Heritage and was a finalist in Mastermind.

His talk will give the audience an opportunity to explore the value of light, understand the marvellous technical improvements and techniques, styles and processes of stained and coloured glass through the ages.

He will explain beginning with basic coloured glass in the early centuries, introducing some of the main manufacturers and designers of the 18th century, the Gothic revival of the 19th, and their latest successors in the art today who are filling in the windows of the secular and sacred buildings of Europe.

Doors open at 10.15am with a prompt start at 11am and visitors are welcome but will be charged €12 to attend.

For more details of the ongoing programmes and membership please visit their website at www.marinaaltaarts.com or contact Jane at membership@marinaaltaarts.com

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Costa del Rock

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An important part of any festival is always food and drink and the organisers confirm that both will be available at sensible prices throughout the evening and to keep up to date with developments visit the Nyespro Rock page on Facebook.

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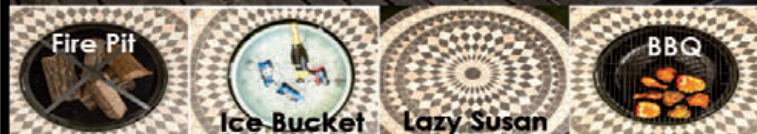
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These are the most recent figures from the Spanish Statistical Institute (INE) and they paint a very confident picture.

Mortgages for property in Sotogrande tend to be around 70 per cent of the asking price for non-residents and can be as high as 80 per cent for residents.

The same is true inland in the villages like Jimena de la Frontera and Gaucin.

Prepare yourselves; the best bargains are getting mopped up fast!

Case study

We have just sold a property in Jimena which was bought for €70,000 cash. The lawyer had to tell the buyer that this was lower than the price the Hacienda calculated as the 'real price.'

The buyer paid the 8 per



where a two bed sold for €280,000 when the asking price was €315,000.

And a villa in Sotogrande sold for €1.4 million negotiated down from €1.7 million.

Still a buyer's market...

Properties are out there. So, too, are mortgages: fixed-rate and variable for long and short to medium term investments.

Cash buyers can complete faster which can give more negotiating 'clout,' but those buying with mortgages can also put in a 'cheeky' offer.

In this sense it is still a buyer's market. But, to quote Bob Dylan, 'the times they are a changing.'

It looks like sellers who can afford to sit and wait a year or 18 months before putting their property up for sale should get a better price.

So, our advice? Buy now.

cent tax on the title deed price and chose to wait until the Tax Authorities calculate the shortfall (which they undoubtedly will).

This will add another €3,200 because the government says the property is really worth €110,000.

Winners and losers

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2) Consider whether the company offers access to a broader community of hosts. Sharing reviews and being part of a large community provides a range of benefits, eg, bonus systems and loyalty programmes, and creates an interactive community of homeowners that share the same ideas and concerns.

3) Does the company offer services that cover your needs of in-destination management and extra services to the tourists? The availability of airport pick-ups, shuttles,



LANDLORDS: Avoid scams by choosing the right agency to advertise your property.

restaurant reservations, tour bookings and other added services increase the probability of your property having reservations all year round.

4) Inquire to what extent the management company will be monitoring your property and offering you related services.

Not all situations might turn out to be pleasant for guests. Therefore, it is advisable to ensure that you are covered by a correctly structured rental agreement. Rental agreements only recently became a legal necessity, and many agents are still behind on correctly implementing and covering all fronts in this regard.

Some companies go beyond this, offering different types of in-destination monitoring, visits, check-ups, and follow-ups that help you better manage your accommodation.

5) Finally, choose a company that includes the maximum number of services within their agency fee. A lot of players in the market are benefiting from charging a percentage management fee, and further billing landlords with add-ons, sometimes essential services, which are not covered within the initial agreement.

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The real estate market in Spain

Real Estate Expert

by Adrian Barbudo



I believe that I have already achieved a great deal and part of the reason is based on the fact that I have a knack of connecting with clients from the first moment thus offering an emotional and financial balance which makes me different.

The decision to purchase a property is probably one of the most important decisions in anyone's life, since we often have to balance our happiness and that of our family's in what is a very significant decision for most of us.

So if you would like to buy or sell a property in Spain, make sure that you keep an eye on what is trending in the real estate world with this new consulting real estate column by me, Adrian Barbudo.

I will be here every Thursday to advise you on the real estate market in Spain and if you have any question please send them to me at hola@adrianbarbudo.com and I will reply you.

Questions and answers will be published in future columns.

IT is with great pleasure that I will be presenting regular weekly columns in *Euro Weekly News* from today.

This week, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself.

I am Adrian Barbudo, an Estate Agent with a Master's Degree in City Planning awarded by the University Camilo Jose Cela, with and Real Estate Management awarded by Euroinnova Business School as well as a Degree in Business Administration and Management awarded by the Madrid Complutense University.

I am the proud author of the book entitled '2018 to 2023 the best moment to buy or invest in a property in Spain.'

Although admittedly relatively young,

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Clunk clip after every dip!

IN countries, like Spain, that have a Mediterranean climate and lifestyle, drowning is the second highest cause of accidental infant death.

Most of these deaths occur in swimming pools. Australia, America and France have made it a legal requirement to have your pool fenced off, saving countless lives, and saving countless families the unimaginable heartache of losing a child.

Actually, countless isn't quite accurate. In Spain, about 100 families each year lose a child through drowning; the majority die in swimming pools. This does not include the 200,000 annually recorded 'incidents' of near drowning where medical attention was required, in the form of an ambulance, or a doctor's check up.

What is countless, however, is the number of unreported 'close shaves' that resulted in nothing more than a racing heart, a severe scolding, and a big 'phew!' when thinking of what might have been.

In Spain there is, as yet, no law regarding safety around existing swimming pools. There is, however, a tried and tested solution to keep children safe from your pool whenever they're



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not using it, without having to construct a permanent, ugly barrier.

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"Peace of mind is the most common phrase we hear from our customers," says Richard Winter, the co-owner of Neater Pool Guardian. "Nobody can supervise a child all the time. There is always the chance of a distraction, the phone, the doorbell, the saucepan boiling over. If your children can't get to the pool in these moments, then they can't drown in it. It is as simple as that".

"Paraphrasing the 1970's seatbelt campaign" continues business partner, Tony: "When you get the children out of the pool, clunk the pole in the hole and clip it, at the top, to the next one, 'clunk, clip, after every dip.' This way the adults can be more relaxed knowing that the biggest hazard facing their children in the home has been taken care of. Enjoy your pool, don't fear it."

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FEW flowers stand out like a sunflower. The large brilliantly yellow flower head at the top of a tall stem that faces up towards the sun as the sun travels across the sky is a fascination of the plant world.

It is a great addition to the garden space that you may have to provide interest, colour and size while also being a source of one of the

most popular snack foods in Spain.

The flowers are shaped like the sun symbol and its heliotropic ability to align with the sun as it moves from east to west can be used in landscaping to add a special feature. Grouping the plants in a zone that you see regularly during the day is a good way to enjoy them.

The traditional and most popular colour is yellow but there are also shades of brown, red and orange.



SUNFLOWERS: Red and yellow can grow together.

tern gives rise to the abundance of seeds that form after the flower to produce the sunflower seeds or 'Pipa' in Spanish.

The seeds are very nutritious with an abundance of health benefits, but roasted and spiced they are a delicious snack. You need patience to crack the shell to extract the seed.

They are easy to grow in the Mediterranean climate but the soil should be well fertilised with compost and manure to ensure that the plants are healthy enough to produce a strong plant to support the flower head and to give the best seeds if you wish to harvest them. In a windy location the plants will need some staking to ensure they do not fall over.

I always grow some in the vegetable garden as the enriched soil suits them perfectly and they look wonder-

ful amongst the less colourful vegetables.

I prefer the dwarf varieties that grow to around a metre as they are easier to manage and you can see the flowers better.

They do need regular watering to do well so if water is an issue it is best to be conservative with the number you grow and apply a good mulch around them to conserve the moisture. They love the sun so make sure they have at least six hours of strong sunlight. They will not grow well in the shade.

Harvest the seeds after the seed head has dried out. You can pick out a few seeds from the head to sample when they look ready and leave a little longer if they are not. Birds love them so you may need netting to get enough for yourself but if not, you will have plenty of bird friends.

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The sunflower originates from the Americas and were brought to Europe by the Spanish as a decoration and food source from the new world. The Native Americans used it as a staple food in many regions where it grew naturally.

The flower head is actually a group of florets arranged in spirals with the Fibonacci golden angle ratio. The pat-

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LOOKING to spruce up your outdoor space this year, or create a vibrant or relaxing area ready for al fresco living this summer? Then visit Chill Outside Lounge & More.

Based in Benissa, Chill Outside Lounge & More is an outlet store of brand new garden furniture, shade-sails and pergolas. Their showroom on the CV-746 Moraira-Calpe coastal road is over 500 square metres of outdoor delights, containing a wide range of lounge sets, tables and chairs which are suitable for outdoor use all year round.

The company prides itself on providing only the finest quality products for their clients, so all are protected and resistant to UV, salt, heat and wind elements which can all damage the product. But of course whilst you want to invest in something which will last, it must also look good and feel even better, so comfort is very



NEW LOOK: Treat yourself to a fresh new look on your terrace.

important. Their cushions and pillows not only enhance the feel of the product, giving you great comfort, but the fabric used is water repellent, UV protected and does not allow the elements to get into the pillows, so there is no need to worry about bringing it in every night.

Chill Outside Lounge & More offer Suns and 4 Seasons brands, who

are both manufacturers from the Netherlands. They are also a major stockist of Nesling NL shade-sails and pergolas. The shade-sails and pergolas protect against 96 per cent of UV rays, and are Teflon coated so dirt does not attach to the fabric.

Nesling has a wide range of shade-sails and pergolas in various colours and sizes but if you are looking for

something very specific they can custom make a sail or pergola to your requirements, but all standard sizes are in stock. The professional team can install at your home or business within a week after ordering and a five-year factory warranty is available on their products.

Since Chill Outside are an outlet, they have brand new items for outlet prices, offering excellent value for money. Established in Spain for several years, their business has largely developed and expanded due to word of mouth that they are offering a great product and service at a great price.



They are a cash and carry and offer deliveries at a time to suit you across the Costa Blanca North from Benidorm to Denia.

The store is open Monday-Friday from 10am to 4.30pm and every week they have special offers so visit the website regularly, although they also change the stocks in their showroom weekly.

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Dog poisoning

ORDINARY household products contain many of the substances that poison animals every year. They include insecticides to kill ants, fleas, termites, wasps, pesticides against rats and mice, herbicides to kill garden weeds, cleaners used in homes, fuel and other petroleum products used in cars, heaters and even lighters.

The combination of being common and dangerous means that pets which share our homes, gardens and cars are particularly vulnerable, depending on the amount of toxic ingredient in the substance. It is vital in any potential poisoning situation to take the container with its label of contents to a vet. All poisons do not necessarily have the same ingredients.

Feeding dogs raw meat and uncooked bones, raw eggs or chicken, allowing them access to rubbish bins full of rotting garbage or having a bird feeder within snacking range, can result in salmonella poisoning.

Commonly classified as food poi-

soning, salmonella is a group of about 2,000 related bacterial strains. It causes gastrointestinal infections and can be very dangerous. All livestock carry the bacteria which is transported via the retailer to your home.

Dogs eating bird droppings or bird seed that has been touched by the infected birds are at risk. Animals who are carriers of the bacteria spread it to other animals and humans via their faeces. Although susceptibility depends upon the animal's immune system, the strength of the particular strain and the amount ingested, salmonella in its slightest form is a very painful affliction.

Prevention includes cooking all raw meats (including poultry) and using a cooking thermometer to determine minimal acceptable temperatures to kill the bacteria, therefore meats should reach a temperature of between 820°C and 900°C.

Using pesticides can be dangerous, but there are alternatives. Marigolds


ROLLED OVER: Watch out for symptoms of poisoning in your dog.

will repel many garden pests such as beetles. Daffodil bulbs or garlic plants keep mice and moles at bay.

Basil in pots near your outdoor sitting areas will deter flies and mosquitoes. Spearmint acts in the same way for

ants. Ladybirds eat aphids and make pesticides unnecessary. If you want a harmless ant repellent, wash kitchen tops, cabinets and floors with equal parts of vinegar and water or pour a line of cream of tartar at the place where ants enter the house. They won't cross the line.

Strip old fruit from trees to stop caterpillars from laying their eggs. Flea and tick repellent can be made by boiling half a litre of water. When cool, add either a thinly sliced lemon or one of a combination of herbs such as fennel, rue and rosemary. Stand the mixture overnight and spray or sponge onto your dog. This only keeps fleas and ticks off pets. It will not make residents leave.

Put cedar chips around clothes or dried lavender sachets in drawers and closets to repel moths. Place whole bay leaves in several locations around the kitchen to repel roaches.

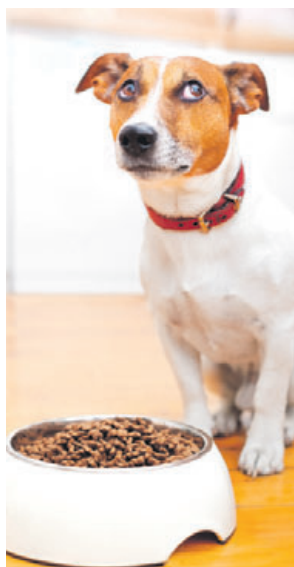
Signs of poisoning can appear from six to 72 hours after the poisoning and include fever, vomiting, dehydration, constant diarrhoea, weakness, depression and loss of appetite, burns around the mouth, reddening of the skin, staggering, twitching, convulsions, even coma. Get your dog to a vet immediately.

Hungry habits

WITH so many abandoned dogs needing a new home, why not open your heart and your front door to a dog in need.

It is important to remember, however, that your new dog will have established eating habits and altering them too radically can cause him stress, or even illness.

Find out what his diet has been and only change slowly. When feeding him, allow your dog to eat alone and in a quiet place. He may have had to defend his food in the past and your presence could


FED UP: Change your dog's diet slowly to avoid any stress.

cause him to become aggressive.

Do try to avoid offering your dog too many treats or a 'Sunday lunch'. Offering special extras or meals which are more abundant than usual can alter the dog's diet and digestive system, and cause the dog to become obese.

Remember, if your new dog is trying to grab your attention it's not necessarily a sign that he is hungry.

Your dog always appreciates social contact, so caress him, play with him and teach him simple orders to strengthen your relationship.

Your dog will naturally crave contact with you and with other dogs. Give him the necessary time to cover his needs and your dog will become your new best friend.

Keep cats safe at home when you're away

SOME cats have a tendency to wander

While many domesticated cats like their routine and regular feeding schedule it can be a worry if the cats are young or come from a rescue home.

It is tempting to think that they will be alright for a few days or a week on their own if you go away. But please think again. The dangers of life on the street are ever-present and your cat may be at risk if there is no one at home to maintain their routine.

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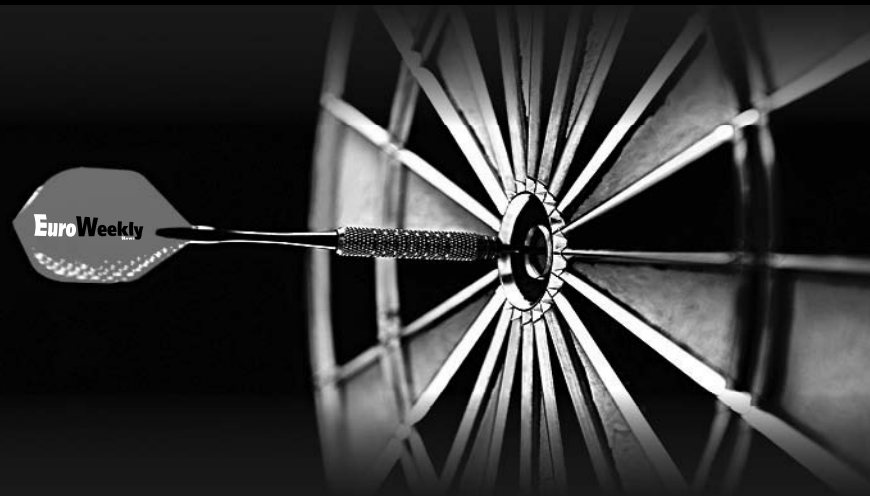


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The new SEAT Arona also shone thanks to its compact

ARONA: Awarded the Red Dot Best Product Design award.



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measurements, dynamic behaviour; which is ideal for nimble city commutes, motorway driving or countryside getaways, while it was also awarded for its incredibly safe and easy to use applied technology and comfort.

"We are extremely delighted to receive one of the most prestigious design awards for the SEAT Arona," said SEAT Design Director Alejandro Mesonero-Romanos.

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Tesla teaser

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News agency Reuters has claimed that Elon Musk is allegedly taking bids from suppliers for contracts which could lead to production starting from November 2019.

Unofficially called the Y, Tesla's newest planned model will be a crossover based on the €34,000 (£30,000) Tesla model 3, which is currently under construction.

The new 'Y' would complete the billionaire's 'S3XY' product plan; joining the original Model S saloon and the Model X SUV.

Musk claimed in February that Tesla would build a million Y's a year, but according to Reuters official stats will be way off that estimate; with annual production claimed to be at 500,000 in the US, held at Tesla's California plant, while some will also take place in China.

Musk's claims came as an ambitious figure considering the Model 3's current production problems.

Tesla has struggled with the Model 3 so far, having planned to make 20,000 of the new car a month by December 2017, but in reality just 2,000 models were produced in the last three months of the year.

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by Nick Fletcher

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There are petrol and diesel options and my test model was a 2.0 litre 148 hp diesel in business SE trim. Priced at €34,539 (£30,115), it was fitted with smooth-shifting seven-speed auto transmission.


Standard kit is extensive. Among the highlights: pre- and post-crash safety features, keyless start, front and rear parking sensors, three-zone air-con, adaptive cruise control, auto-lights and wipers, DAB radio/CD, sat-nav, internet access and smart-phone connectivity, alloy wheels, roof rails and variable boot floor.

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La Liga Preview

Malaga's relegation looms in Levante

MALAGA'S relegation from La Liga could be confirmed later today (Thursday) if they lose to Levante.

Los Boquerones recorded their first win in more than three months against Villarreal earlier this month and despite spirited performances against both Deportivo and Real Madrid in recent weeks it seems to be too little too late.

Having recorded just four wins all season; the side are currently bottom of the league with just 17 points from 32 games and a loss tonight would leave the side 17 points adrift with just five games remaining.

They could be joined by Las Palmas sooner rather than later if results go against the Gran Canaria side, who face a tough double header against Real Betis

tonight before hosting Alaves on Sunday.

Las Palmas have lost five of their last six matches and two more losses, coupled with victories for Levante against Malaga and Athletic Bilbao, would see La Union Deportiva relegated.

Deportivo La Coruña will look to continue their resurgent run of form in their fight against relegation as they head to Leganes tomorrow (Friday).



STRUGGLES: Malaga suffered a 2-1 loss to Real Madrid last time out.

Clarence Seedorf oversaw his first win since taking charge against Malaga two weeks ago and his side followed that victory up with an impressive win against Athletic Bilbao last week and a third consecutive win would move them within touching distance of safety.

At the top of the table, Atletico Madrid will look to increase their hold on second place as they travel to Real Sociedad this evening.

Antoine Griezmann scored his 18th goal of the season as Atletico made light work of Levante to keep ahead of rivals Real and will be confident of a victory against Sociedad, who have struggled in recent weeks, before travelling to high flying Real Betis on Sunday.

In the week's other fixtures, Alaves host Girona tonight before Eibar play Getafe and Celta Vigo take on Valencia on Saturday.

Malaga are back in action against Real Sociedad on Sunday alongside Girona who are up against Espanyol.

Premier League preview

Heading for a record

MANCHESTER CITY host Swansea on Sunday in their first game since they were crowned as champions and will now turn their attention to adding yet another record to their extraordinary season.

The Citizens were officially confirmed as Premier League Champions on Sunday after Manchester United suffered a shock defeat 1-0 to bottom side West Brom at Old Trafford.

City had eased past Tottenham 3-1 on Saturday to take themselves to 87 points, 16 points clear of Manchester United and will now target Chelsea's record points total of 95, needing just three wins from their final five games to take the record.

Despite their win against Manchester United at the weekend, West Brom's relegation could be all but sealed if they lose heavily to Liverpool on Saturday.

Liverpool continued their red-hot form with a 3-0 win over Bournemouth on Saturday, with Mo Salah scoring his 30th Premier League goal of the season, and will be desperate to keep up the pace with second placed Manchester United.

West Brom currently find themselves nine points adrift of 17th with a

heavily inferior goal difference so a loss to Liverpool would mean they must win their remaining three games, coupled with Swansea losing all of theirs by several goals to have any chance of survival.

Elsewhere, Arsenal will look to bounce back from their defeat to Newcastle as they host West Ham at the Emirates.

Goals from Ayoze Perez and Matt Ritchie were enough to see Newcastle inflict Arsenal's fifth consecutive away defeat and leave them teetering just two-points ahead of seventh placed Burnley with five games remaining.

The Gunners face a West Ham side who are unbeaten in their last three; with their last gasp draw against Stoke on Monday adding to their 1-1 draw at Chelsea and a 3-0 win over Southampton.

On Monday, Everton host Newcastle at Goodison Park with both sides looking to leapfrog Leicester into eighth position.

The Magpies will look to continue their rich vein of form after their fourth consecutive victory against Arsenal on Sunday took them past the 40-point safety mark and harbour realistic hopes of a top-10 finish this season.



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Spain face Fed Cup fight

SPAIN'S Fed Cup side will look to avoid dropping to the Europe/Africa Zone Group I for the first time in their history as they host Paraguay this weekend.

Spain continued their miserable form in the Fed Cup as they lost 3-2 against Italy in the first round in February to make it three straight defeats in the Fed Cup.

They must now get past Paraguay at Cartagena's Centro de Tenis La Manga Club in their first tie on home soil since 2016 between Saturday and Sunday in order to return to World Group I.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, who captained the side for the first time in the loss to Italy, can count on a full-strength side for the tie; with World Number 3 Garbine Muguruza named in the squad alongside doubles specialist Marla Jose Martinez Sanchez and Lara Arrubarrrena and world number 25 Carla Suarez Navarro.

Americas Zone Group I winners Paraguay will prove to be tough opposition though as they aim to reach the World Group II stage for the first time, having missed out at the play-off stage in both 1995 and 2015.



JAVEA GREEN: Played a much anticipated competition.

Spring arrives with return of Trips event

FORTY-EIGHT Javea Green Bowls Club players descended on The Inn on the Green Bowls Club on Tuesday for their much anticipated Spring Trips Competition.

They would have been forgiven for thinking they had arrived a month early as the brisk cold wind made bowling difficult and jumpers and coats were the order of the day. Thankfully as the competition progressed the sun made an appearance which made for a more pleasant time for bowlers and spectators alike.

Sixteen teams of three players were drawn randomly, always an interesting format as players may find themselves bowling with people they have never played with before.

The first day, two games of eight ends were played, the second day one more game with the top two teams in each group progressing to the quarter finals of the Cup and the bottom two teams then com-

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SPANIARD Jon Rahm secured his maiden title as he took a two-shot victory on home soil to win the Open de España.

The 23-year-old hit a five-under 67 in the final round of the Spanish open at Madrid's Centro Nacional de Golf to finish 20 under-par overall and register just his fifth victory as a professional after overtaking

overnight leader, Irishman Paul Dunne, and fellow Spaniard Nacho Elvira.

"It's probably the hardest Sunday I've ever had to play because the amount of crowds

I was carrying," Rahm told Sky Sports News following his victory.

"I saw the willingness and the feeling that everybody had to want me to win. They were

pushing so hard and I felt that. As a golfer it's hard to deal with the public's emotions, so I tried to isolate myself and that's perhaps why I didn't play my best golf.

In what turned out to be a frantic final round, Rahm came into the final day two strokes off the pace, with Dunne beginning the day with a one-shot lead ahead of Elvira.

But Dunne's playing partner for the day Elvira birdied the first to draw level with the Irishman, while Rahm birdied

the first two holes to also take a share of the lead heading into the third.

The lead switched hands multiple times from then on while on the front nine, but Rahm seemed to move comfortably clear as he rolled a 10-footer at the 13th to move two ahead.

And despite Elvira pulling level by the 15th, the final pair made mistakes heading into the 18th where both were left needing to hole their second shots on the par-five final to

force a play-off after Rahm posted a two-putt birdie to set the clubhouse target at 20 under par.

Dunne, who could only post a birdie on the final hole to finish with a one-under 71 on the final day ended second ahead of Elvira, who couldn't recover after hitting a double bogey on the penultimate 17th to hand Rahm his maiden victory

Rahm continued: "I've been blessed to be national champion with the Spanish Golf Federation many times, European champion and world champion representing them. To win this as a pro and do this for them and the Spanish people feels great."

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