

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.

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 balaclava 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



Photo credit: Greater Manchester Police

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.

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 crow-

bars 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 Kamanalagi, who was beaten to death outside a Manchester nightclub where he was working as a bouncer.

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Laced up

HUNDREDS of bobbin lace makers got together in Murcia recently to celebrate the National Lace Makers Meeting, which had been organised by the Asociación Murciana de Amigas del Bolillo, which aims to promote the practice through public displays.

Smoked out

MORE than a thousand public employees have quit smoking since 2004 thanks to a government-led scheme, in which an average of 58 per cent of participants lasted more than a year without lighting up again.

Knock out

A CYCLIST has been hit by a tourist on the road between Cartagena and La Union, knocking him onto a railway line where he lay unconscious before being rescued by the emergency services.

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



€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.

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 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."

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 keeping 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.

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Stone cold sentence

A MAN is facing a nine-year prison sentence on attempted murder charges after he allegedly shot two children with a shotgun who threw firecrackers and stones at his house. Both children were injured in the alleged shooting, while the prosecutor has also asked for more than €120,000 in compensation for the pair.

Sporting success

THOUSANDS of people attended an event at Murcia's Plaza de la Cruz Roja as part of electric company Iberdola's Woman, Sport and Health tour, which aims to promote female participation in sport. The event, a countrywide initiative, saw exhibitions, competitions and workshops take place for 15 different sports including karate, kayaking and handball.

Rentals rising

MURCIA has the sixth highest percentage of rented properties in Spain with 16.2 per cent, with Cataluña and the Balearic islands leading the way. In terms of homes owned, Galicia and Castile are the most prominent, reflecting the difference between the major cities and rural communities with an aging population.

Sex clampdown

THE University of Murcia has approved a protocol that aims to stamp out sexual harassment based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity. The move will allow the university to support victims and act on complaints "quickly and efficiently," said Eva María Rubio Fernández, director of the University's equality unit.

Child criminals

THE Guardia Civil has detained child gang members linked to 15 house robberies in Torreagüera as part of operation 'Carrillera.' Citizens collaborated in the arrests by providing police with information on the physical profile of suspects in response to a series of robberies that began in January this year.

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

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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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 Forecasters from the state weather agency, Aemet, have suggested that gusts could exceed 100 kmh in some parts of the mainland.
 However, the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands are also subject to severe weather warnings.
 In the southwest of the mainland the snow level could be as low as 1,000 metres.

RAIN IN SPAIN: 38 provinces on alert

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Nightclub sex assault



MEN ARRESTED: The girl met one of the men in Alicante's port area.

THREE men who allegedly sexually assaulted a 19-year-old girl after one of them met her in a nightclub have been arrested in Alicante and Elche.

The victim claimed in an interview with police that she met one of the accused in a bar in Alicante's port area.

The man asked her if she wanted to drink with him before then insisting that she

join him at his house.

When they both arrived there three more people joined the man and the four of them allegedly assaulted her.

The girl claimed she then tried to escape but failed. She was then taken outside into the street where she was able to ask for help at a local business who called the police, according to the girl's statement.

The alleged victim was taken to Alicante general hospital. Officers then arrested two of the suspects and managed to detain a third at Alicante-Elche airport while he was allegedly trying to flee the country.

The suspects were due to appear in court last Monday. The investigation remains open to trace the fourth suspect.

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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."



LOVED UP: Richard and Alejandra.

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



FOUL PLAY: Sophie Monk.

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."

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.

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.



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The streets of London and other parts of the country were not paved with gold and as newly arriving West Indians were confronted with owners of bed and breakfast accommodation who were less than welcoming, they still performed a vital service at a time when it was needed.

A large proportion of those known as 'the Windrush Generation' - after the MV Windrush which brought the first immigrants to the UK in 1948 - settled in Britain, paid their taxes and had children who became British citizens.

Now that Britain is heading towards Brexit it appears that enthusiastic civil servants in the Home Office decided that a number of those who came to Britain before 1973 were actually illegal immigrants.

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.

The British government is currently unable to confirm whether anyone has been improperly extradited and will now be faced with a raft of claims for compensation.

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'Cat killers'

Kitten massacre sparks outrage

by Tom Woods

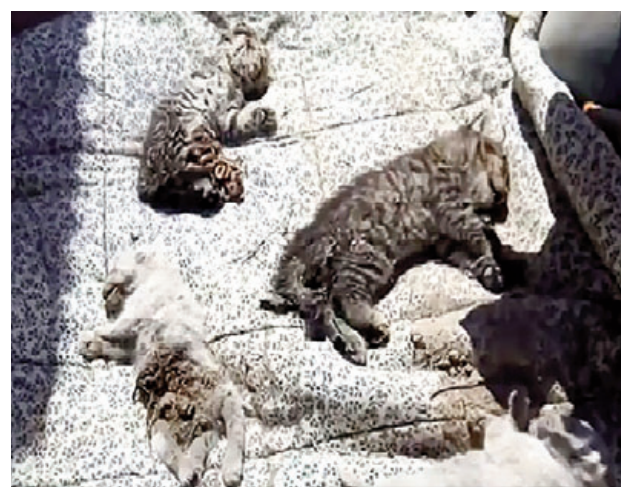
A LITTER of kittens has been crushed and killed during the bulldozing of a central building in Aguilas.

Heavy machinery was used in the destruction work, which has apparently also seen the loss of some vegetation in the area.

The animal rights group Animalia Terrae has hit out at the owners of the site, located on Calle Mercado, and has suggested that the act was premeditated.

To support this claim Animalia Terrae state that the entrance and exit of the premises that were regularly used by cats were not part of the dismantling process, and yet were allegedly blocked with a pile of soil, preventing the cats from leaving.

The group visited the area with some volunteers and managed to save four kittens, but found four others



CRUSHED TO DEATH: The young animals were smothered in the demolition.

that had been crushed to death.

It was a shocking scene and Animalia Terrae has slammed those responsible for the bulldozing operation, saying:

"All they had to do was contact the different animal protection associations that exist in Aguilas in order for the litter to be saved before

starting their work.

"It was clearly too much effort and was easier for them to end the lives of some poor kittens who only wanted and had the right to live."

From their Facebook account the group has uploaded a video which shows the corpses of four kittens that were crushed by the rubble.

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Brawling 'lapdancers' separated on Spanish flight

by Matt Ford

CABIN crew were forced to step in after three women be-

lieved 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.'

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

The booze was confiscated by attendants after holiday-makers 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 '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



Photo credit: YouTube

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

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 in-flight boozing, with tougher sanctions for drunk passengers and selling duty-free alcohol in sealed bags among the proposals.

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Pregnant woman crash

A PREGNANT woman was left with abdominal injuries after reportedly being hit by a car in Cartagena.

The 22-year-old was taken to Santa Lu-

cia Hospital in the city after emergency services were called to the scene of the accident on Calle Peroníño.

Paramedics found her conscious and she

said she felt pain in her stomach after the crash. Local Police officers were also in attendance at the site of the crash which took place at around 10am on Tuesday.

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Plastic drag

Expats wage war on litter

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 wind 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 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



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

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"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!"

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Killed by firework

A MAN has died after being struck on the head by a rocket while he was practising pigeon racing in southern Spain.

According to medics the 63-year-old victim died in the town of Fortuna, Murcia. Fireworks are sometimes used to scare away other wild species before a race begins.

Sources indicate that after lighting the fuse a gust of wind knocked over the rocket, and when it launched it struck him. Two ambulances attended but he was pronounced dead at the scene.

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Armed robbers arrested



NATIONAL POLICE: Some of the seized items.

OFFICERS of the National Police have arrested 11 people (two of which were women) accused of committing armed robberies in Alicante Province.

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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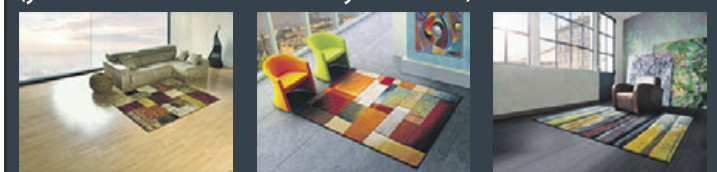
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Drunk and disorderly

‘Disruptive’ Brit passenger fined after flight u-turn

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



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

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 in-flight. The aircraft landed normally and the passenger was met by police upon arrival.

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OFFICERS of the National Police have arrested a 46 year-old man on the charge of stabbing and murdering his wife, 39, in Murcia.

Emergency services received several calls alerting them to the incident which happened on Calle Puerta de Orihuela La Fama last Wednesday in mid-afternoon.

The woman had been accompa-

nied to the Gender Violence department of the council by the Red Cross on Tuesday, requesting a divorce.

She lived in an apartment with her 25-year-old daughter, and a baby, though it is unconfirmed whether the latter is also her child.

The victim was seen running and

Woman dies in stabbing attack

suffered such abuse.

As a result she only received information and advice on how to go through the process of divorce.

A police investigation is underway and statements are being taken from those who knew the victim, while the detainee appeared in court on Friday.

The Red Cross is currently offering care and counselling to the 25-year-old daughter, and therapy is also being offered to other relatives.

Both the alleged murderer and the victim are of Colombian nationality.

According to Murcia's Ministry of Health and Social Services, this is the ninth woman to die of domestic violence in the region this year.



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Activities being planned include an urban walking route on Saturday and a concert by Los Parrandboleros at the Romea theatre on Monday.

There will also be an exhibition of paintings, talks and workshops, as announced by the hospital's Managing Director Carmen Martínez Abellan.

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No more claims

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 holiday-makers 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.

Perv arrested after allegations

POLICE in Murcia have arrested a 32-year-old man for an alleged offence of exhibitionism in the presence of children.

According to reports, officers were called to La Flota after a mother claimed that a man had masturbated in front of her children after they

had left school.

After providing officers with a description of the alleged perpetrator, a man who matched the description was soon found in a garden close to the school and was subsequently arrested on suspicion of exhibitionism.

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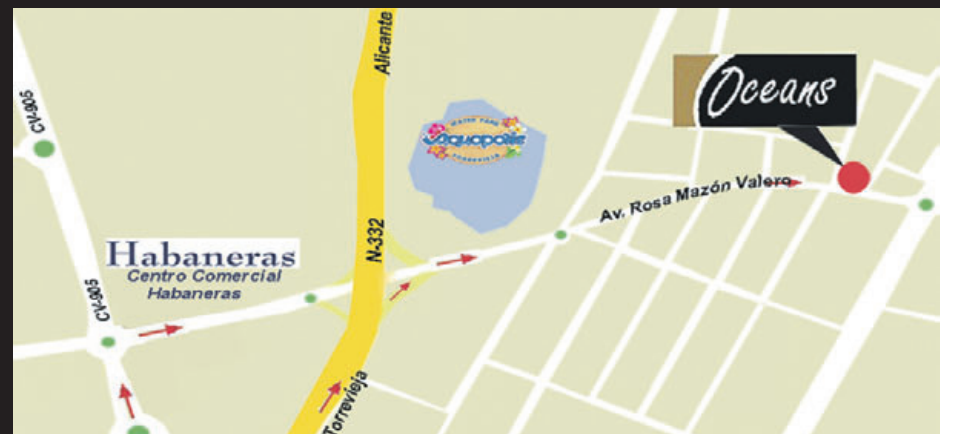
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Language row

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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Access at last!

DEVELOPMENT MINISTER Inigo de la Serna has announced that the construction of Alicante airport's new access road will be underway by next summer.

Demands for this road work are among the longest awaited in Alicante Province.

The new access road will enable the reopening of the Fernando Ruig bridge in Alcoy, an investment of €11.6 million over the last 20 months. The minister reported that the new access roads located in el Atlet are "near" and that "the first brick to duplicate the road will be laid before next summer."



DOUBLE ACCESS: The entrance to Alicante-Elche airport will be made easier by a new access road.

Mindless motorist leaves woman for dead

A HIT-AND-RUN driver has been arrested by the Local Police of Molina de Segura in an incident on Avenida Madrid.

The tourist knocked over a woman who reportedly lost consciousness and was taken to the Morales Meseguer hospital.

According to witnesses at the scene, the driver got out of the car to tell them he was going to park, and then failed to return.

When the police arrived, the driver was nowhere to be seen and so they began a search of his vehicle based on the description from the witnesses.

A few minutes later the car was intercepted in the San Roque district, and an investigation is underway.

Sources suggest the woman was not seriously hurt and has left hospital.

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What an eye-opener!

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



It's been a year since I started writing a regular finance column and I have to say that it's been a real eye-opener! Our offering was a simple one:

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The most common policies that I have seen have been investments with SEB, OMI and QROPS plans. So far 100% of the

policies I have analysed have contained hidden fees. These aren't fees related to the bonds or the QROPS themselves, they are in the underlying funds, and often all the damage is done after you signed up to a long-term policy. The most common cases were when the clients thought they were paying around 2% in charges each year, but due to deeply hidden fees (and not on any of the paperwork) their annual charges were as high as 6-7%. How on earth a

portfolio should be expected to grow each year with charges this high is beyond me!

The sad reality is, until the European regulators put a total ban on fund-based commissions, Brits living here in Spain will fall victim to these practices. We're not talking about a small number of advisors either – these practices are utilised by the vast majority of companies, both small and large, in Spain.

Any kind of investment carries a degree of

risk. I would never sit and promise my clients a particular annual return, or that the markets will never have a bad run. Successful portfolios will always have ups and downs along the way. What I will promise my clients is that they will be fully aware of the total cost of their investments each year. Even more importantly, I will promise that when it comes to choosing the underlying funds that make up my client's portfolios, they will be chosen 100% with my client's best interests in mind. I cannot begin to emphasise how important this is for your long-term financial well-being.

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We bought AND sold with HomeEspaña

Michael and Coralie were able to celebrate twice when they moved to the Costa Blanca, thanks to HomeEspaña first finding them a new home and then selling their old one, all in the space of just 6 months! They moved into their 3 bedroom villa in the Los Dolces area of Orihuela Costa in November 2017. They first viewed the property with HomeEspaña during a viewing trip in July that year, when their offer of €220,000 was accepted. The couple already owned an apartment in the area, which they decided to sell after relocating to Spain.

"We owned our apartment for 12 years and originally had planned to retire there," said Coralie. "Then in spring 2017 we met HomeEspaña at the *A Place in the Sun Live* exhibition in London and decided to go out to Spain and look at some houses with them. All five properties we visited were lovely but we fell in love with ours immediately. So, with some guidance from our agent, before returning to the UK we made our offer."

To complete their Spanish purchase, they had to wait for the sale of their UK home to complete. However, a delay caused by something out of their control, threatened to complicate things.

"The vendors in Spain were getting a bit twitchy" said Coralie. "Thankfully, HomeEspaña were really helpful and were able to manage the deal so that they were happy to wait. In the end, we sold our UK home at the start of November and moved to the Costa Blanca shortly after."

By Christmas 2017, Coralie and Michael had decided it was time to sell their empty 2 bedroom ground-floor unit with a large terrace, located on the Dream Hills urbanisation in Los Altos.

"We asked HomeEspaña to come and value it for us," continued Coralie. "Amazingly, by the following day they had found us a buyer who offered us the asking price!" Back at their new home, they are looking forward to their life in the Spanish sunshine.

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'DESPERATE CROSSINGS': The number of migrants arriving in 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.

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App scam warning

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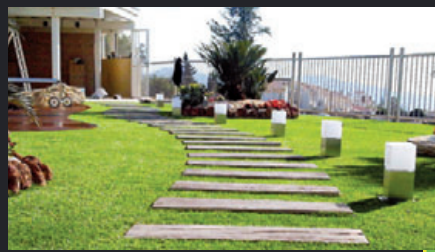
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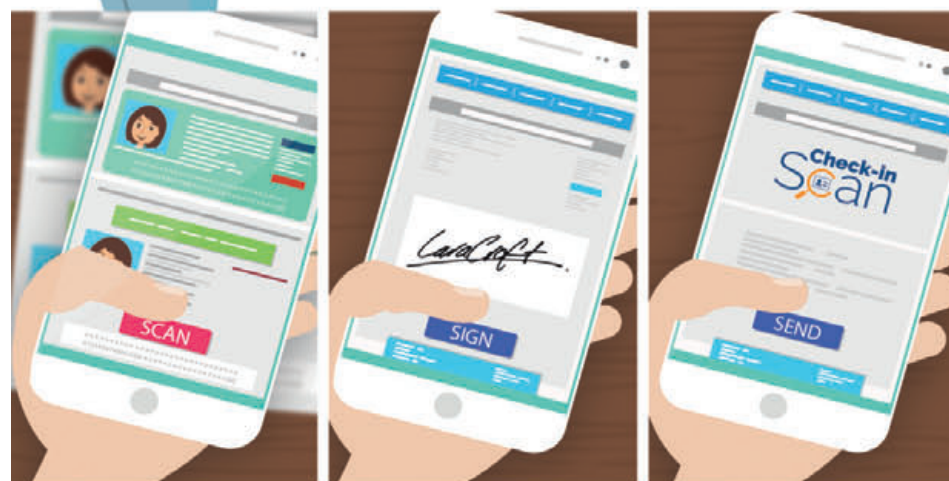
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The radars will assist police in Cartagena, La Union, Lorca, Murcia, San Javier, San Pedro del Pinatar and Torre Pacheco.

In a bid to encourage motorists to stay within the legal speed limits, Murcia's Traf-

fic department has revealed that optimum fuel consumption occurs at around 90 kph, and that it increases dramatically after this.

Speeding accounted for almost a quarter of those killed in an accident last year, and 29 per cent of deaths on roads.

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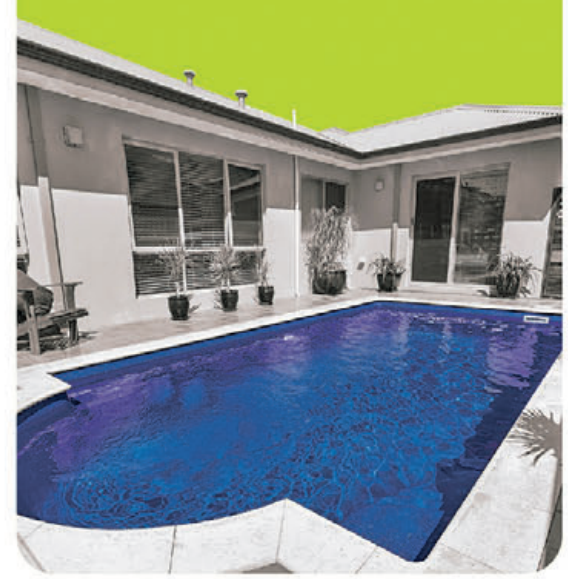
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Booze binge scam

Brit stag party held on forged cash rap



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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 nightclubs 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 Torrenova 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.

NEWS EXTRA

Still going strong

MAYOR of Murcia has delivered a bouquet of flowers to Doña Concepcion Lax Pina, known as the 'grandmother of Espinardo,' at her home on Calle Mayor de Espinardo as she celebrated her 103rd birthday last Friday.

Washed out

THREE people have been arrested in Murcia on suspicion of crimes against the environment after allegedly illegally storing large quantities of appliances including washing machines, refrigerators, air conditioning units, and heaters.

Cycle crash

TWO people have died after their motorcycle crashed while travelling on the Rm-11 in Aguilas. Emergency services attended but the pair were pronounced dead.

NEWS EXTRA**Manhole mischief**

A FORTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD thief who allegedly used manhole covers to break into shops has been caught by National Police as he broke into a Murcia opticians.

Taxi driver

MURCIA Local Police detained an illegal taxi driver who was found three times over the limit, taking this weekend's total drink driving arrests to 19.

Cheap areas

MURCIA joins Extremadura and Andalucia as one of the cheapest regions in Spain to repair vehicles, according to a study carried out by online repair booking site, Autingo.

Shard life

MURCIANS recycled almost 25,000 tonnes of glass in 2017, 1.4 per cent up on 2016, equating to an average of 17 kilograms per person, according to Spain's recycling non-profit Ecovidrio.

House dive

MURCIA'S housing trade fell 2.6 per cent in the final third of 2017, bucking the national trend which saw a 10.9 per cent surge, according to the National Notary board.

Pop exams

MORE than 1,000 candidates sat public exams to compete for just 22 health-care specialist positions within Murcia's Health Service, according to the regional government.

Tax help

ELCHE'S council has said it will give families €150 to help them pay their property taxes if they lack the money as part of plans costing around €600,000.

THE Virgen de la Arrixaca Hospital Unit has become a national leader in the treatment of tropical diseases.

Parasites, viruses and bacteria do not recognise borders and in a globalised world of population movements, Spain is seeing a notable rise in the problem.

Murcia has been found to have the highest admission rate for the parasitic disease cysticercosis, which is a tissue infection caused by the tapeworm *Taenia solium*.

The region also has one of the highest rates of threadworm (strongyloidiasis), another parasitic infection which is harder to diagnose as almost half of cases show no obvious symptoms.

As a result the Tropical Medicine Unit of the Arrixaca hospital has become a national reference point, and last year

was designated a collaborating centre for the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Tropical diseases are a more recent phenomenon in Spain, originating from hot and humid regions such as Central and South America, most of Africa and South Asia.

Malaria, tuberculosis, chagas, and

sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV are among 20 diseases that the WHO has on its tropical list, to which it has added the zika virus.

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89 years in prison for Mara Salvatrucha



COVER UP: The police believe they have dismantled the organisation.

THE Court of Alicante has issued prison sentences totalling 89 years and six months for 37 members of the Salvadoran criminal organisation Mara Salvatrucha 13.

An agreement was reached between the legal defence team of the detainees and the prosecution service, which led to the judgement.

The defendants have received sentences ranging from six months to over 13 years, while four more members of Mara Salvatrucha are being

hunted by police.

Brothers Esteban Arnulfo and Pablo Antonio, who are known by the aliases 'Darkin' and 'Bigman' respectively, were given the maximum end of the sentences.

'Operation Cruasan' enabled the Guardia Civil to apprehend the leadership of this Latino cartel in March 2014, allegedly prevent two planned murders, and stop the group's plans to expand.

Charges that were laid at the door of the 37 defendants in-

clude: belonging to a criminal organisation, drug trafficking, illegal possession of weapons, conspiracy to murder, causing bodily harm and money laundering.

Mara Salvatrucha had its headquarters in the Alicante town of Ibi, but with connections in Madrid, Barcelona and Girona.

According to the prosecution, the members of the organisation also received funding and instruction from contacts in El Salvador and Guatemala.

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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.

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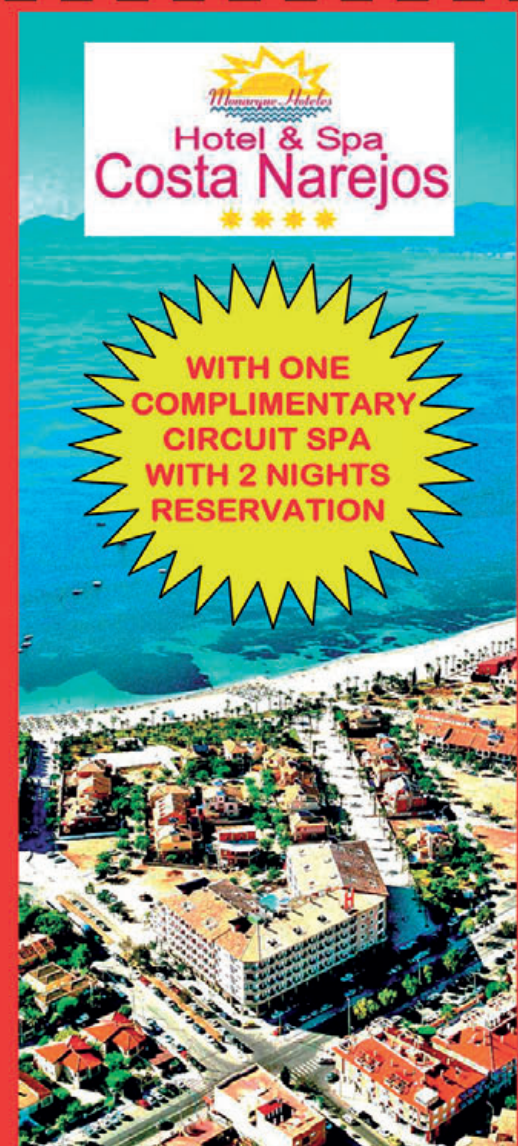
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Credit: National Police

CASH STASH: Police have succeeded in dismantling the fraudsters' operations.

Cash criminals caught

OFFICERS from the National Police and Guardia Civil have arrested three people for introducing fake banknotes across Spain.

The detainees are part of a criminal network operating from Italy that would use the cash in shops which did not have the technology to verify the authenticity of it.

Two men were apprehended in Alicante City, and another in

Barcelona, and in one of these busts a man was caught carrying a package containing €4,600 of fake money.

A fourth member of the group was actually handing out instructions to the three defendants from prison in Tarragona.

The person in charge of transportation was an Italian citizen who received packages in the post before making trips from Naples to Spain.

The operation has seen €5,050 in fake banknotes and €4,535 in legal tender seized.

An investigation began in June last year when officers discovered counterfeit currency circulating in the Italian towns of Tudela and Zaragoza.

Further inquiries revealed to police that the group were also involved in the production of false documentation and small-scale drug trafficking.

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€650 'plastic-bin' top launched in Spain

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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 web page 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.

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MAKING A STATEMENT: The bright green garment.

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Action pledged for terrorism victims

COUNCILLOR FOR DEVELOPMENT, Pedro Rivera, has chaired a meeting that has drawn up a series of measures based on the Strategy for Terrorism Victims.

The policies are expected to be implemented over the coming months and Rivera said:

“This is a series of actions that were set out on a strategy road map in response to the challenges we face regarding the care of victims of terrorism.

“It is a pioneering method in Spain to achieve greater levels of efficiency in the objectives established from a framework of continuous and coordinated action.” Mr Rivera added that a new measure will see secondary school students study terrorism and its development in Spain from the Franco dictatorship onwards, as part of their history curriculum.

It is all part of an attempt by Murcia Council to show the families of victims it is commit-



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SUPPORTING VICTIMS: Pedro Rivera in support of victims of terrorism

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The huts - which will have a cream-coloured floor and roof and a teak front - will have the necessary facilities to provide a proper service including speakers, sinks and stretchers.

There will be two uses of the



SAFETY FIRST: People enjoying the summer on La Zenia beach and (inset) Luisa Bone presents the new huts.

huts, one will be public, for first aid, and the other will be private, for lifeguards' breaks, toilets and storage.

The councillor thanked the council's technicians for their work on the huts' specification and design.

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.

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HEPLING HANDS: HELP's President Christine Baillie and Caring Services officer Janneke Chambers presenting the €3,000 cheque to the Vice President of AFEMAR, Jose Luis Martinez.

HELP Murcia Mar Menor recently made the first of its cash donations this year to AFEMAR (Association of family members with mental illness and generalised child and adolescent developmental disorders in the Mar Menor region of Murcia). This charity had been selected by HELP members at their AGM last month.

AFEMAR provides training and support for up to 20 young people in the San Pedro area and beyond. The Director Raoul Saes and Vice President Jose Luis Martinez - both of whom have children at the centre - explained how they presently have

an extra six clients from Murcia as they try to never turn anyone away. However, with limited funding from local government, the parents of the clients have to support the charity financially.

The young people spend up to eight hours a day at the centre learning various skills, including painting, cookery, pottery and bicycle maintenance. There is also professional help from an on-site psychiatrist. They will shortly be moving to a new centre in San Pedro and the €3,000 donated from HELP will go towards decorating and fitting out the new centre, said Sr Jose Luis Martinez.

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Elderly body found

THE corpse of an 80-year-old man found at his home in Abaran was likely there for several days, according to police.

Officers were called to the home on the Avenida de Cieza after neighbours reported not hearing from him.

Police broke down the door to get inside the house and had to wear masks because of the smell given off by the body.

The condition of the corpse led those investigating to believe it had been there for several days and that it was in an advanced state of decomposition.

Police believe the man died of natural causes following an accident. His remains have been sent to the Institute of Legal Medicine where an autopsy will be performed to confirm the cause of death.

'Sexist' behaviour ban

COMMENTS, jokes and certain actions deemed sexist will now be considered harassment under a gender protocol drawn up by the University of Murcia for its students.

New measures introduced by the institution also include the creation of a Commission for the Investigation and Detention of Constitutive Sexual Harassment to enforce the rules.

University rules also require officials there to pass on evidence relating to the most serious cases to the police if there is a 'sufficient' indication of crime, according to reports.

Eva Maria Rubio, the director of the institution's gender equality unit (UIMH), said the protocol was a 'historic' one for the university.

"This document is necessary for the institution to act quickly and effectively in the face of these complaints.

"It is important because it provides clarity on the measures and actions to be taken," Rubio said.

The new rules state the ban



BANNED: The document covers behaviour deemed sexist on the University of Murcia's campus.

will cover any gestures, comments, humour or behaviour which could be taken as sexist.

Examples include repeatedly inviting someone to take part in sex acts after they refuse or showing them material that could be interpreted as sexist, according to the document.

"Such actions create an intimidating, degrading environ-

ment and are offensive to the person who is subjected to it," the protocol states.

The measures also cover behaviour towards LGBTQ+ people, including refusing to refer to someone by their preferred gender.

The document which outlines the measures places the responsibility for investigating

allegations of sexism with the Harassment Commission. The body will have a maximum of 21 days to probe each reported case.

The protocol states anyone wishing to report such cases, including victims and other people on campus, can do so with a standard form sent by email.

Factory waste blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to the Las Salinas industrial estate in Alhama after dozens of calls were reportedly made to the 112 emergency services line.

Locals in the area reported seeing a large column of black smoke coming from the site, which was caused by a plastics fire which began at around 7.15pm on Monday.

Five fire engines arrived to tackle the blaze, with Local Police and Guardia Civil officers joining them. It was declared extinguished at around 8.45pm with no injuries reported.

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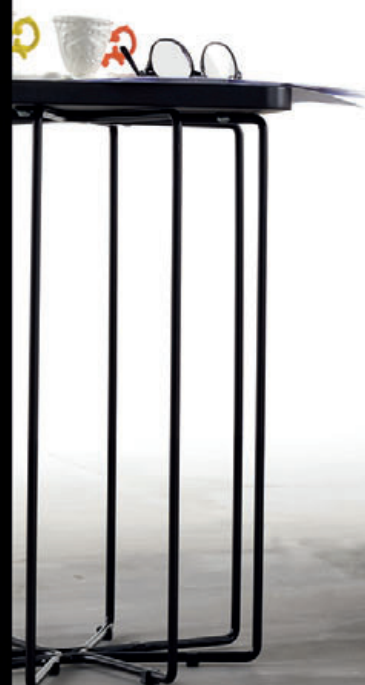
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On Friday May 11 and Friday May 25 they will be hosting Table Top Sales from 9am to 1pm. These will both be held at the Camposol Sector B, outside Mercer's office.

They will also have a social gathering to enjoy a Menu del Dia at Restaurante Avenida, Puerto de Mazarrón on Wednesday May 30 from 1.30pm. Tickets cost €11 and are available from their Drop-In Centre at Calle Valencia 12, Camposol A.

For more information contact 634 344 589.



Credit: Smile Charity Group

MISS GOSSAGE: Can she control those unruly girls?

Laughs and smiles

SMILE CHARITY GROUP will be performing 'Blazing St Trinian's' written by the late John Wallace. It is an adult comedy which will offer plenty of laughs.

The only remaining seats for the show are at the Benijofar Theatre in the Casa de Cultura

on Wednesday. Tickets are only €5 (no meal). They can be purchased from their sponsor Oasis Benijofar, or from either the Post Room or International Library in Benijofar.

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Peoples Vote campaign for Brexit deal launches

by *Bremain in Spain*

BREMAIN IN SPAIN, a group campaigning for the rights of British citizens in Spain and the EU, supports the PeoplesVote campaign to secure a vote for the British public on the Brexit deal.

Last weekend saw the launch of this huge campaign, which represents months of work by numerous pro-European groups that are co-ordinating their activities from shared offices in Westminster.

The groups include Open Britain, Britain for Europe, European Movement, OFOC! and Scientists for EU.

Saturday April 14 saw thousands of campaigners take to the UK's streets, talking to the public and collecting signatures. The results of their activities support recent opinion polls that suggest



BREMAINERS: Have just launched their campaign in the UK.

there's an increasing demand from Remainers and Leavers alike to have a final say on any deal Theresa May secures.

Sue Wilson, Chair of Bremain in Spain, said: "With each new revelation about the damage Brexit would cause, people are increasingly nervous about the UK's future."

"Predictions by Remain that were previously regarded as 'project fear' are now being taken seriously and are supported by the government's own analyses."

"Many Leave voters can see that they were seriously misled about the Leave vision of the future. The Brexit that was sold to the public bears no relation to its reality. Everyone deserves a chance to change their minds now that the facts have become clear."

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Farewell Dallas

MUSIC lovers from all over the Torrevieja area recently said a fond farewell to Dallas Meyers at La Siesta Church. Dallas passed away suddenly on March 31.

She was a much-loved member of several choirs and musical societies in the area, namely Crescendo, Velvetones, Vivace, Andante, Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Studio 32 and La Siesta Church choir.

The service was taken by Pastor Keith Brown and included eulogies from her family who had come from England. Donations made are to be given to Age Concern and the British Heart Foundation.

At the wake after the service, Velvetones Ladies Barbershop sang and Sue Woodward-Prior read a specially written ode.




She will be sadly missed by many people, not only for her beautiful soprano voice, but for her friendliness to everyone.

Goodbye Dallas, God be with you.



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ALL SMILES: The players pose for a snap.

Pretty in pink!

VILLAMARTIN Thursday ladies' golf group are 'in the pink.'

It comes as the group this week held its Spring Competition, which saw five teams of four playing 'Pink Panther.'

The rules are similar to 'the yellow ball competition,' meaning that players take it in turns to hit a pink ball and can score double points for the hole.

The added pressure is that if you lose the ball it remains unavailable for the remainder of the competition.

With just two scores to count this of course ensured that all the teams really wanted to

keep hold of it.

Three teams managed to make it round the course with the prized ball, and reached the clubhouse with excellent scores.

The winning team consisted of Wendy Nuttall, Veronica Richards, Sue Golding and Jenny Farmer, and they were congratulated by all other players.

All the ladies then enjoyed a slap-up lunch in the Jardines, the golf club's restaurant, before prizes were presented. The group wishes to extend a special thanks to Eva Pettersson for organising the event, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

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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-Malaga in Andalucia, Alcorcon, 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 percent 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

by Matt Ford

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 Cristobal 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.

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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
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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
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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
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Next	5,015.00	1.00	0.02	7,160.94
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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
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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
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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/Brey/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 publically listed companies including Aber-tis, Acciona, Bankia, BBVA, Endesa, Ferrovial, Iberdrola, Mapfre, Red Electrica 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-



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.

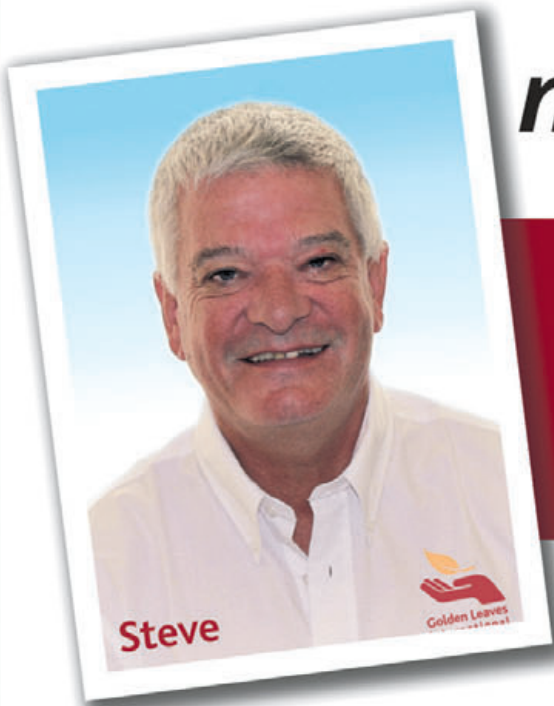
But Spain did top the ranking for highest-priced single sales, as customers of domestic appliance specialist Electrocosto spent an average of €308.



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Many unanswered questions?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



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 graciously 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



TORCHED: Wildfires rip through Doñana in 2017.



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



875 indigenous species of flora at the park

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-

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 Guadiamar, 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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4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Would I Lie to You?
9:30pm	Not Going Out
10:00pm	Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time

BBC TWO

7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Health
9:00am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
9:30am	Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back Giving Back
4:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5:15pm	Tigers About the House: What Happened Next
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	Nature's Biggest Beasts

BBC FOUR

7:15am	BBC4 Prog Acq Films 2018/19
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Top of the Pops <i>Steve Wright and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 22 August 1985.</i>
9:00pm	Dive WWII: Our Secret History
10:00pm	Putin, Russia and the West
11:00pm	Law and Order
12:20am	Totally British
1:20am	Top of the Pops <i>Steve Wright and Gary Davies present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 22 August 1985.</i>
1:50am	Danny Baker's Great Album Showdown
2:50am	Putin, Russia and the West

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
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Location, Location, Location
10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
11:00pm	True Horror
12:05am	Gogglebox

CHANNEL 5

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Traffic Cops
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	At Risk
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
9:00pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:00pm	Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters
12:05am	The Body in the Freezer: Countdown

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10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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
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6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
10:30pm	Derry Girls
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Windsors

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo <i>Day four of the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters from Roquebrune-Cap-Martin in France.</i>
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football <i>Burnley take on Chelsea at Turf Moor in the Premier League.</i>
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	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	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	The Cruise: Sailing the Caribbean
10:00pm	The Investigator: A British Crime Story
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	The Late Debate
12:15am	Lethal Weapon
1:10am	Give it a Year
1:30am	Tonight

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7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:20am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
12:10pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
12:40pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	Judge Rinder
6:50pm	Take Me Out
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
10:00pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy
12:40am	American Dad!
1:10am	American Dad!

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7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat <i>Nostalgic police drama series set in a 1960s Yorkshire village.</i>
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	Judge Judy
11:20am	Goodnight Mister Tom
1:25pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street <i>Mrs Armitage has to visit her brother so she leaves Lucy with Shirley and Curly.</i>
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:30pm	George and Mildred
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	Joe Maddison's War
1:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:55am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:45am	The Saint
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	The Protectors
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:00pm	The Saint
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Big Fish Off
10:00pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Spy Who Loved Me
12:40am	Eraser
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Eraser
2:55am	Minder
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:30am	Behind Enemy Lines
11:30am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
2:00pm	The Trust
3:45pm	Rampage: Special
4:15pm	Jack Reacher
6:30pm	Broken Arrow
8:30pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
11:00pm	Jack Reacher
1:15am	Hard Target 2
3:05am	The Trust

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:35am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:55am	Nine to Five
9:50am	Patch Adams
11:50am	The First Wives Club
1:40pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
3:35pm	O Brother, Where Art Thou?
5:30pm	Date Night
7:10pm	The Back-Up Plan
9:00pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
10:45pm	Table 19
12:20am	Date Night
2:00am	Go
3:50am	Killing Hasselhoff

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:05am	Growing Up Smith
7:00am	Just Charlie
8:45am	Wilson
10:25am	Sky
12:15pm	Alien: Covenant <i>The crew of a damaged colony ship discover a seemingly hospitable planet and go in for a closer look</i>
2:20pm	The House <i>Two straight-laced suburbanites set up an illegal casino when their daughter's scholarship falls through.</i>
3:55pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
5:20pm	Growing Up Smith
7:10pm	Sky
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:10pm	The House
12:45am	Batman: The Killing Joke
2:10am	Spacewalker
4:30am	Just Charlie

sky sports football

10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
1:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga: The Las Palmas Story
4:15pm	La Liga Icons
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Eredivisie
8:00pm	EFL Rivalries
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga Show
12:30am	La Liga Icons

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Health
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Heir Hunters
12:45pm	Dom on the Spot
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London 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 at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Home from Home
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Wannabe

BBC TWO

8:15am	Health
9:00am	Great Continental Railway Journeys
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back Giving Back
4:15pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
5:15pm	Tigers About the House: What Happened Next
6:15pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	The City and the City
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Front Row Late
12:35am	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story

BBC FOUR

4:50am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018
10:00pm	Buena Vista Social Club
11:40pm	Latin Music USA
	<i>Series revealing the musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA</i>
12:40am	Arena
1:45am	Queens of Jazz: The Joy and Pain of the Jazz Divas
	<i>A celebration of some of the greatest female jazz singers of the 20th century.</i>
2:45am	Barry Manilow at the BBC
3:45am	Latin Music USA
	<i>Series revealing the musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA.</i>

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Unreported World
9:00pm	I Don't Like Mondays
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Lee and Dean
11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats
12:25am	Rob Beckett's Playing for Time
12:55am	First Dates
2:00am	127 Hours

CHANNEL 5

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Rusty Rivets
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Traffic Cops
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Nightmare Nurse
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
11:00pm	Rivers of Blood: 50 Years on
12:30am	Paddington Station 24/7
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors

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7:00am	Hollyoaks
8:00am	Rules of Engagement
9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Alien: Resurrection
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:10am	Gogglebox
3:15am	First Dates
4:10am	Rude Tube

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live ATP 1000: Monte Carlo
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
	<i>Millwall face Fulham at The Den in the Sky Bet Championship</i>
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	SPFL Matters
12:45am	Premier League Greatest Games
	<i>A chance to relive a classic match from the Premier League.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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4:00am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
12:15am	Shaun of the Dead
1:55am	Jackpot247

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

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7:00am	Coronation Street
7:25am	Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Hidden Treasure
1:25pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Coronation Street
4:15pm	Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:15pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	The Syndicate
12:05am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:05am	Vera
2:55am	The Ivy
3:45am	Goodnight Mister Tom
5:35am	Rising Damp

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Motorbike Show
10:00pm	Car Crash Britain
11:00pm	Rambo III
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Rambo III
1:05am	The Americans
2:05am	Minder
3:05am	Fifth Gear
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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11:15am	Transformers: The Last Knight
2:00pm	Salt
3:50pm	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back
6:00pm	Green Zone
8:00pm	300
10:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
12:40am	Salt
2:25am	Jack Reacher: Never Go Back

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:25am	Big Daddy
11:05am	Billy Madison
12:45pm	Rampage: Special
1:15pm	School of Rock
3:10pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
4:55pm	Love Actually
7:15pm	Juno
9:00pm	School of Rock
11:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
12:45am	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	Just Charlie
6:30am	Ready Player One: Special
7:00am	Growing Up Smith
9:00am	Wilson
10:40am	Sky
12:30pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
1:55pm	The Dark Tower
3:40pm	Alien: Covenant
5:50pm	The House
7:30pm	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>
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:40pm	Alien: Covenant
12:45am	The House
2:20am	Spacewalker
4:40am	Just Charlie

sky sports football

10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	Football Years
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	EFL Rivalries
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	SPFL Matters
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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	The Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	The London Marathon: My Reason to Run
2:45pm	Snooker
5:35pm	BBC News
5:45pm	Regional News
5:50pm	Weather
5:55pm	Match of the Day Live
8:15pm	Pointless
9:00pm	The Queen's Birthday Party
10:40pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day
12:00am	Match of the Day: FA Cup Highlights
12:20am	The Button
12:50am	The Recruit
2:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:15am	David Attenbrough's Natural Curiosities
7:40am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	Wanted Down Under
1:30pm	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
2:30pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
3:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
4:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
5:30pm	Final Score
6:15pm	Money for Nothing
7:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	The Forest
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Imagine...
11:00pm	Testament of Youth
1:00am	Snooker
1:50am	Snooker
3:50am	Civilisations

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth <i>Three-part documentary about the Atlantic Ocean.</i>
9:00pm	Wild Tales From the Village
10:00pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
10:45pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
11:35pm	Room 101
12:05am	Spike Milligan
12:35am	Spike Milligan: Assorted Q
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 <i>Chat show in which guests are given the opportunity to rid the world of the things they hate.</i>
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
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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 <i>Wests Tigers take on Newcastle Knights at ANZ Stadium in the NRL.</i>
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 <i>Leinster meet Scarlets in Dublin in the semi-finals of the European Rugby Champions Cup.</i>
7:00pm	Live Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
10:45pm	Boxing <i>Amir Khan and Phil Lo Greco go head-to-head at the Echo Arena in Liverpool</i>
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
3:20am	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 <i>Detective drama featuring Colin Dexter's enigmatic chief inspector</i>
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 <i>Detective drama based on the novel of the same name by Ann Cleeves</i>
2:05am	On the Buses <i>Internationally-acclaimed comedy starring Reg Varney as bus driver Stan Butler</i>
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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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 <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
4:10pm	The Dark Tower
5:55pm	Batman: The Killing Joke
7:25pm	The House
9:00pm	Rough Night <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
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
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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4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	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

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

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

sky CINEMA COMEDY

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

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

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	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



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

Painting, springtime and laughing in Las Vegas

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-



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 BAFTA 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.

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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	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	Countryfile
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
	<i>Series in which Steve Backshall looks at some of the world's most iconic ecosystems.</i>
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 <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983.</i>
2:30am	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 <i>Delhi Daredevils take on Kings XI Punjab at Feroz Shah Kotla in the VIVO IPL.</i>
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 <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
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 Soccer A.M.
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

Lies, damned lies, and statistics

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Breaking Views



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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 tax payer! 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!

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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

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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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BBC one

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
5:05am	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	GPS: 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
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5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	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

itv4

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

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

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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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
9:00pm	Watchdog Live
10:00pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	Nightmare Pets SOS

BBC TWO

5:05am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Heir Hunters
8:15am	Rip Off Britain
9:00am	Great British Railway Journeys
9:30am	Classic Mary Berry
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
11:00am	Snooker
12:30pm	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	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
10:55pm	Live at the Apollo
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Snooker
1:05am	Snooker
3:05am	MasterChef
4:05am	Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
5:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Sea City
9:00pm	Three-part documentary series going behind the scenes at the Port of Southampton.
9:00pm	The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart
10:00pm	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm	The Plantagenets
12:00am	Drills, Dentures and Dentistry: An Oral History
1:00am	Stonehenge: A Timewatch Guide
2:00am	Top of the Pops
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:00am	The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart Series investigating the geological forces that have shaped East Africa's Great Rift Valley.
4:00am	Elizabeth I's Secret Agents

CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	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	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	One Born Every Minute
11:00pm	First Dates
12:05am	Fatberg Autopsy
1:10am	Live From Abbey Road

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	NCIS
4:15pm	Profile for Murder
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
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8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Me and My Addiction
11:30pm	My Extreme Ocd Life
12:35am	Extraordinary People
1:30am	Fail Army
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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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
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Timeless
11:00pm	Naked Attraction
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates

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7:00am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	ATP 500: Barcelona
4:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Royal Challengers Bangalore take on the Chennai Super Kings at M</i>
8:30pm	Info not available
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Inside the PGA Tour
4:30am	Live European Tour Golf <i>The opening day of the Volvo China Open, held in Beijing.</i>

itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Brightest Family
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Champions League Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle
1:35am	Jackpot247

itv2

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
12:15pm	You've Been Framed!
12:45pm	You've Been Framed!
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	The Cube
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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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	Hell's Kitchen
11:00pm	Hell's Kitchen
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
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6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	The Street
12:20am	The Street
1:45am	Joe Maddison's War
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Saint
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
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5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	The Motorbike Show
11:00pm	The Americans
12:00am	Lethal Weapon
1:00am	The Big Fish Off
2:05am	Minder
3:00am	Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:00am	Behind Enemy Lines
11:00am	The Day the Earth Stood Still
1:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
3:15pm	The Hurricane Heist
5:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
7:00pm	Behind Enemy Lines
9:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
11:15pm	The Hurricane Heist
1:05am	Birth of the Dragon

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:00am	Date and Switch
10:40am	How to be a Latin Lover
12:40pm	The Love Guru
2:15pm	The House
4:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
5:40pm	The Boss
7:25pm	Table 19
9:00pm	The House
10:40pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
12:25am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	Sky
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Growing Up Smith
9:00am	Ready Player One: Special
9:30am	Rough Night
11:30am	Broken Vows
1:15pm	The Dark Tower
3:05pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
5:15pm	Gifted
7:10pm	Rough Night <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:45pm	Sheikh Jackson
12:30am	Broken Vows
2:15am	Sky
4:15am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler <i>A teen escapes post-revolution Iran only to meet more hostility in the US, but finds acceptance on his school's struggling wrestling team</i>

sky sports football

12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Eredivisie
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
8:00pm	Football's Greatest
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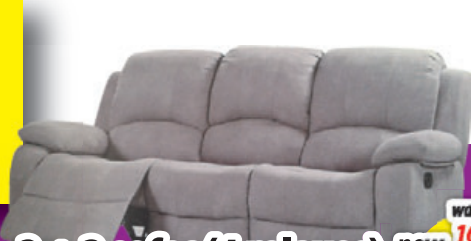
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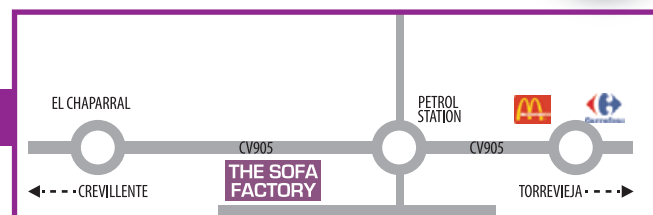


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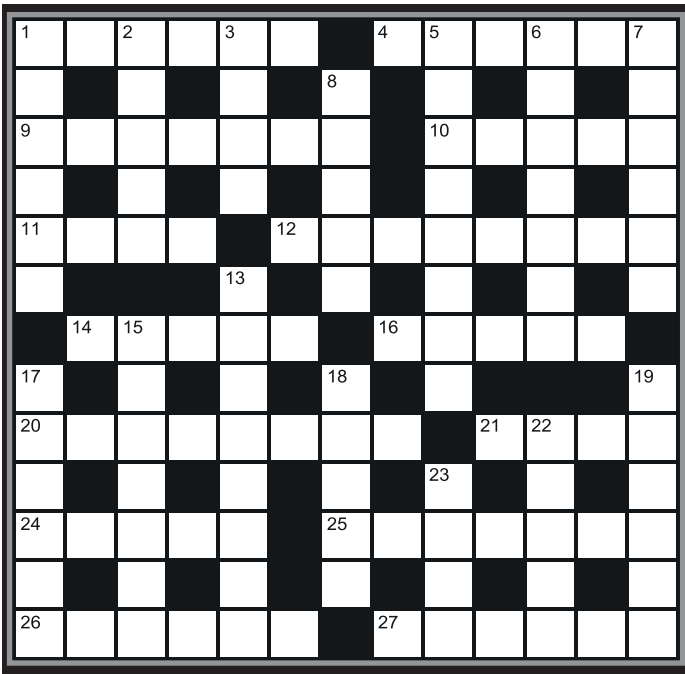
Cryptic

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 stye? (7)
- 26 Easing of pain about change of life (6)
- 27 Conniving little animal died (6)

Down

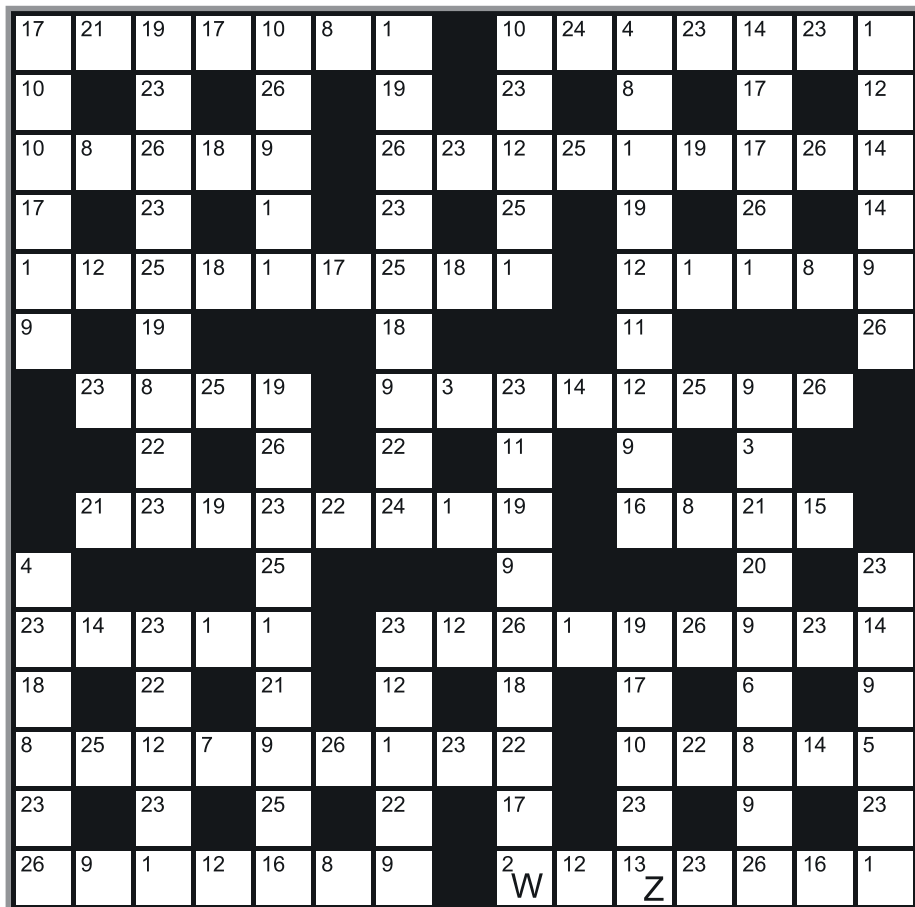
- 1 Walk the street holding a register (6)
- 2 Guys held by Europe security officers (5)
- 3 Cook first of big onions in liquid (4)
- 5 Firm fade out supported (8)
- 6 They fly although they are powerless to do so (7)



- 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 Emil 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)

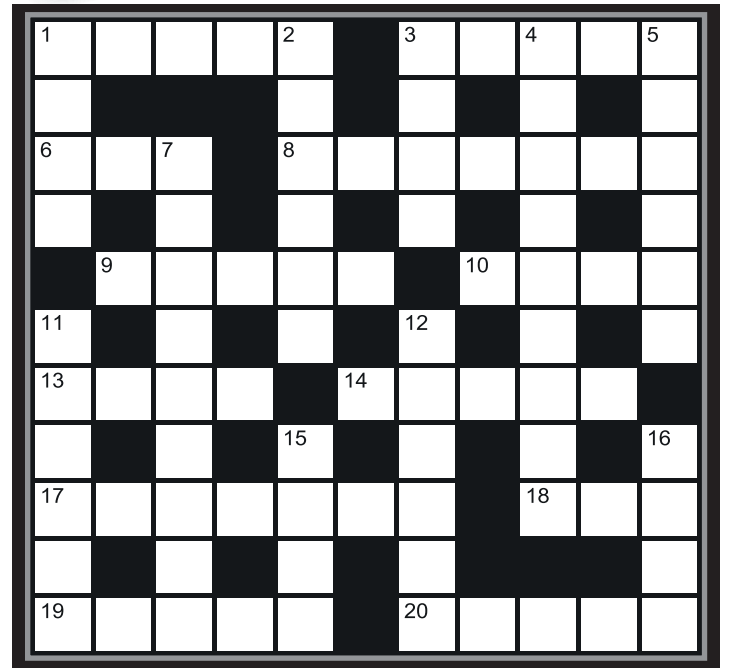
Code Breaker

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.



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Quick



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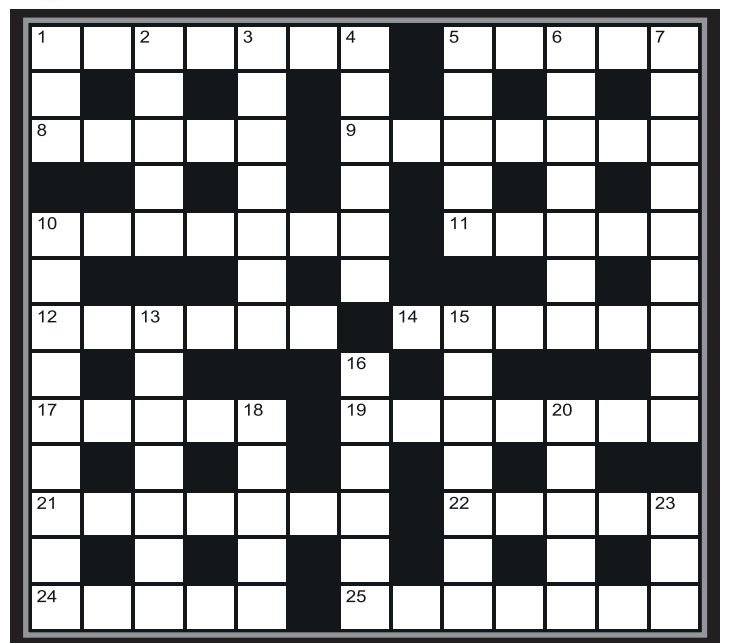
- 1 Motion picture (5)
- 3 Apartments (5)
- 6/18 Old or experienced sailor (3,3)
- 8 Airman (7)
- 9 Judge's small mallet (5)
- 10 Sign of something about to happen (4)
- 13 State of extreme anger (4)
- 14 Tract of level wasteland (5)
- 17 Own (7)
- 18 See 6
- 19 Escape or avoid by cunning (5)
- 20 No 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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Saturday April 14

10 40 42 **BONUS BALL**
46 47 48 38

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday April 14

8 9 12 **BONUS BALL**
20 28 34 47

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday April 10

14 27 39 **BONUS BALL**
46 48 11 12

Friday April 13 **BONUS BALL**

5 25 34 **BONUS BALL**
48 50 6 7

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LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday April 12

7 12 18 **BONUS BALL**
34 35 41 1 48

JOKER: 6 416 813
Saturday April 14

3 17 20 **BONUS BALL**
22 24 34 3 4

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday April 15

2 12 25 **BONUS BALL**
42 52 0

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 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-expected 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.

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.

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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.

E	D	N
A	M	R
E	D	E

TARGET:

- Average: 10
- Very good: 20
- Good: 14
- Excellent: 25

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

agin cage crag gain gave gean gear gene girm give gran grin rage rang ring acing agree anger cager eager eagre genic genie genre given giver grace grain grade green range reign vegan verge arcing avenge cagier caring caving cringe earing encage enrage gainer genera geneva graven greave grieve racing raving regain avenger carving craving engrave generic reeving veering vinegar GRIEVANCE

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Sash, 3 Colupio, 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.

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.

QUICK

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

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: BIG CATS

1. First published in 1950, who was the author of the fantasy novel for children *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*?
2. 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?
3. 'The lion goes from strength to strength' is the advertising slogan of which motor manufacturer?
4. Tony the Tiger is the advertising cartoon mascot for which breakfast cereal, appearing on its packaging and advertising?
5. Welford Road is the home ground of which Premiership rugby union club?
6. What is golfer Tiger Woods real first name?
7. Which 12th century English king was nicknamed the Lionheart or Coeur de Lion?

8. 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?
9. 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?
10. 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:

1. C.S. Lewis (Clive Staples) LEWIS, 2. GOLDFINGER (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 'Tort Woods', 7. RICHARD I, 8. THE LIGHTNING SEEDS (in collaboration with David Baddiel and Frank Skinner), 9. GRIFFIN (GRIFCON or GRYPHON), 10. BOXING - he was the World Middleweight and World Light Heavyweight Champion.

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DURING the boom years, expatriates were encouraged to purchase properties 'off plan' making sizeable deposits and in many cases paying for the entire build.

When the downturn in the property market came about a large number of companies simply closed down or went bankrupt with the apartments and houses that people had contracted to purchase remaining unbuilt.

It seemed that the monies spent were lost for good and this caused significant heartbreak and hardship for many people who couldn't afford to take on the Spanish legal system to try to get their money back.

Happily however it became apparent that many banks had not secured the deposits from these potential purchasers in an appropriate manner and now it is possible to reclaim the money from the banks in many cases.

No Win No Fee Property Solicitors mainly came about with the idea to provide effective solutions for clients affected by the purchase of homes that they never received or who, having received them, still do not have the necessary license



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NO WIN NO FEE: A firm of lawyers anxious to ensure that justice prevails.

of occupation.

The high costs entailed in undertaking lawsuits meant that those who had suffered appeared to have little recourse to reclaim their funds but now the No Win No Fee team of lawyers with offices all along the Costa del Sol, and collaborators in various cities throughout Spain and in several Eu-

ropean cities are able to help.

Their rate of success in defending the interests of the parties affected by these purchases of homes led them to create this project, which has already achieved the reimbursement of funds for all of their clients to date.

Their main goal is to recover all of the savings

for their clients, as well as interest generated from the moment that they paid all of their savings to the developer. Now anyone who has been so badly treated up to now has the opportunity to obtain legal assistance at no cost unless and until claims against the banks are successful.

Although the main office is based in Fuengirola they have branches in Estepona and London but will take on clients from any part of Spain subject to reviewing their case and making sure that the client's situation qualifies them for compensation.

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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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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.

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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

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

Fresh faced beauty

SPRING is synonymous with afternoon drinks and increasingly late nights. However, the more we tend to our social calendar, the less often we tend to look after certain aspects of our body.

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 nourishing 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.

GET IT RIGHT: Hairstyle, make-up, dress and then accessorise.



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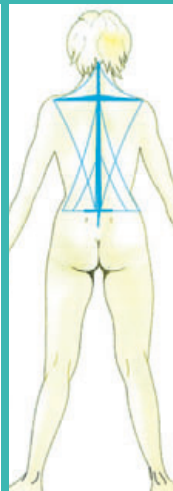


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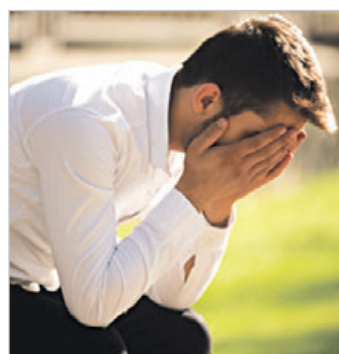
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Ask the Optician - the introduction to eyes and vision

Saher Shrief, Store Director from Specsavers Opticas Torre Vieja

TODAY we're helping a patient whose child has some questions about their 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. Depending 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.

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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.

What were you inking?

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Preventing Pa

WITH more people living to a ripe old age, the prevalence of diseases such as Parkinson's disease is set to increase.

Events such as the recent World Parkinson's Day offer the chance to get informed about this disease and know what actions can be taken to try and keep it at bay.

Parkinson's disease is a central nervous system disorder which affects the part of the brain that controls movement.

The primary symptoms are body tremors, slow movements, rigid limbs, memory problems, a shuffled walk and speech impairment.

Its exact cause is unknown and there is no available cure at present. However, there are some things that you can incorporate into your daily routine to prevent symptoms before they arise. Here are a few simple steps you can begin today.



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In addition, try to eat plenty of Omega-3 and CoQ10. Both of these are abundant in wild-caught fish, especially mackerel, salmon and cod.

Now the summer is almost here, enjoy more strolls out in the sun.

Not only will this top you up with your necessary intake of vitamin D3, but that stroll can also be part of your exercise routine. Even a simple 40-minute walk three days per week has been proven to keep in check the factors that contribute to the disease.

Don't just exercise your body. Performing cognitive stimulation, such as crosswords, puzzles, reading or calculations are vital to stimulate your brain and prevent the occurrence of demential syndromes, such as Parkinson's disease.

And remember, this advice is not just for those getting on in years.

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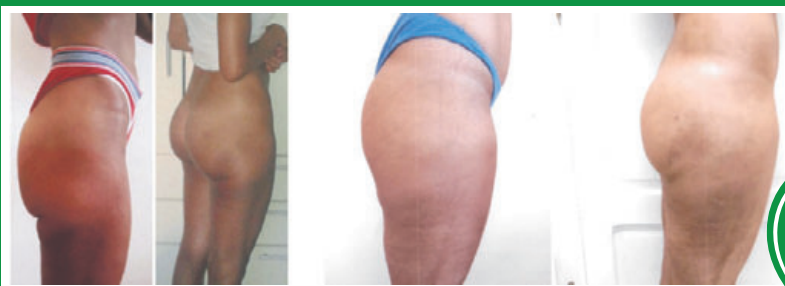
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TECH FOR THE TIMID



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?

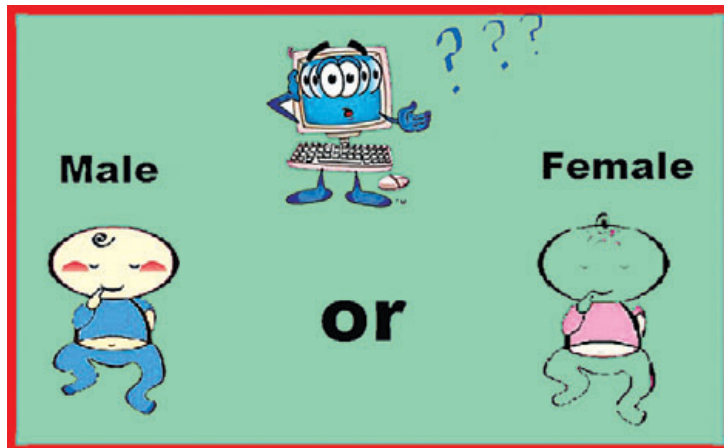
The teacher separated the students into two groups, male and female, asking them to choose.

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-cheque 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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Go Italian, Go Rialto

THE summer will soon be upon us so what better way is there to make the most of the long light nights than by dining outside, snacking on a plate of antipasti and some freshly made stone baked pizza?

But you don't have to go all the way to Italy to enjoy their cuisine, simply head down to Rialto in Benimar near Benijofar.

Owned by Dilbag Singh who also owns the popular Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant just over the road as well as the fusion restaurant, Sabores, this Italian neighbour soon built up its own team of regular customers enjoying the authentic Italian cuisine on offer.

The extensive newly introduced menu created by their talented new Italian chef boasts over 20 pizzas, a range of soups, salads and starters including bruschettas and carpaccio. Pasta is home-made and served with your choice of tasty sauce, but for serious meat eaters try the mixed grill or grilled fillet steak with a mushroom, red wine or pepper cream sauce. A special children's menu is also available.



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This much-loved Italian restaurant offers a special evening menu which is served from 6pm every day for €10.90 and a children's menu is available for €4.50.

If you prefer to recreate that Italian feeling at home, make the most of Rialto's take away service and a free bottle of wine is offered for every order over €20 and now, a free drop off service is available (call for confirmation and areas covered).

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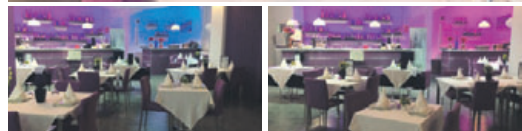
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How to plan your meals

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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 Spanish, English, Oriental,

SIMPLE BUT TASTY: Aubergines can be cooked in the microwave.

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 1/2 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.

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The band, who have had hits including *Copenhagen, I'll tell you* and *Brave*, are committed to a number of humanitarian groups and have said that their new album is a 'transmission process' which interprets the band's honest reality through music.

Ticket prices begin at €25 and can be purchased via the band's official website: www.ve-tustamorla.com.

From Jack to a King



PERFORMANCE: Stagestruck will be back with their new show in May.

STAGESTRUCK Theatre Group are currently busy rehearsing for their summer show set to be performed next month.

'From a Jack to a King,' an original script written by Stagestruck's director, Leigh Humphries, will play at the Cardenal Blluge Theatre in San Fulgencio on May 17, 18 and 19.

Set in an 1960's East London pub, the show is a musical comedy that will have you laughing out loud as the pub owners, staff and patrons interact over a period of three years

up until 1970.

The story focuses on Harry and Daphne, the owners of the pub, who are struggling to keep it going. The pub is failing to make a profit because Harry drinks and gambles any profits made. Harry and Daphne are supported by a talented cast who play a range of comedic characters.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to local charities, including the Alzheimer's Association.

From their last show, they were able to donate €4,000 to

charity and with your help, they would like to achieve that again.

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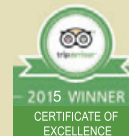
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In reality this is an alternative leisure experience called 'Events Zombies LZD' and throughout the night, those taking part will be divided between zombies and survivors, travelling the main streets of Aspe, and face a series of tests, until those still alive are evacuated.

The objective of the game is that the survivors evade the zombies, master the tests

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THE third Elche live music festival is set to return to the Rotanda Municipal Park tomorrow (Friday).

The popular festival will provide two nights of live music, with the opening night beginning tomorrow before next month's second night, which is set to take place on Saturday, May 12.

A number of bands are set to perform on the evening including local band Kuve, Indie band Varry Brava, Spanish indie pop band La Casa Azul and the evening will close with a performance from rock group, Sidonie.

Doors for the event are set open at 7pm, with the first act, Kuve, expected to begin at approximately 7:30pm.

Advance tickets for the event cost €20 and are

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Now is the time to buy!

THE Spanish property market is on the move again.

The number of mortgages taken out in January this year was up 9.2 per cent on the same month in 2017 and the amount borrowed has gone up by 7.9 per cent.

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 cent tax on the title deed price and chose to wait until the Tax Authorities calculate the shortfall (which they undoubtedly will).

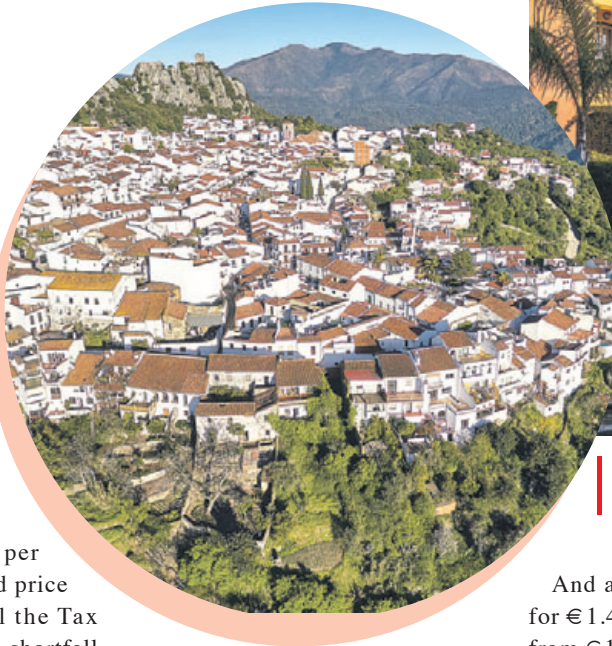
This will add another €3,200 because the government says the property is really worth €110,000.

Winners and losers

Bad luck for the seller, our client, who had cash flow prob-

lems and needed to sell, but on this occasion the lucky winner was the buyer.

There was a similar example in Sotogrande Marina, where a two bed sold for €280,000 when the asking price was €315,000.



SPANISH PROPERTIES: Now is a good time to buy.

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.'

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Top 5 tips for rental owners

What should you consider when choosing your property management company?

1) CHOOSE the company that markets your property with cutting-edge technologies and provides innovative ways of bringing customers on-board.

Examples of such progressive solutions could include: a dynamic calendar that displays your bookings clearly and can synchronise with other large rental platforms; a simple back-end system allowing you to easily work on your property listing; a multilingual team that can give your guests 24/7 support. These are some of the ways in which a good rental company can save you time and money.

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 pro-



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grammes, 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, restau-

rant 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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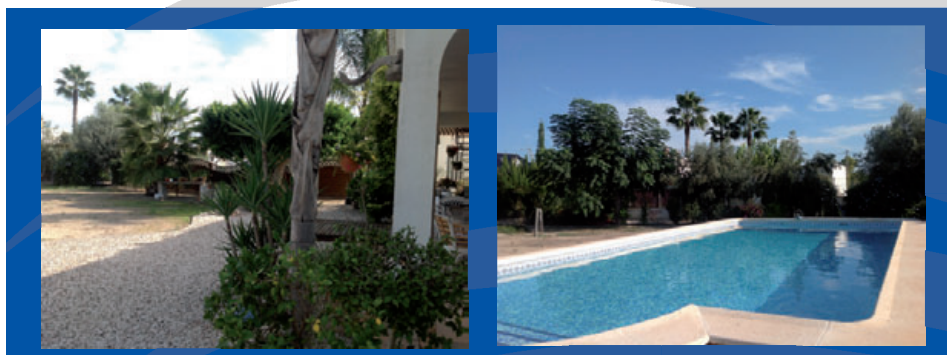
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Brexit? What Brexit

Brits buying property abroad 'not bothered' by triggering of Article 50

WHILE the country may have voted to leave the European Union, Brits show no sign of giving up on their dreams of owning a place in the sun, according to new research published by specialist firm Spanish Legal Reclaims.

The study reveals that over half (55 per cent) of Britons who are considering buying a home abroad say Brexit will have no impact on their decision to buy. In fact, 10 per cent of those surveyed said they were actually more likely to buy in Europe now that Britain has decided to leave the EU.

Spain remains the most popular choice for Brits looking to buy abroad, with 45 per cent saying it was their first choice, followed by France (37 per cent) and Italy (20 per cent).

"It's not surprising to hear that Spain remains the favourite destination for British people who want to buy property in Europe. Despite the horror stories you may have heard of disappearing developers, it continues to deliver on lifestyle, property prices and climate," said Spanish Legal Reclaims CEO, Luis Cuervo.

"What's more, a Spanish Supreme Court ruling introduced in December 2015 means that if you bought a property off-plan that isn't delivered

- 55 per cent of Brits still want to buy a second home in Europe
- Spain remains the most popular destination
- 130,000 Brits owed €5.3bn now eligible to get money back on previously unbuilt homes



on time by the developer, and they have since gone bankrupt, you can reclaim your money back from the bank who was meant to safeguard

your deposit.

"The new ruling gives fresh hope to thousands who are potentially hundreds of thousands of

pounds out of pocket," Mr Cuervo continued.

Around 130,000 Britons are eligible to claim a total of £5.3bn

against this ruling, according to research commissioned by Spanish Legal Reclaims and the Centre for Economics and Business research.

Spanish Legal Reclaims is also currently working with clients across the country to help them reclaim money they are owed from off-plan Spanish property.

One of the successful claimants is Janet Jalil from north-west London.

"In 2002, my husband and I decided to buy a second home for holidays, as well as somewhere we could eventually use as a retirement home. After lots of research, we paid just over €200,000 for a property in Marbella.

"When we flew to Spain to see the property for ourselves, we quickly found out that it wasn't built. Our lawyer let me know about the change in the law and, after a year-long legal process we are now expecting to get all of our original deposit back plus interest!"

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Not only were these wall-mounted heaters discreet and stylish, but they were also packed with 'Es': efficient; effective; economical.

Recognising a huge gap in the market that these attractive affordable heaters would fill, Richard and Tony established Neater Heater and have been heating the houses and apartments of shivering expats ever since then.

"We all come out to Spain for the good weather and lifestyle," says Tony "yet everyone is caught out by the cold winter nights in their spectacularly non-insulated Spanish homes.

We all come from the UK where we had radiators and fires, and that is what most British expats still want. A decent oil or gas central heating system is going to set you back thousands of euros just to install it, so most people opt for unhealthy gas estufas, or electric heaters.

"The problem with most electric heaters, is that the cheap ones are always expensive to run, and ugly, whereas any decent ones always cost a fortune to install. We can have most homes up and running with affordable, stylish, economic Neater Heaters, for less than one thousand euros. The cost obviously depends on the size of hose and the size of heaters. Or they can be bought individually according to your requirements."

Starting out in their home region of the Costa Blanca, Richard and Tony

searched for, and found, businesses that were happy to become agents for Neater Heater. "We hope to cater for all types of customers," explains Richard.

"Some people are comfortable with computers, and are quite happy to buy from our online shop, with free delivery. But many want to shop in the traditional way, look at the heaters and talk to someone about their requirements.

"These customers can go to one of our numerous outlets from Moraira, Calpe, all the way down through Benidorm, to several around Torrevieja, Murcia, Antas and now Portugal. If you live in certain parts of the Marina Alta, Torrevieja, or Murcia, we even have agents who can visit your home and offer advice, sales and an installation service."



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Brighten your garden area with sunflowers and gain a delicious and nutritious harvest

GRAEME TYRRELL

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.

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



SUNFLOWERS: Red and yellow can grow together.

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 pattern 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 wonderful 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 water-

ing 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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Dog poisoning



ROLLED OVER: Watch out for symptoms of poisoning in your dog.

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

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.



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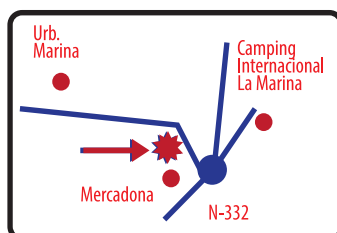
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It is important to remember, however, that your new dog will have established eating

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 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.

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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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They found the exterior and interior design and multiple per-

sonalisation options available on the Arona key aspects in selecting it as winner of the Best Product Design 2018.

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La Liga Preview

Malaga's relegation looms in Levante

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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 Canarian 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).

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STRUGGLES: Malaga suffered a 2-1 loss to Real Madrid last time out.

dorf 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

Champions head for record points

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.



CHAMPIONS: City were confirmed as champions after Manchester United's loss.

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.

Everton however have enjoyed a mixed run of form since the end of February; having picked up two wins, two draws and two losses in their last six matches, but are without a win since their 2-0 win over Brighton on March 10.

In the week's other fixtures Burnley host Chelsea and Leicester play Southampton tonight (Thursday), Watford face Crystal Palace on Saturday and Stoke take on Burnley on Sunday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	32	25	7	0	81	17	82
2 • Atlético	32	21	8	3	54	15	71
3 • Real Madrid	32	20	7	5	79	35	67
4 • Valencia	32	20	5	7	60	33	65
5 • Betis	32	16	4	12	53	53	52
6 • Villarreal	32	14	6	12	43	39	48
7 • Sevilla	32	14	5	13	41	52	47
8 • Girona	32	12	8	12	44	49	44
9 • Celta	32	12	7	13	50	44	43
10 • Getafe	32	11	9	12	36	30	42
11 • R. Sociedad	32	11	7	14	57	52	40
12 • Eibar	32	11	7	14	36	46	40
13 • Athletic	32	9	12	11	35	38	39
14 • Leganés	32	11	6	15	27	39	39
15 • Alavés	32	12	2	18	29	45	38
16 • Espanyol	32	8	12	12	26	39	36
17 • Levante	32	6	13	13	28	48	31
18 • Deportivo	32	6	8	18	32	65	26
19 • Las Palmas	32	5	6	21	22	64	21
20 • Málaga	32	4	5	23	20	50	17

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	33	28	3	2	93	25	87
2 • M. United	33	22	5	6	63	26	71
3 • Liverpool	34	20	10	4	78	35	70
4 • Tottenham H.	33	20	7	6	65	30	67
5 • Chelsea	33	18	6	9	57	33	60
6 • Arsenal	33	16	6	11	62	45	54
7 • Burnley	33	14	10	9	33	29	52
8 • Leicester City	33	11	10	12	49	47	43
9 • Everton	34	11	9	14	39	54	42
10 • Newcastle United	33	11	8	14	35	42	41
11 • Bournemouth	34	9	11	14	41	56	38
12 • Watford	34	10	7	17	42	60	37
13 • Brighton	33	8	11	14	31	46	35
14 • West Ham Utd.	33	8	11	14	41	59	35
15 • Huddersfield Town	34	9	8	17	27	54	35
16 • Crystal Palace	34	8	10	16	36	54	34
17 • Swansea City	33	8	9	16	27	46	33
18 • Southampton	33	5	13	15	33	53	28
19 • Stoke City	34	6	10	18	31	64	28
20 • West Bromwich	34	4	12	18	27	52	24

Alonso aiming to find Chinese Champion

FERNANDO ALONSO has announced that his Fernando Alonso Karting school will be expanding into China.

The Fernando Alonso Karting School, which opened its first circuit in July 2015, has primarily operated in Spain to this point but will now expand to China with the aim of finding the first Chinese Formula One Champion.

Despite the introduction of the Chinese Grand Prix in 2004, there has still not been a Chinese Formula One driver in the sport, but that is something that Alonso seems determined to change, with the Spaniard planning



EXPANDING: Alonso plans 40 karting tracks for China.

to build 40 circuits over the next five years.

Ahead of last weekend's Chinese Grand Prix, the two-time Formula One Champion tweeted: 'Big day for the FA Karting School. We will be in China on a long term project to find the Chinese F1 Champion of the future.'

'Over the next five years, 40 race tracks will be built, giving the opportunity to the best talents in the country to follow their dreams.'



BARCELONA set a new La Liga record as their 2-1 victory over Valencia saw them extend their unbeaten league run to 39 matches, beating Real Sociedad's record of 38 games.

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Rahm wins maiden victory at Open de España

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.

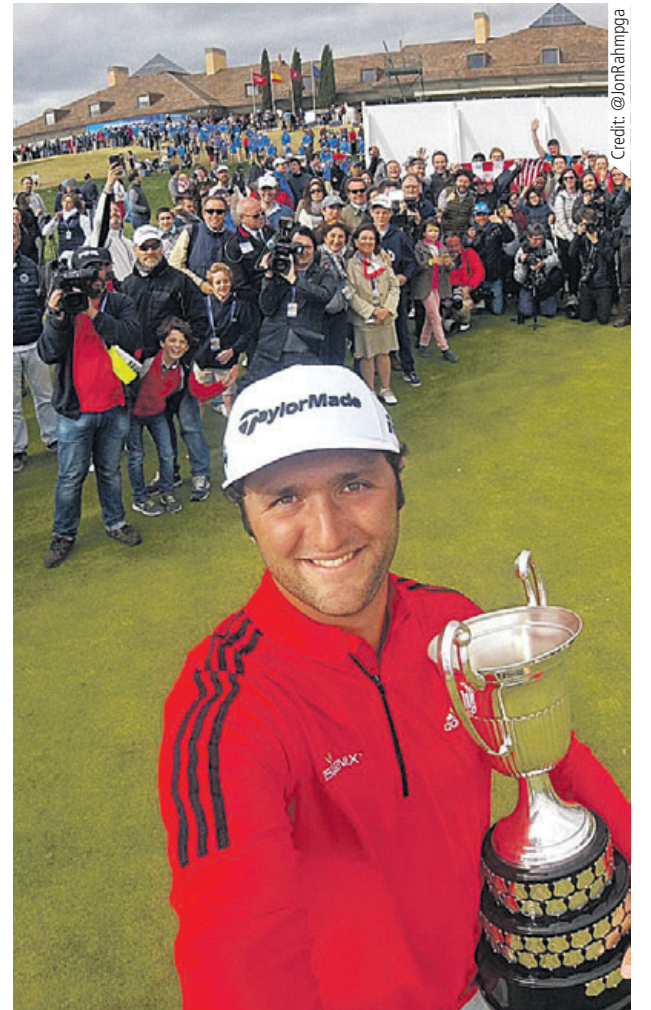
The lead switched hands multiple times from then on while on the front nine, but Rahm seemed to move comfortably clear as he rolled a 10-footer at the 13th to move two ahead.

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."



PROUD: Jon Rahm secured his maiden victory on home soil.

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