

Expatriate stab horror

Brit convicted for brutal attack

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH man could be sentenced to 13 years in a Spanish prison after being found guilty of a horror stabbing on the Costa Blanca.

Benjamin Da Costa, 30 was convicted of killing former army medic Scott Waring in the wake of a trial in Elche.

Prosecutors told a jury of nine people the dad-of-one, 40, died soon after being attacked with a 'glass or pint jug' following an argument with Da Costa.

Expatriate Simon Williams, landlord of the Hub Sports Bar in Villamartin Plaza, Orihuela Costa, has also been found guilty of trying to cover up the attack.

He cleared away the broken glass and told investigators that the incident happened outside his establishment "to



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'COVER UP': The attack took place in Villamartin Plaza, Orihuela Costa, victim Scott Waring (left) and bar owner Simon Williams (right), who was found guilty of 'hindering the investigation.'

help Da Costa and hinder the investigation," the court heard.

The victim, who earlier completed four tours of Northern Ireland, was working as a chef and had a three-year-old daughter at the time of his death.

Scott's mum Susan report-

edly told local media that her son had spent nine years in the army and described him as a "troubled soul" who underwent counselling to help him cope with what he had seen on tour.

"He was an extremely kind person and never aggressive,"

she added.

"He idolised his daughter and couldn't do enough for her.

"I think he was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Neither of the two men was sentenced at the end of the four-day hearing, with a judge expected to deliver his verdict shortly.

Mr Williams is likely to receive a suspended prison sentence if he receives two years or less, while Da Costa faces up to 13 years behind bars for homicide.



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False work

AN Elche couple accused of committing identity fraud after convincing an unemployed man to send personal documents to them to help him find work have been arrested by National Police officers.

Shock decision

Judge 'freezes' expat murder plot probe

EXCLUSIVE

By Matt Ford and Karl Smallman

THE family of missing mum-of-one Lisa Brown have spoken of their shock after a Spanish judge shelved his probe against the prime suspect in the case.

Javier Garcia Ramila made the sensational decision just a week after Simon Corner, 35, was held at London's Heathrow Airport on a European Arrest Warrant.

Speaking exclusively to the Euro Weekly News, Lisa's stunned sister Helen Jordan said: "We are still shocked that this decision has been made after all the hard work but it's not over by any means."

"We were actually speechless when we heard the news."

"We don't take anything for granted but we didn't expect this."

Helen added, "This is a set-back but won't stop us, the investigation will still



CASE CLOSED? Simon Corner and Lisa Brown.

be continuing to find the truth.

"We're thinking positive-

ly... we have to or we would have given up long ago."

The judge reportedly made the move after state prosecutors requested that the two-and-a-half investigation be 'frozen.'

At the Court of Investigation in San Roque, Cadiz, he said in a 10-page written ruling: "This court has serious doubts Simon Corner is the person responsible for the crimes of homicide or unlawful detention being investigated."

"That is because of the testimony of the witness who says she saw Lisa Brown driving her Ford Fo-

cus near her home on the morning of November 6, 2015 [two days after police believe she was killed], and because there was no material evidence he actively participated in Lisa's disappearance has been obtained despite multiple inquiries against Simon over the past two and a half years."

He added that he was legally obliged to take into account a "lack of concrete proof" and that the enquiry was "at a point of no return," although it can be reopened if fresh evidence comes to light.

Corner - who has never been formally charged - has now been freed from a London jail where he had been held since his arrest after stepping off a flight from South America.

He was expected to be extradited on charges of conspiracy to murder before facing trial in Spain after going on the run for a second time.

Originally from Alexandria, Dumbartonshire, Scottish expatriate Lisa vanished from her Costa del Sol home in Guadiaro on

November 4, 2015. The alarm was raised when she failed to collect son Marco, then aged eight, from school.

Lisa worked in Gibraltar and detectives have said a 'violent episode' appeared to have taken place, but her body has never been found.

Five other Britons who have been quizzed on suspicion of obstructing justice over the alleged incident have also had their bail conditions lifted.

Liverpool-born yacht dealer Corner was held in Denmark in May 2016 on a European Arrest Warrant and extradited to Spain after fleeing the country in the wake of Lisa going missing.

He was released from an Algeciras prison on bail in April 2017 but he broke the terms of his agreement by failing to present himself at a Costa del Sol police station last month.

Lisa's family last month flew to Cadiz and offered a £100,000 reward in an appeal for new information at a press conference attended by Britain's ambassador to Spain Simon Manley.

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Dog owner sent down

THE owner of dogs responsible for biting an elderly man to death in Beniarbeig has been sentenced to two years and two months in prison for manslaughter. The 48-year-old Dutch citizen willingly ignored his legal obligations, doing nothing to prevent the illegal pit bull crossbreeds from escaping, the judge said.

Holiday hotspot

COSTA BLANCA has overtaken Mallorca to become the third most popular tourist destination in Spain after the Costa del Sol and Costa Brava. The rankings, from the National Institute of Statistics, comes as British holiday-makers have recently opted to travel to cheaper rival destinations such as Turkey and Tunisia.

Couple held

A MAN and a woman were arrested in Carrus, Elche after police allegedly found half a kilo of cocaine, guns and ammunition in their home during a call out. Officers were called by the woman who accused her partner of assaulting her and her son and told them about the weapons.

Drug mule

NATIONAL POLICE have arrested a man in Elche who allegedly abused his daughter and used her as a drug mule. The police investigation began after the girl's mother called Elche Local Police, accusing the father of attacking his daughter and keeping her in a subhuman state of health and nutrition.

Tractor collision

A 63-YEAR-OLD man has been injured after his vehicle was involved in an accident with a tractor on the Totana motorway heading towards Mazarron. The man, who was trapped inside his car after the incident, has been transferred to the Rafael Mendez de Lorca hospital for immediate treatment.



Photo credit Ronaldo Schemidt/World Press Photo Contest

WINNING SHOT: Ronaldo Schemidt's powerful image.

The year in focus

THIS is the incredible image that has bagged the 2018 World Press Photo of the Year gong.

It shows Jose Victor Salazar Balza, 28, on fire during violent clashes between Venezuelan protesters and riot police in May 2017, amid protests against the Venezuelan president, Nicolas Maduro.

Taken in capital city Caracas by local photographer Ronaldo Schemidt, 47, the shot was described by judges as 'instantly'

emotional and symbolising the idea of the country 'burning.'

The dramatic scene came after a motorcycle petrol tank exploded.

And the snapper explained how he acted on instinct as he said: "I felt the explosion behind me and I felt the heat, and at that moment I turned around, already shooting, but without seeing what was going on."

Competition organisers said that Salazar survived the incident with first and second-degree burns.

The humanitarian crisis sparked by President Maduro's authoritarian 'Bolivarian Revolution' in Venezuela has triggered a surge in asylum-seekers fleeing the South American country. Spain received more than 4,300 applications from January to July last year, up from 596 in the whole of 2015.

Winning images from the 61st annual staging of the prestigious contest were chosen from 73,044 images taken by 4,548 photographers from 125 countries.

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Petal power



BLOOMIN' LOVELY: The festival is an underrated gem.

THERE is no better way to celebrate the arrival of early summer than with a visit to Cordoba.

And preparations are in full swing as the historic city once again gears up to show its true colours during its dazzling patios festival.

The annual event features stunning flower displays as the doors swing open on more than 200 private patios - or courtyards - in a colourful contest backed by the council for almost 100 years, during which green-fingered residents battle to put on the most show-stopping display.

A typical feature of Cordoban homes, the courtyards tend to be the central feature around which each house is built, and normally have a fountain or well in the middle to collect rainwater.

This is a Roman design aimed at easing the oven-like summer temperatures typical of inland Andalucia, and was later adapted by Moorish conquerors who added features including a direct entrance from the street and

vast arrays of flowers planted in beds or pots to bring freshness.

The latter tradition has been continued ever since, with fabulous floral displays offering flashes of colour alongside stone mosaics, water features, antique furniture and ceramic decorations, mixed with the fragrant aromas of orange blossom, jasmine, and countless other flowers.

And in typical local style, the contest is soundtracked by enthusiastic live performances from renowned flamenco artists and other musicians throughout the city, while local wine and tapas are consumed en masse.

There are a number of different parts of the city to visit, each with a unique look and feel, with a map available at <http://patios.cordoba.es/en/patios>.

Entrance to the courtyards is generally free, but there is often a collection box for tips by the door. This year's extravaganza takes place from May 1-13, with visiting hours 11am-2pm and 6pm-10pm.

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Brit fugitive caged

A BRITISH drug dealer who fled to Alicante has been sentenced to spend 12 years in prison, almost four years after he received the initial sentence.

Scott Woods, aged 29, received a 12-year sentence in June 2014 after failing to attend his sentencing having been found guilty of two charges of conspiring to supply a Class A drug.

Woods, had initially been arrested in October and November 2012 along with five other men after an investigation by Dorset Police's Major Crime Investigation team unveiled a comprehensive conspiracy to supply Class A drugs across the country.

Almost four years after his initial trial, Woods was picked up in Alicante last month and was extradited back to the UK after a European Arrest Warrant was executed.

Appearing at Bournemouth Crown Court on Friday, April



Credit: Dorset Police

SENTENCE: Woods was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

20, his 12-year sentence was activated while he was also sentenced to a further four months for absconding during the trial.

Woods was also ordered

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Denise ripe to shack up again

SHE recently revealed she is to move in with her boyfriend.

But TV personality Denise van Outen, 43, took some time out after making the announcement on ITV show Loose Women as she headed to Spain for a fashion shoot.

The actress was pictured in a figure-hugging one-piece floral swimsuit as she posed for retail brand Matalan alongside S Club 7 singer Rachel Stevens, 40, and ex-Pussycat Dolls star Ashley Roberts, 36.

Sharing a snap of the photo session on Instagram, the former Big Brother presenter wrote: 'Summer season @shopmatalan spain #theshow.'

It comes after Denise spilled the beans on her plans with partner Eddie Boxshall, who she has been dating after breaking up with ex-husband Lee Mead, with who she shares her seven-year-old daughter Betsy.

She told the Loose Women panel: "After four years finally me and Eddie are moving in together. It's happening!"

SMITTEN: Gorka and Gemma in Alicante.



Photo credit Gemma Atkinson/Instagram

Strictly on hols

THEY confirmed their budding romance on Valentine's Day.

And Strictly Come Dancing stars Gorka Marquez, 27, and Gemma Atkinson, 33, showed they are still going strong during a romantic stroll in Barcelona.

The couple were on holiday with friends from the popular show, including AJ Pritchard, 23, and Dianne Buswell, 28, plus English actor Anthony Quinlan, 33, with the group seen earlier in Alicante.



LOOSE WOMEN! Denise on her Spanish Matalan shoot.

Photo credit Denise van Outen/Instagram

Brit comedian in a league of his own



Photo credit Jack Whitehall/Instagram

JACK THE LAD: Whitehall with co-star Rosie Perez.

BRITISH comedian Jack Whitehall has been filming scenes for the new season of Bounty Hunters in Spain.

The 29-year-old co-writes and stars the Sky 1 series, with American actress Rosie Perez also a cast member.

And the pair were spotted filming scenes for the show in the Pescaderia neighbourhood of Almeria City.

The show follows the misadventures of

bookish Briton Barnaby Walker (Whitehall), who finds himself in trouble after taking over the family antiques business when his father falls into a coma.

At the start of the comedy drama, he handed over a stack of cash for a pair of statues looted from war-torn Syria, leading his sister (English actress Charity Wakefield) to call on her friend Nina Morales (Perez), a bounty hunter from New York.

The show must go on



Photo credit Nicole Scherzinger/Instagram

AXE FACTOR: Has Nicole been dropped?

SHE has reportedly been axed as a judge on UK show The X Factor.

But American singer Nicole Scherzinger, 39, appeared carefree during a break in Catalan city Barcelona.

The Don't Cha hitmaker was spotted wandering around the regional capital's sights in the wake of rumours that Simon Cowell is set to shake up his talent contest to boost ratings.

Sister act

FASHION designer Lauryn Goodman and her Ex On The Beach star sister Chloe have been topping up their tans in Gran Canaria.

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Our thoughts go out to family after cruel twist

THE decision by a Spanish judge to put the Lisa Brown murder investigation on ice has shocked the expatriate community.

Our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time as their unswerving efforts to achieve closure over the heart-breaking affair appear set to go on for some time yet.

The distress must be overwhelming, yet they continue to act with dignity and determination, and for that they deserve the utmost respect.

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Be wary of rental cons

A BRITISH bride-to-be was duped out of several thousand Euros over a bogus rental scam.

And her ordeal should serve as a warning to those seeking cheap holiday accommodation, since if she had paid via the online portal where she first came across the Ibiza property the fraudsters responsible would never have got their hands on her cash.

Official means should always be used when paying in advance, and rental properties MUST have an official registration number from their local councils. Put simply, if they don't have it, don't book it.

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Fraud allegations and errors force chiringuito axing

by Joe Gerrard

ORIHUELA authorities have faced criticism from locals and businesses amid claims council decisions on contracts left the town's beaches without chiringuitos and other services.

The closure resulted from evidence suggesting an official from a previous administration was involved in suspected fraud over the awarding of contracts, the council said in a statement.

Raymond Kearney, the President of the Orihuela Costa Association of Entrepreneurs, said the way the decision was reached was "totally unacceptable."

More than 100 people, including former beach bar workers, reportedly turned out last week to protest against their closure and the removal of toilets, sun beds and umbrellas.

The statement issued by the council said Councillor



CLOSED: Orihuela Council officials said fraud and clerical errors meant the chiringuitos had to be closed.

Bone had concerns over how the previous Partido Socialista (PSOE) administration handled the contract. There were no concerns over day-to-day management, it added.

Officials believed the contract awarded to the Chiringuito del Sol company to run the bars expired in June 2018 when it actually finished in November last year, she added.

Chiringuitos del Sol said it would be prepared to step in and run them until a new contract is finalised.

The council's statement said it would be impossible to renew the contract with the firm due to it being under investigation.

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Tourist bid

COSTA BLANCA'S Tourism Board has placed a temporary statue in Lyon in France in a bid to draw visitors from there to Alicante. The sculptor, of flames protruding from a woman's head, is based on those used in the province's fire festivals.

Drugs bust

NATIONAL POLICE officers have arrested three people who allegedly ran a marihuana farm in Alicante City, with around 1,400 plants found during the raid on the house and garage which made up the site.

Experts talk

ALMERIA'S authorities have collaborated with the University of Almeria in a week-long expert conference on the European Union's future which students attended for free at the Cañada campus.

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BRITISH drugs baron Brian Carrington stands trial this week in Alicante's provincial High Court accused of drugs offences.

The accused and eight henchmen face 18-year prison terms for bringing cocaine into Spain aboard a leisure craft via Altea.

The drugs were found in an Albir villa ready for distribution, one of Carrington's 10 Costa Blanca properties which police believe provided boltholes for fugitives from British and international justice.

When the National Police raided his Calpe home in July 2013, Carrington was one of the UK's 10 most-

Online of coke

wanted criminals.

They impounded assets worth €5 million that included 200 kilos of cocaine, €500,000 in cash, several top-of-the-range vehicles and six boats.

Seven people were arrested in Spain and six in Venezuela in a joint investigation involving police in Spain, the UK, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil and Colombia.

Carrington was notorious for maintaining his own Wikipedia entry which he meticulously updated with details of his exploits at the head of an international drugs network.

In the past the narco-trafficker had been imprisoned in the UK, France and Germany as well as Spain where he was arrested in Calpe in 1997 with four tons of hashish.

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'Sex traders' held



SAVED: Vehicles parked outside Benidorm's National Police station.

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One gang leader is said to have offered to accompany the victims as they were

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The other has led an 'extensive network' of contacts in Nigeria that facilitated the recruitment of its victims for years, police said.

The victims were taken from Nigeria, subjected to voodoo rituals and transferred by land through Nigeria, Niger and Libya.

Their traffickers physically and sexually abused them throughout the journey.

They then crossed to Italy with traffickers on basic water crafts without safety equipment.

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ON THE RUN: The trial took place at Bradford Crown Court after the accused was held in Spain.

Paedo freed by UK judge

A CONVICTED British paedophile who went on the run to Spain will not be jailed after a judge ruled that he has resolved his issues.

Alan Grundy, 59, was given a 14-month suspended sentence at Bradford Crown Court after pleading guilty to three charges of creating offensive images and videos and one of failing to notify police of a change in address.

The case comes in the wake of his recent arrest and extradition to the UK on a European

Arrest Warrant. He reportedly fled after 87 indecent images and two videos featuring children were found on his computer almost three years ago.

In 2012 Grundy, of no fixed address, was found guilty of 21 offences of making images of a paedophilic nature.

He was told at the time that he must register any changes of name or address with police.

But he vanished after being held and refused to comment when investigators seized a

computer from a Bradford property where he had been living on June 26, 2015.

Prosecutor Paul Nicholson told the court that when police returned to the residence "his mother said he had not lived at the address since he had been arrested.

"It turned out that he had taken himself abroad and gone to Spain."

Lawyer Tom Rushbrooke, defending, argued that Grundy had been suffering from depression and had turned to alcohol at the time of his first arrest. "While he was in Spain he had no access to computers at all," he added.

The court also heard that he "slipped the net" of a rehabilitation programme for sex offenders which he was told to attend when sentenced to a community order in 2012.

Judge Jonathan Durham Hall QC described the latest images as "disgraceful material," but added: "The running away to Spain, on the one hand was reprehensible, but on the other hand, it seems you have used that time to resolve many issues."

Grundy has been ordered to complete 250 hours of voluntary work and attend the rehabilitation programme, and has been handed seven-year sexual offenders and notification orders, local media confirmed.

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What can expatriates in Spain do with their UK pension?



By Gerald Turner,
Partner,
Blevins Franks

on transfers to QROPS outside the EU/EEA (unless you are resident in the same jurisdiction). Some speculate that the UK may start taxing Britons transferring within the EU/EEA post-Brexit.

Consider acting now, but take personalised, professional advice to establish if transferring is suitable for you and navigate the complex options.

'Defined benefit' or 'final salary' pensions

Here, your employer promises a proportion of your salary for the whole of retirement.

While you cannot usually withdraw cash, you can transfer benefits to a defined contribution scheme or QROPS. Traditionally, this has been considered less attractive than drawing a guaranteed pension for life. However, today some providers are offering 'transfer values' of up to 40 times the annual benefits due at retirement. A generous one-off sum could potentially provide a retirement income that exceeds the original annual payment, but it is crucial to fully understand the consequences before giving up a lifetime income.

Whatever type of pension you have, there are other issues to consider.

Taxation

While 25% of cash withdrawals can be taken tax-free in the UK, they are

usually taxable in Spain for Spanish residents.

Income from most UK pensions is taxable only in Spain, but UK government pension income – including teachers', local authority, army, police and civil service pensions – remains taxable in the UK only.

Most expatriates with Spanish residency will therefore escape UK taxes on pension income, but are subject to Spanish income tax rates. However, in certain circumstances – for example, with lifetime annuities – it may be possible to receive up to 92% tax-free in Spain.

Making your money last

Having the freedom to withdraw or transfer your pension does not mean that you should. If you do take your benefits as cash, make sure you have a reliable plan to fund your long-term financial future.

Beware also of pension scams and unregulated companies offering

pension services, as they provide no recourse if things go wrong. Generally, if an investment sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Make sure your adviser is regulated through the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and has cross-border experience to understand the tax implications in both the UK and Spain. They should evaluate your needs, objectives, personal circumstances and risk appetite to find the most suitable solution for you.

While you should take the time to get it right, keep the Brexit countdown in mind. With some of today's freedoms likely to change post-Brexit, now is the time to review how to secure a prosperous retirement in Spain.

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Suicide shock

12-year-old boy found hanged

by Matt Ford

A 12-YEAR-OLD Moroccan boy who was found hanged at his Murcia home may have been the victim of a macabre online game, investigators have confirmed.

The news comes after detectives probing the case concluded that the boy was popular at school and not a victim of bullying.

They now believe he could have become embroiled in the notorious 'blue whale' suicide game after several parents said that classmates at his school had mentioned it.

One mother told Spanish media: "Yesterday his friends were crying, and they said the blue whale game was to blame."

The child - whose name has not been revealed for legal reasons - was found by members of his family at their duplex flat in the town of La Union after he failed to respond to calls for dinner.

Medics managed to resuscitate



Photo credit Twitter

CHILLING CHALLENGE: Police say the death could be linked to the sinister 'blue whale' game.

him three times but he later died at the Santa Lucia hospital in Cartagena.

A post mortem examination has been performed, and his family reportedly wish to take his body to Morocco once it is returned to them.

La Union mayor Pedro Lopez

said that the entire community was "in shock" over the death.

The blue whale game has been linked to the deaths of hundreds of children as cases continue to be reported from around the world.

Players supposedly report to an administrator, who assigns a se-

ries of increasingly gruesome tasks over a period of 50 days, typically involving self-harm or watching horror videos at unusual hours.

Photographic or video evidence must be provided to the curator as each task is completed, with the sleep-deprived, psychologically-depressed player eventually encouraged to commit suicide to 'win' the game.

In Spain, incidents have been reported in Cataluña and the Basque Country, with the youngest victim allegedly just 12-years-old, although there have been no deaths reported.

Those responsible are said to be using advanced psychological profiling tools to target vulnerable children.

However, while police and schools in a number of countries have issued warnings to parents, cyber-bullying experts and fact-checking websites say that the existence of the game remains unproven.

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Taking the biscuit

YouTube prankster could face jail



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MEAN STREAM: The sick video reportedly earned the vlogger more than €2,000.

By Matt Ford

A YOUTUBER from Barcelona faces up to two years behind bars after filming the moment he gave Oreo biscuits filled with toothpaste to a homeless man before placing them in their original packaging.

The vlogger, originally from China, then filmed a street scene where he speaks in Spanish to a 52-year-old Romanian man - named by authorities as Gheorge L - sitting on the pavement.

He hands over the biscuits and a €20 note before saying to the camera: "Maybe I've gone a bit far, but look at the positive side: this will help him clean his

teeth. I think he hasn't cleaned them since he became poor."

A court heard that Ren earned more than €2,000 from advertising linked to the video after it attracted thousands of views and sparked a furious backlash including a *Change.org* petition to shut down his channel.

Police quizzed the victim after being tipped off about the video, and he reportedly told them that he became sick and vomited five minutes later.

Prosecutors said that Ren offered him €300 not to talk about the incident and 're-establish his image' after deleting the clip and changing to a new channel.

He had previously given sandwiches filled with cat excrement to elderly people and children, they added.

Ren has been charged with crimes against moral integrity after being held and freed on bail, but has not yet been sentenced.



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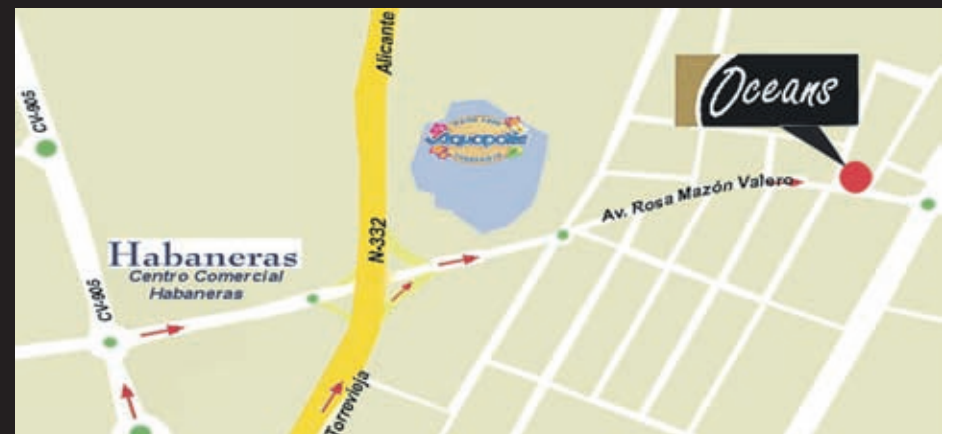
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Autism student at centre of abuse storm



Credit: Cosas de Lorca

UNDER SCRUTINY: Two members of staff are accused of irresponsible behaviour.

THE parents of a young man with autism have hit out at the humiliating treatment they claim he endured in a special education school in Lorca.

It is a case that goes back to 2015, when Christian was 16 years old and was studying at the Pilar Soubrier school.

His parents became concerned when they allegedly noticed a change in the boy's

behaviour, with night terrors and a loss of appetite, just two of the symptoms emerging.

In fact his father, Jose Piqueras, also reported that he even tried to self-harm and cried constantly when going to school.

The parents, Jose and Paco, have laid the blame for their son's trauma at the door of two staff at Pilar Soubrier

school, and the case is pending a judicial resolution.

The school workers have strongly denied any allegations of mistreating Christian, but Jose Piqueras said:

"They told us that we had filed the case to make money, that it was a lie. They insist that all the children in the school are well taken care of, and that is impossible."



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Junta looks for water-tight solution

THE Minister of Water and Agriculture, Francisco Jodar, has expressed his regret that water from the Ebro dam has over the last five days flowed into the sea at a rate equivalent to that produced by the Torrevieja desalination plant over 25 years.

“What the Ebro dam has poured into the sea would serve to fill all the reservoirs of the Segura basin and we would not have water problems for more than a year,” he said.

Mr Jodar made this statement at the opening of the Water Law course, organised by the Murcia Bar Association.

The Junta de Andalucía is currently looking at ways to provide a solution for the excess water, potentially moving it to other parts of the country.

“The water exists in suffi-



Credit: Facebook/Rob Johnson

OH DAM: The Ebro dam has been overflowing in recent days.

cient quantity to satisfy all the needs of the country, as long as it is distributed properly,” added Mr Jodar.

Both the PSOE and Podemos are calling for a National Water agreement to properly regulate how each

reservoir uses its resources.

There are three issues in which the Junta is particularly focusing: water optimisation; climate change alleviation eg droughts and floods; and water transportation to where it is needed.

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Some important dates for your diary.

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



With 'The Finance Tour' returning to Spain this May, I wanted to encourage any of my regular readers who are considering pension or investment advice here in Spain, to do their best to attend.

The Finance Tour is a unique event here in Spain, as it brings 3 heavy-weights of the investment and pension world, to venues local to us here on the Costa Blanca.

It seems every week there is some finance related event to attend here in Spain, but these tend to involve local companies or small offshore fund-houses, who are often tied to a financial advisory.

The Finance Tour, however, brings 2 FTSE listed investment companies – The Prudential and Rathbones, along with a well-known UK based pension trustee, London & Colonial, to your doorstep.

You will all have heard of The Prudential, a company with over

25 million clients Worldwide and a track record that dates back over 170 years. Rathbones are also a house-hold name in investing, established in 1742, and recognised as one of the World's leading investment management companies.

Both these companies offer solutions that can be used by those of us living here in Spain. Whether that be a simple tax efficient plan to help your

savings beat inflation, or a sophisticated, personalised investment portfolio, managed by your own discretionary fund-manager.

Anyone considering any kind of new investment or looking to improve the returns on an existing plan, could benefit from hearing from these two companies.

For those considering pension transfers, this is a great opportunity to sort the myths from the facts and hear from a UK based, FCA regulated pension trustee. Should you be considering moving your pension overseas, or perhaps you could benefit from all the same pension freedoms whilst keeping your pension in the UK? How is your pension lump sum taxed in Spain? Is a transfer really the best option for me?

The tour also offers answers to more complex questions, including those looking to reduce inheritance tax, for

example through trust planning. Due to the success of the last tour, extra dates have been added for 2018, and the tour will be visiting:

- 9th May, 11:30am:** La Zenia Hotel, Orihuela Costa
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As before, Chorus are very honoured to have been invited to attend. One thing to emphasise, is that The Finance Tour is NOT a financial sales seminar. Chorus will be there purely to explain how the financial advice process works in conjunction with product providers and fund managers, and how this helps to create a tailored financial solution for you. We are very much behind the ethos of The Finance Tour – and that is to educate and inform, rather than take a sales based approach to these events.

You'll leave these events armed with knowledge that will help you make informed decisions should you ultimately decide to seek financial advice here in Spain.

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Sent down for stabbing

A 20-YEAR-OLD who was found guilty of stabbing a man during an argument in Alicante City has been handed a three-year prison sentence.

The defendant, named as Adrian FM, had the sentence reduced for confessing to the crimes and for working with investigators.

He previously paid €2,500 in compensation to the victim and

handed over the weapon to authorities before the verdict.

The court heard the defendant and victim met in the door of a home on Calle Isla de Cuba after he asked to see him there in the evening.

An argument soon broke out between the two men who then went onto the street, according to the court's ruling, which does not detail the reasons for this.

The defendant then took out a 22.5-centimetre-long knife hidden under his clothes and stabbed the victim in the chest.

The victim was taken to hospital where he stayed for four days with injuries which could have killed him. The defendant had tried to help the man before leaving to take refuge in his aunt's house, according to witnesses.

Homes railroaded

THE planned construction of the AVE high-speed rail line is reportedly on a collision course to force 394 evictions in Totana.

While progress is being made on the project to extend the network from Murcia to Andalucía, and from Sangonera to Lorca, it will not be without casualties.

According to details published recently, 1,255 homes totalling over 1.6 million square metres

will be forcibly acquired by rail infrastructures company Adif in Totana, Lorca, Murcia, Librilla, and Alhama.

The owners of these homes, most of which lie alongside the existing railway tracks, now have just 15 days to lodge any objections.

Those who are interested in obtaining further information on the project can contact the local councils of all the areas affected.

NEWS EXTRA

Job applicant 'sex assault'

A 49-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly locked a 35-year-old woman in an attic and sexually assaulted her after she came to see him about a cafe job vacancy has been arrested in Alicante City.

School works

TEN schools in Alicante Province are set to receive a total of €7.2 million in the first round of funding for building and renovation works following an announcement from the Valencia local government.

Keep it down

THE Council of Minister in Madrid has ordered a 'noise map' action plan be drawn up in collaboration with local authorities in a bid to lower sound levels in the area around Alicante-Elche airport.

Bye Bankia

A TOTAL of 261 employees at Bankia have applied for voluntary redundancy as part of its recent merger bringing the total to 94 per cent planned layoffs, according to the UGT union.

Port profits

ALICANTE'S port has become profitable for the first time, with an annual return of 0.79 per cent despite only receiving €394,000 of investments, according to the port's management.

Stone cold

LORCA police have arrested a man on suspicion of car theft who they allegedly found crouched in the back of the vehicle holding a large stone, the town's security department said.

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SEIZED: Clothing police claimed the suspects wore during the break-ins was among items seized during raids.

Restaurant break-in arrests

FOUR men accused of being responsible for 60 burglaries from restaurants in Alicante and Valencia have been arrested by the Guardia Civil.

Officers raided two homes in Gandia and Gaianes in Valencia and Alicante respectively. Police said they seized several items allegedly stolen during the robberies and clothes and mobile phones used by the group.

The suspects are said to have broken into food and drinks venues in the Vall d'Albaida and Alt Vinalopo areas of Alicante.

They then made off with cash from inside slot machines and tills as well as cigars and items from vending machines.

Police released CCTV footage which appeared to show four people smashing open the door of one bar, running inside and opening

a shot machine.

The Guardia Civil has begun analysing the items seized in order to see if it is connected with further robberies in the area.

Juan Carlos Moragues, the government delegate in the Valencia region, reportedly congratulated officers involved in the investigation.

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A WOMAN has been arrested in Murcia after she allegedly stole a mobile phone and was caught with it after police rang the number.

According to Spanish media, the incident occurred when a woman, who was shopping at the weekly La Fama market, found that her mobile phone, estimated to be worth in the region of €800, had been stolen.

She immediately informed the police patrol on the scene about the alleged crime, who in-turn asked for assistance from all other officers in the region.

After the police had been informed, a non-uniformed officer stationed nearby noticed a woman on Calle Santa Rita, close to the market, who reportedly had a history of similar crimes.



Credit: Twitter

STOLEN PHONE: The alleged theft occurred at La Fama market.

Once the 48-year-old had been identified, officers rang the number of the stolen phone which then allegedly began to ring from the suspected woman's pocket.

She claimed that someone had given her the phone at the market not long before she had been stopped, but was arrested on suspicion of theft and taken to the San Andres police station, while the victim has been informed that her phone has been recovered.

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BANK ON IT?: The mural which some claim was painted by the Bristol street artist.

Spray it isn't so

by Joe Gerrard

GRAFFITI showing two Guardia Civil officers kissing in a town in northern Spain may NOT be the first work by British artist Banksy in Spain.

The mural was found by residents in the Galician town of Ferrol de Coruña on Tuesday morning.

The graffiti, on Calle Muíño do Vento, is accompanied by writing in Spanish which reads: 'Reserved for Banksy.'

The text was painted on the

wall last year in what was reportedly a bid to tempt the street artist to come to the town. Questions remain over who is responsible for the mural.

Eduardo Hermida, a promoter from the town's Meninas de Canido street festival, was one of those who backed trying to draw Banksy to the town. He told Spanish media the authenticity of the work could not be confirmed.

"We do not know if the work which has appeared in

the reserved space is original or not," he said.

He added he had sent the coordinates of the location to Banksy in an email two or three months ago.

"If it is an imitator, it will be the work of a stranger inspired by the technique of the great one," he said.

Banksy typically posts pictures of his latest work on his Instagram page the day after they are painted. There is no post of the Ferrol de Coruña mural there as of yet.

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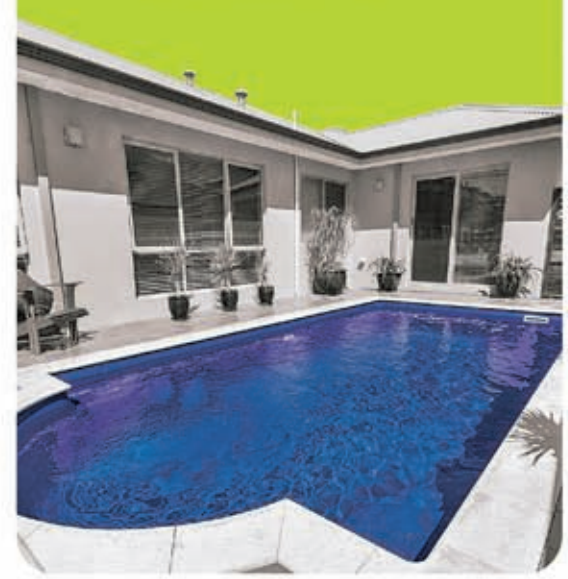
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LOCAL POLICE in Elche have pulled over a lorry driver who allegedly tested positive for cocaine and did not have a vehicle ITV while driving through San Anton to a delivery in Perpignan in France.

Experts meet

MORE than 200 humanitarian emergency specialists met in Murcia last week at the International Conference on Humanisation in Emergencies and Catastrophes to discuss projects in the province's hospitals among other issues.

Benefits lost

MURCIA'S Superior Court of Justice has ruled against a man who appealed against a decision to stop his unemployment benefits after he left Spain for 25 days without telling the State Employment Service.

Model behaviour!

Pregnant twerking vid goes viral

A PREGNANT Spanish model has sparked a social media meltdown after posting a racy twerking video online.

Adriana Abenia, 33, is six months into her pregnancy, and in the 'controversial' clip she bares her baby bump before bopping to reggaeton in a pair of tiny yellow shorts.

The mum-to-be lives in Andalusian capital Sevilla, and she captioned the clip: "I am showing Luna [her unborn baby girl], hidden in the bedroom, to dance reggaeton because I don't have a clue about sevillanas!!!"

A sevillana is a time-honoured folk song and dance especially popular during the annual Sevilla Fair, which is currently taking place.

But Adriana clearly prefers a more modern vibe, as she is seen gyrating her hips and twirling in front of the camera.

The minute-long footage racked up more than 208,000 views in the space of 24 hours, although some of her 200,000 followers were quick to slam the well-known FHM cover model and presenter.

One wrote: "Be careful you're going to make the baby dizzy Adriana."

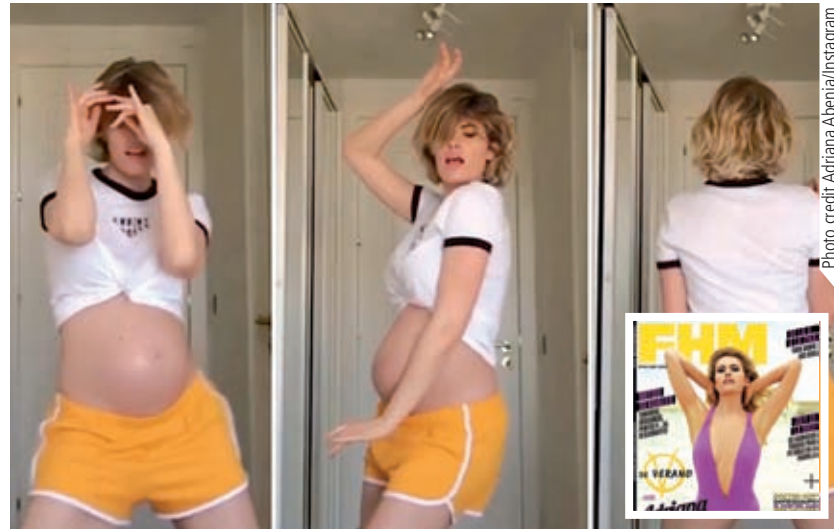


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MAMA MIA!: Adriana Abenia and (inset) her 2016 FHM cover.

Others were critical of her taste in music, with one fan adding: "Do you think that is the most inspiring music for a baby?"

But the beauty shrugged off the stick, as she commented below the video: "They have ordered me to do sport and dancing is great!"

In 2015 Adriana married Spanish footballer Sergio Abad, who turns out for lower league Valencian outfit UD Petrelense CF

and this will be their first child together.

She previously hit the headlines in 2014 after being accused of cheating on a TV game show when she was caught with a mobile phone between her legs before she answered a single question.

And in 2017 she made the news again after her dress fell open - exposing her left nipple - on the GQ Awards red carpet in Madrid.

Water pact signed

OFFICIALS representing towns and cities across Alicante Province have approved a Water Pact at a Diputacion meeting.

The agreement commits local authorities to tackle water shortages in the area. The document reportedly recognises the problem of deficits which it said had affected the province for decades.

Carlos Gonzalez, Elche's mayor, said reaching the agreement was a very positive step for the province.

He added local authorities should continue to defend the transfers of water to the area along the Tajo-Segura and Jucar-Vinalopo channels.

The agreement also laid out commitments for authorities to invest in works for irrigation and human consumption.

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by Matt Ford

A BRITISH bride-to-be who paid more than €3,400 to book a non-existent honeymoon villa in Ibiza has exposed the plot online.

Expatriate hairdresser Daizie Kerr, 27, who now lives in Australia after emigrating from Retford in Nottinghamshire booked the property via United States-based holiday rentals website HomeAway.

And she revealed how she had been scammed in a lengthy Facebook post.

Due to wed fiancée and welder Thomas Myers, 27, in September, Ms Kerr wrote that when she tried to reserve the luxury property, a person posing as the owner told her she was eligible for an early booking discount if she paid direct.

But the messages dried up after she sent the money via bank transfer, before the website notified her that the property could be fake.

"I know that people aren't always as stupid as I have been but I just wanted to remind the public to always be cautious," she wrote.

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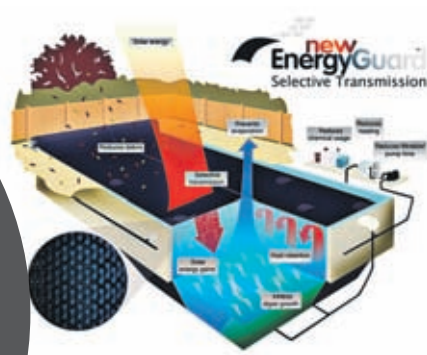
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“I then emailed him asking about the discount and minutes later I received a reservation request from what I believed to be HomeAway.

“The email looked legitimate and my app said the same as my other emails from this website at the head of their emails. It gave me a bank account to transfer the balance to in order to complete the booking request.

“The payment was sent and happy days we had a

fabulous villa booked for our honeymoon with our friends! I kept in contact with the owner who was very helpful and communicated well.

“Once the payment had left the bank two days later I emailed to see if he’d received it and he no longer replied.

“The next day I received an email from HomeAway saying they believed a listing to be fake and that if we had made any bookings to get in touch.

“I called them straight away and they said it states somewhere on their website that no payments should be made outside their website, however my fake email looked like their website so I didn’t think anything of it.

“So please be aware of the big websites having fake listings, never personally email anyone and never ever bank transfer money online, even if the place is amazing and only offers bank transfer, choose somewhere else.

“We now have to try and replace that money to pay for our wedding because I was stupid.”

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But one of their latest tweets featured a rugged cop with the message: "Although from the outside you see us dressed in uniform inside we're no different than you. We work for your

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And the tweet of the handsome officers raked in more than 1,300 comments, mainly from women, almost 10,000 likes and has been retweeted more than 2,500 times.

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‘Tax fraud’ arrests

Police: Network took millions and spanned several cities and countries



FUNNY BUSINESS: Claims of illegal activities in Torrellano's Business Park.

NATIONAL POLICE officers working with Spain's Tax Agency have claimed they have uncovered a national tax fraud and money laundering ring operating out of Torrellano's Business Park, near Elche.

Authorities allege around 20 companies were used by one firm as a front for their operations, which saw an estimated €42 million defrauded.

This business was part of a

network spanning 10 cities in Spain. The ring also operated in Portugal, Italy and the United States where the FBI also investigated its activities.

Investigations into the organisation were mainly focused in Madrid. Several companies throughout the country were also registered in order to defraud Spain's coffers on VAT payments, police claimed.

Officers made several arrests in Murcia, Elche and else-

where. These detainees are due to come before the courts in the coming days.

The investigation into the network began several months ago. Officers and Tax Agency workers carried out inspections of the businesses suspected of being 'ghost' firms for the ring, businesses set up to defraud the authorities.

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PAW PATROL: Elche Local Police rescued two abandoned dogs in Torrellano.

LOCAL POLICE have rescued two sick and malnourished dogs in Torre del Pla, after neighbours - who occasionally fed the dogs - finally took action.

Elche police's new environmental unit, created due to a pile-up of pet-related complaints, have taken the boxer and rottweiler to a protection centre after tracking down the owner who had relocated to Las Bayas.

The unnamed owner told officers about his feeding routine and - unable to produce the dogs' papers - agreed for them to be taken to a sanctuary.

Vets then inspected the neglected canines and discovered that one had a possible infectious disease after confirming their desperate state.

They said it was clear that the dogs had been abandoned for a long time and could have died if they were left much longer.

The Elche police's environment unit was recently set up after police struggled to process a growing number of pet-related complaints. In just six months there have been 600 such cases, mainly down to dogs being off their leash, but also include several cases of possessing dangerous animals and anti-social owner behaviour.

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The explosion caused the total collapse of an elderly couple's detached home in the Spanish capital.

The man, in a serious condition, was quickly located, but the woman was buried in the rubble for more than seven hours.

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CORRUPTION CHARGES: Santa Pola Town Hall, where Miguel Zaragoza served as mayor.

JOSÉ MIGUEL ZARAGOZA - the ex-chief of Santa Pola Local Police - has decided to respond to corruption charges after 10 months of silence.

The charges - which include embezzlement and falsifying documents - link back to the so-called 'uniform case' which allegedly happened when his own brother, Miguel Zaragoza, was the town mayor.

The ex-police-leader repeatedly awarded contracts to supply municipal service

agent uniforms to the company Almacenes Riera for years, without any questions being asked. The firm's owner Francisco Riera is also being prosecuted.

The fiscal crimes unit (UDEF) and the anti-corruption office uncovered the case. They discovered the town hall paid €105,000 to Riera's company between 2014 and 2015.

The PP government could have known about irregularities because the uniform in-

voice was greater than the value of the uniforms and nobody monitored it, according to the fraud unit's probe.

Since the uniform case, prosecutors have opened nine other cases including some involving ex-mayor Miguel Zaragoza, suggesting his administration may have been riddled with corruption.

The ex-police-chief will stand trial next month just before his brother, the ex-mayor, does.

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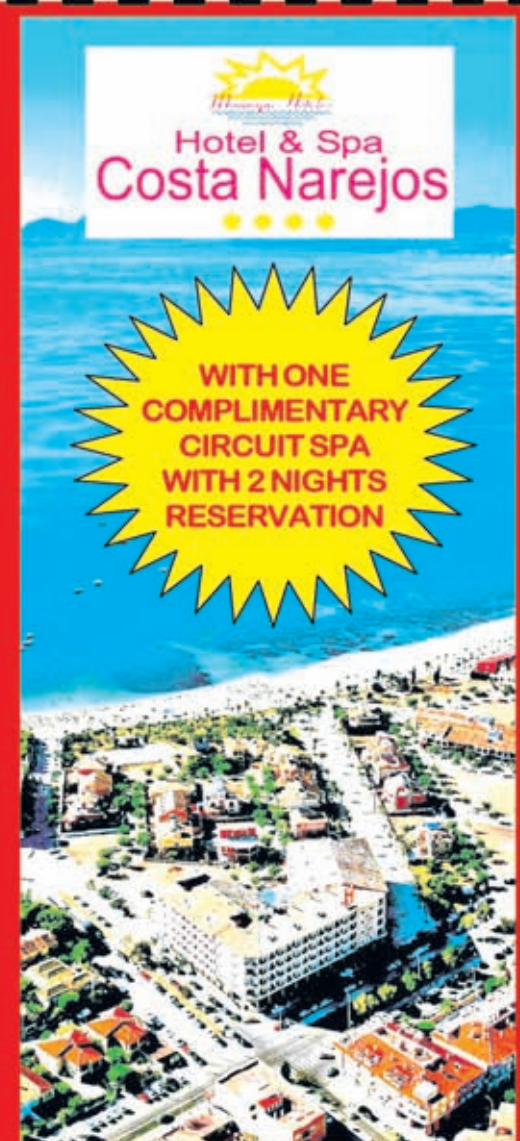
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BARGAIN BASEMENT: The location where the sale will be held.

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The sale will take place at Avenida Finlandia, Bloque 40, No 13 - 1 in Puerto Marino Urbanisation (opposite the Gran Alacant Shopping Centre).

There will be a huge number of quality items on sale from the clearance of a villa, which

were all donated to the charity to help it raise funds. Prices start from as little as 30 cents, so there will be something for everyone on the day.

Some of the items which will be on sale include pictures and decorative objects. You may bring food, litter, bleach or coins as donations on this day.

The charity was established in 2002 to help abandoned feral

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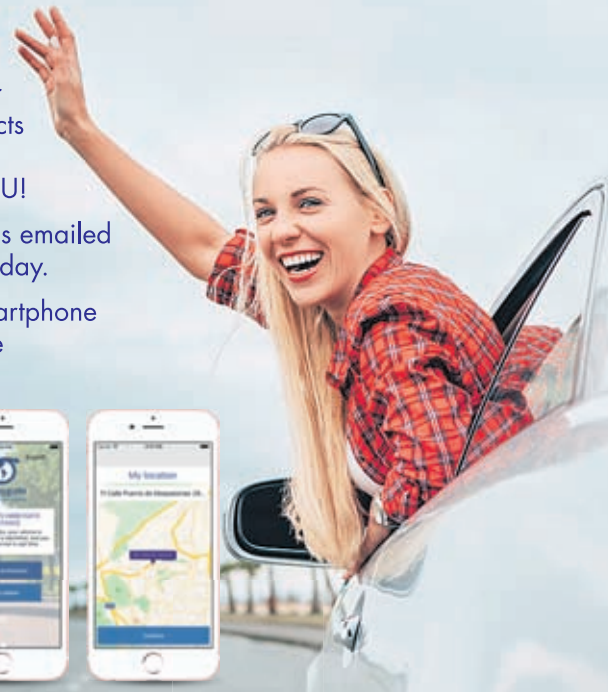
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THE VELVETONES were recently delighted to donate a further €500 to the ALPE centre in Torrevieja.

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The Velvetones are a group of ladies who sing in four-part harmony. They rehearse every Thursday from 5.15pm to 7.45pm at the El Paraiso in Torrevieja.

They are eager to welcome new members to their group. If you would like to join them and make some lovely new friends call Mary-Anne on 966 714 973, visit their website at www.velvetonesharmonytorrevieja or check out their Facebook page (*Velvetones Harmony Chorus*).



Credit: Leigh Humphries

STARSTRUCK BY STAGESTRUCK: The cast of the upcoming performance.

From a Jack to a King

STAGESTRUCK THE-ATRE GROUP are busy rehearsing for their summer show to be performed on Thursday 17, Friday 18 and

Saturday May 19 at the Cardenal Belluga Theatre in San Fulgencio.

'From a Jack to a King' is an original script written by

Stagestruck's director Leigh Humphries.

It is a musical comedy set in a pub in 1960's east London 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. The characters of Harry and Daphne are supported by a talented cast who play a range of comedic roles.

In addition to a great night out, the proceeds from all 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 they hope to achieve that amount again this year with your help.

Tickets are €8 each and include a free drink on arrival. They are on sale at the Card Place in Benimar, the Post Room in Benjofar, Cards and More in La Marina, Kennedy's Supermarket in Los Montesinos and in the Post Box, Dona Pepa and Leaf's in Quesada.

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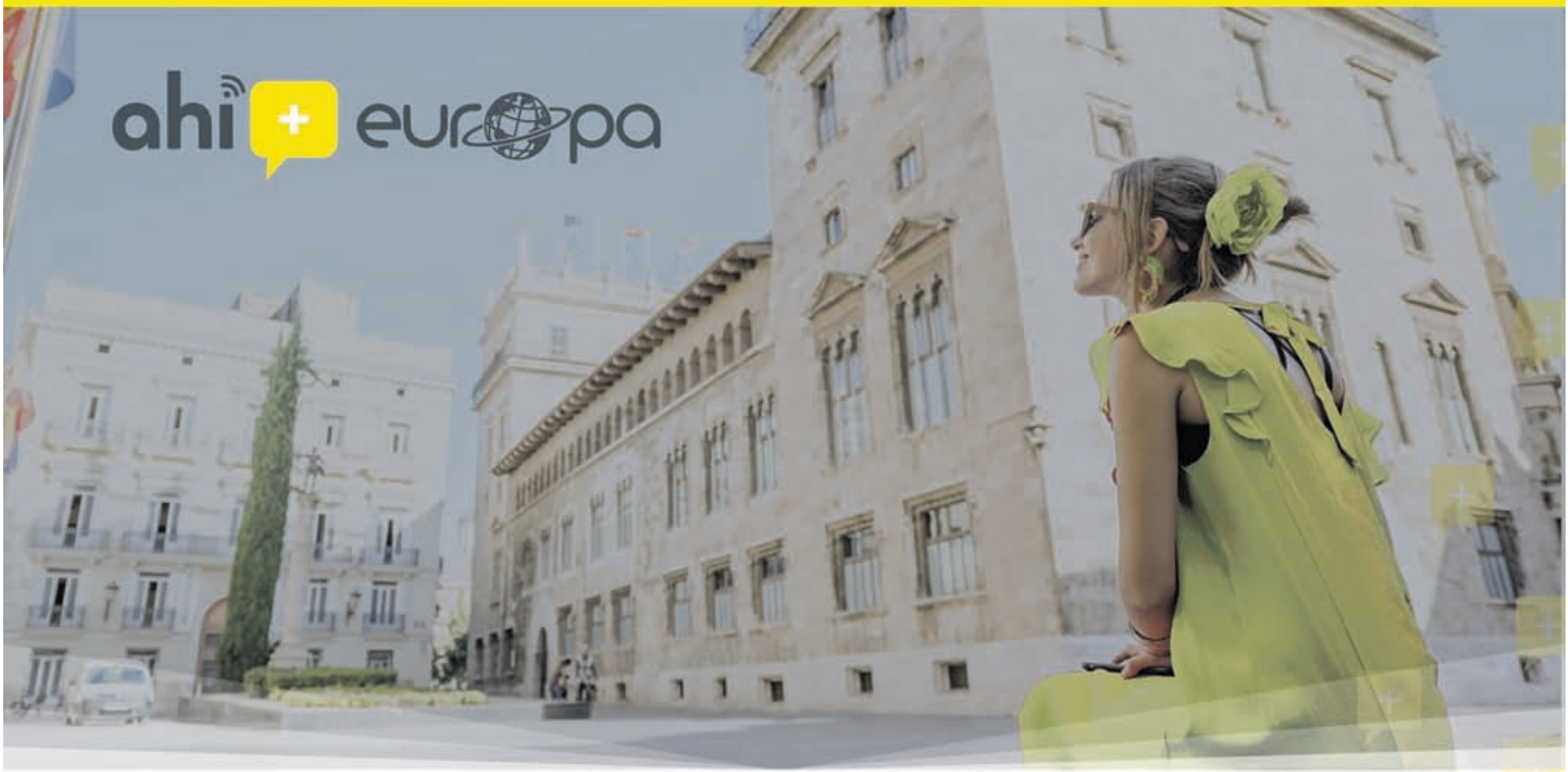
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HAPPY Animales Orihuela will be hosting its Open Day on Saturday April 28 from 1pm to 5pm at the Finca Villamartin. There will be food, drinks and home-made cakes available.

In addition to this, entertainment will be provided by Lady Jazz herself, Anita van den Berg. All proceeds raised will be donated to the charity to cover the costs of food, hay, water, rent, repairs, blacksmith and vet expenses for the animals.

The charity needs to raise at least €200 every month to meet these costs. The charity would appreciate it if you plan to attend this day so they can prepare for the appropriate numbers, and not waste any food.

Happy Animales Orihuela would like to thank the volunteers and supporters who



Credit: Mona Nowak

ALL THAT JAZZ: Lady Jazz, Mona and Sol with the volunteers.

came to attend their recent flea market and tombola at Restaurant/Bar Wolfies at Blue Lagoon.

In particular, they would like to thank Paula, John and their staff for taking such good care of them.

They managed to raise

a total of €351.36 on the day.

For more information contact call Mona on 616 792 355 (WhatsApp), email Sol at nicosolm@hotmail.com or visit their Facebook group (Finca Villamartin-Charity).

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Dirty cash fear sparks inquest

THE Spanish High Court has revealed that it is probing the country's third-largest lender Caixa-bank.

A written ruling said that employees and directors at 10 branches of the Valencia-based institution are suspected of helping criminals to transfer €99 million of dirty money to China and Hong Kong between 2013 and 2015.

It added that the cash was moved under an agreement with the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, already under investigation for alleged recycling of dirty money in Madrid.

EC chief backs Brexit veto

A SPANISH construction firm has been accused of holding Australian city Sydney to ransom over a €1.25 billion light rail project.

It comes as New South Wales (NSW) Transport Minister Andrew Constance revealed that the disastrous scheme, scheduled to open in March 2019, is now running a year behind schedule.

And he blames Madrid-based subcontractor Acciona, which he claims is deliberately delaying work as it remains locked in a €750,000 legal battle with the NSW state government.

"We will ensure as best as possible

by *Matt Ford*

that they ramp up their activity - they are on a 'go slow,' anyone walking the city can quite clearly see," Mr Constance said.

"They have construction zones where there is no workforce on the ground doing the work."

Acciona has filed a Supreme Court lawsuit against Transport for NSW, which it argues has behaved in a 'misleading and deceptive' way, claiming it entered into the contract under a 'false premise.'

The fiasco has brought traffic on one

of the east coast city's busiest thoroughfares to a standstill, and NSW Labor deputy leader Michael Daley said the government must share responsibility.

"They are going slow in this project because things are seriously wrong and they have been wrong from day one," he said.

But Mr Constance disagreed, as he replied: "ALTRAC [the consortium responsible for the bungled project] and Acciona need to meet the requirements of the contract, and the NSW government will not be held to ransom."

No pipe dream for gas guzzler

DOUBTS have been raised about the economic viability of a giant gas pipeline project between France and Spain.

The €3 billion Midi-Cataluña (Midcat) project has been backed by the European Commission and Spanish EU Climate Commissioner Miguel Arias Canete, with French gas grid Tenega and Spanish counterpart Enagas keen to invest.

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Quote of the Week

"It's an honour for me to lead a candidacy to recover Madrid from the mafia."
Iñigo Errejón of left-wing party Podemos launches his campaign to replace Madrid regional leader Cristina Cifuentes, accused of faking her Master's degree.



Amazon primed in redundancy battle



WAREHOUSE OF HORRORS: Inside the firm's Madrid facility.

E-COMMERCE giant Amazon has been slammed for firing more than 100 employees who were striking for improved working conditions.

The firm claims that the decision not to renew temporary contracts was due to a lack of consumer demand, but the CGT labour union accused the company of victimising staff at its biggest Spanish warehouse in San Fernando de Henares, Madrid.

The workers have been organising strike days since March in protest at proposed new employment terms, which are set to see salaries for existing staff frozen indefinitely and sick leave payments slashed.

Spain's largest online retailer usually gives notice when contracts are not renewed, but those laid off told Spanish media that they were informed by email the same day their existing agreements expired.

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Remark stirs probe doubt

THE Spanish Supreme Court judge probing the Catalan independence referendum has asked Spain's finance minister to clarify why he said no public money was used to fund the poll when ex-leader Carles Puigdemont is under investigation for misuse of state funds.

What a catch

VALENCIA-BASED supermarket chain Mercadona has opened its first commercial office in the UK in Harrogate, Yorkshire, which is set to manage purchasing of North Sea fish and negotiate deals with new British suppliers.

Payback time

SPAIN'S Official Credit Institute has returned €1 billion borrowed from German public bank KfW in 2013 and 2014 to finance small and medium-sized businesses as they emerged from the financial crisis, with the repayment five years ahead of schedule.

Gib firms set to rock on?

A SPANISH mayor has offered to help more than 60 insurance firms based in Gibraltar to remain in the European Union (EU) single market post Brexit.

Juan Franco of La Linea de la Concepcion, which borders the Rock, has invited firms to set up offices in his town so they can continue to serve EU clients after Britain leaves the

bloc in March next year.

And he has indicated that the council is willing to take unusual measures to do so.

"If necessary we could adapt the convention centre to host the companies temporarily," said Franco in a telephone interview. "Other measures can be explored in the longer term."

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Brits' €462,000 court battle

BANKS DESCRIBED AS 'IRREGULAR AND DISHONEST'

THE Swiss branch of a Danish bank must pay a British expatriate couple €462,000 in compensation after a Malaga court found evidence of wrongdoing in a mortgage loan scheme.

A judge presiding over the case concluded that Sydbank - which opened an office in Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol - and Danish mortgage lender Nykredit were not authorised to operate in Spain, referring to them as "clandestine operators."

And a court ruling described the firms' behaviour after convincing the victims to remortgage their home to avoid Spanish inheritance tax as "irregular and dishonest."

It also accused two witnesses testifying on behalf of Nykredit of being "extremely unreliable, when not openly untruthful."

The document continued: "The Malaga Appeal Court has reversed an unjust Court of First Instance ruling and granted relief to two British pensioners, victims of the 'Spanish Equity Release Package' (SERP),



DANISH MORTGAGE TRIAL: Witnesses were described as 'extremely unreliable' in the Malaga trial and (inset) Maria and Barry Gill.

peddled by Nykredit Realkredit A/S "and Sydbank (Schweiz) AG and sold by Offshore Money Managers."

The decision reportedly comes two days before the unnamed pair's home was due to be auctioned after

they received a notice of foreclosure.

Sydbank and Nykredit are the same two companies implicated in the case of British expatriates Barry and Maria Gill, who still live in their Costa del Sol home despite it being

repossessed, according to reports.

In 2006 they were advised to take out a 90 per cent interest-only mortgage on their property - which they owned in full - by a local financial adviser, slashing their inheritance tax liability from 20 to 2 per cent of its value.

And they were told to borrow the cash from Nykredit and deposit the €891,699 total with Sydbank.

But the sum began to plummet and in 2012 the Gills learned that Sydbank had shut its Swiss branch and paid the remaining €294,228 of their money to Nykredit without their consent.

"We later learned that Sydbank decided to close their Swiss branch because of the threats of legal action they were receiving against them and Nykredit from similar cases of fraud such as our own," Barry told Danish media.

It left the Gills with an outstanding mortgage of €600,000 on a property they had owned entirely six years earlier, and which Nykredit reportedly sold in 2017.

Venezuela and Spain agree to strengthen ties

SPAIN and Venezuela have announced that they are to 'normalise relations' and restore their respective ambassadors.

It follows a diplomatic spat which erupted in the wake of European Union (EU) sanctions against the troubled South American country.

The row saw President Nicolas Maduro withdraw his envoy to Madrid over what he called "repeated meddling" in his nation's internal affairs.

His comments came after the EU and United States penalised Venezuelan officials for alleged abuses against opposition protests.

The country has been under fire for creating a Constituent National Assembly in 2017, a supreme power that critics say is akin to a dictatorship.

Maduro has repeatedly slammed Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy during live television broadcasts, accusing Spain and other European governments of working together to destabilise his regime.



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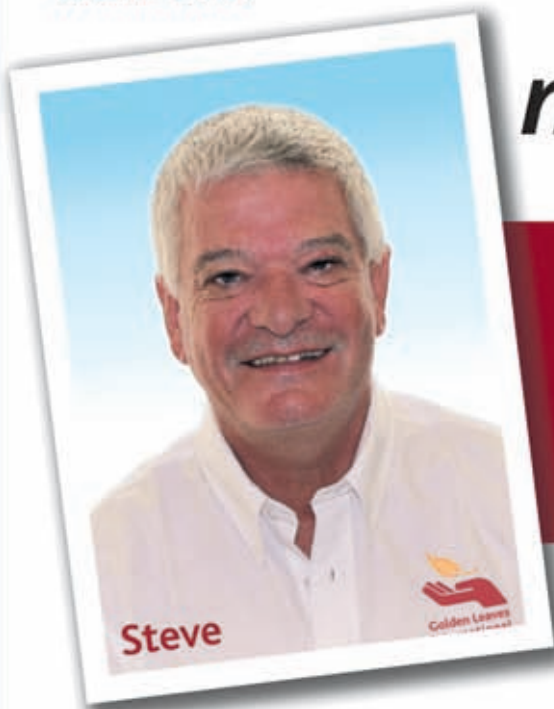
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'Oh to be in England now that April's here'

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THOSE glorious words from the pen of Robert Browning have, to me, never been more evident than in the last few days of yet another quick sojourn to the old country.

Personally, for me the piece should actually be slightly amended, and the word England replaced by 'London.'

A few days ago, I had received word that the hospital wanted me back in the UK to run a couple of extra tests. Due to pressure of work, it had to be a really quick visit, so last week found me once again 'Ubering' around the streets of the great metropolis.

And what a difference. My last visit dumped me in the middle of the coldest spell for years, with people shuffling around like iced-up Eskimos from the far reaches of the Arctic. Not this time however. In true British fashion and in the blink of an eye, the 'Beast from the East' has been replaced by the shimmering sunshine of the south. And what a difference. London has been completely transformed.

The streets and avenues have literally burst into life, with a wonderful abundance of blossoming cherries and magnolias.



SCORCHIO!: Sunseekers enjoying the pleasant weather on London's floating Garden Barge Square last weekend.

The embankment of the Thames was quite magnificent, with sunlight bouncing off the water and the terraces of the moored-up pubs packed with, somewhat relieved, lightly clad Londoners, celebrating the fact that spring truly does appear to have arrived at last.

So, once again I find myself hurtling through the air in a tin tube, at some 500 miles an hour, scribbling this missive and hoping that the first time it is

perused, is not when it gets washed up on some foreign shore or another. If you get my drift! Drift, geddit? Ah well.

All in all, it's been quite an eventful week. The anniversary of Enoch Powell's 'Rivers of Blood' speech raised all the usual, predictable reactions.

What did interest me however was the high number of those, including some politicians, who felt that were he still alive today, he would have no

trouble being elected - to possibly the highest political position in the land! So things still appear to have a long way to go.

I did feel sorry for those Barbadians caught up in the Windrush fiasco however. I remember in my Bayswater days, this happy race of people arriving in their droves. Bringing with them their colourful attire and rhythms, into what was a somewhat drab UK of the late 50's.

They also managed at that time, in the light of some quite severe racist attitudes, to ultimately integrate and become true British members of society. Let's hope it's all sorted sooner rather than later.

Also delighted to see the North Korean threat all but settled. This of course has very little to do with the sanctions imposed. It is to me an obvious result of China, and probably Russia, ordering Kim Jong-un to cool it.

The way it was going between him and Trump, it truly was beginning to look as though it could indeed lead to some form of nuclear confrontation. Neither China nor Russia wanted that. But isn't it somewhat gratifying, after their arrogant posturing and contempt for past American presidents, that they appear to be extremely wary of Trump and what he could well be capable of?

Keep the Faith.

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**TECH FOR
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Hack to the future

Terence Kennedy has an internet fraud to report: two euros stolen

A WHILE ago my bank account was hacked. Why anyone would bother given that my balance is often lower than my IQ beats me, but that's the way the galleta crumbles these days.

What's more surprising is that they only wanted, and took, the equivalent of two euros.

Turns out it was a fishing expedition. According to my friendly banker (yes, there are still a few around even if they're right up there on the most-hated list with us journalists), they were testing the waters to see whether (a) they could do it and (b) they could get away with it.

We nipped that incident together, only to find another odd transaction on my statement a few months later: a hundred euros changed into dollars. Then, presumably when the bank noticed 'their' mistaken transaction, it was changed back to euros. Job done, discrepancy solved, no need for any alarm bells.

Except that there was. What most users might easily forget is the difference between the buying and selling rates for foreign currency. My hundred



CYBER ATTACKS: Bank fraud is easing.

smackers ended up back in my account as just 97, and the hackers in Prague (apparently) had done this to thousands of accounts, a nice little earner. Ditto the supremely clever scam right back at the beginning of comput-

erised banking, when an insider took just one cent from every account in his nationwide bank, correctly assuming no-one would bother. But the bank had several million customers, so you do the maths. Or math if

you're American.

Online banking has been one of the finer innovations of our digital age - used prudently. UK banks say they managed to catch more than 60 per cent of fraud attempts last year, but the equivalent of €800 million still found its way to the bad guys.

When my Inbox isn't telling me I've won a lottery I didn't enter, or that Nigeria's finance minister really needs my help to move several million, I regularly get emails purporting to be from my bank (and others) asking me to update my personal details, and providing a handy link to do so.

Don't. By all means check and update your information. But do it by going to your tried and trusted online banking site in the usual way, not by clicking an email link which may be a 'spoof', taking you straight to a site which may look like your bank's but isn't, and possible penury.

Oh and by the way: if you get an email from your bank saying some payments are outstanding - it's not a compliment.

PIN money

THE good news for online bankophobes is that you're more likely to be defrauded through your plastic card than with internet banking (80 per cent vs 18 per cent last year).

Although fraud losses still run into millions, online banking crime is actually trending downwards, largely thanks to increased vigilance by both banks and customers.

One golden rule is never to give your PIN code to anyone. Not even bank staff.

Nor indeed to family members.

When a teenager blew some €11,000 on his dad's card last year, the bank refused compensation because the PIN was in dad's desk.

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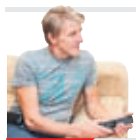
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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

I'm so pleased that Johnny Vegas has found his way back from The Solana to the Lake District for the new BBC show *Home from Home*, BBC1 Fridays. I was getting worried that his mum and sister were holidaying without him in Benidorm (they are), but it seems he hasn't got sunstroke and is playing happy families in the north of England.

This is good news, I was on the verge of an after-sun gel dash up to the Costa Blanca, just to check that the absent Johnny was OK.

Home from Home started out as a pilot on BBC2, but as only the BBC can and I have no idea why they do, moved to BBC1 when it proved to be a success - maybe the BBC need us all to remind them that we can and do watch BBC2 sometimes and that some of us actually watch commercial TV too, with the shades drawn, lights off and wearing a large sun hat and dark glasses indoors, but we do watch. Back to the Lakes.

Johnny plays Neil Hackett and

Johnny Vegas spending a year with the tribe?



CABIN CREW: Johnny Vegas (right) in new show *Home from Home*.

Niky Wardley his wife Fiona. No disrespect to anyone, but Neil and Fiona, that's more BBC1 than BBC2, right?

Fresh from *Silent Witness* and *Doctor Foster*, Emilia Fox and Adam James (Adam is a solid BBC1 name too isn't it) play the Dillons, Lakes' neighbours to the Hacketts. The basic story is that the Hacketts have eventually achieved a lifelong dream to buy a traditional lodge in the Lake District,

you know the sort of thing, lovely setting, nothing traditional about the actual lodges at all.

Their lodge is set on the Lake View Holiday Park and they love it, until they meet their neighbours, the Dillons. There is a lovely BBQ scene where Penny (Dillon) is explaining what she misses most about Ibiza - 'shut up and eat your steak' should become a new Johnny catch phrase.



Photo credit BBC

JUNGLE MEN: Will Millard and a Korowai tree-dweller in *My Year With the Tribe*.

Home from Home continues on BBC1, Friday evenings.

A solid BBC2 programme Johnny probably wouldn't want to front is *My Year with the Tribe*, BBC2 Sundays. The show follows Will Millard (he's a writer and looks really at home with the tribe, maybe too at home come to think of it) as he spends a year with the Korowai tribe in Papua, Indonesia.

The Korowai are tree house-

dwellers and Will sets out to understand the challenges they are tackling as they move into the modern world. There are some pretty spectacular shots of the tree houses and some curl up moments when Will gets to grips with the realities of living with the natives - put your coffee down, bugs cleaning out your ears for example, the programme pulls no punches; but then the Tribe explain that they have a sort of fake tree house for use on Dutch TV and for me it then all started to feel slightly uncomfortable.

If a massive HD TV and a convection oven come into shot during Sunday's offering, I'm crying foul!

Fans of the Channel 4 show *Humans* will be pleased that series 3 is due to be screened soon. If you didn't see this first time around and want to catch a couple of Mr Selfridge actors playing with a robot - he did literally play with a robot, series 1 and 2 are available via CH4 box sets.

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7:00am	Breakfast
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live
12:30pm	Hairy Bikers Asian Adventure
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Snooker
5:30pm	Final Score
6:20pm	A Question of Sport
6:50pm	Celebrity Mastermind
7:20pm	Ready or Not
7:50pm	BBC News
8:00pm	Regional News
8:05pm	Weather
8:10pm	Pointless
9:00pm	Who Dares Wins
9:40pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	The Button
1:15am	City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold
3:00am	Weather for the Week Ahead
3:05am	BBC News

BBC TWO

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
1:45pm	Flipping Profit
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	Snooker
6:30pm	Britain in Bloom
7:00pm	Antiques Road Trip
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	The Forest
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	Civilisations on Your Doorstep
11:00pm	Performance Live: Akala Presents 'the Ruins of Empires'
11:30pm	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
12:25am	Snooker

BBC FOUR

4:55am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
	<i>Follow a year in the life of the tropical Atlantic.</i>
9:00pm	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom
10:00pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
10:45pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
11:30pm	Info not available
12:30am	Top of the Pops
1:07am	Jeff Beck: Still on the Run
2:35am	Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth
3:35am	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom
	<i>The story of a race against time to help preserve the untouched forests of Burma.</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:15am	Motorsport
7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	King of Queens
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
11:00am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:55am	Formula 1
1:25pm	F1 Meets... Jackie Stewart
1:55pm	Formula 1
4:45pm	Car S.O.S
5:45pm	A Place in the Sun
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	Iron Man
2:25am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
3:15am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
5:25am	Come Dine Champion of Champions

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:55am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Police Interceptors
1:30pm	Police Interceptors
2:25pm	Police Interceptors
3:30pm	Live Premiership Rugby
6:15pm	World's Scariest Animal Attacks
7:00pm	World's Deadliest Weather
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Football on 5
11:00pm	Football on 5
11:30pm	Criminals Caught on Camera
12:25am	Fergie v Wenger: The Feud
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Yorkshire Vet
5:00am	Jack the Ripper Missing Evidence

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5:40am	Rules of Engagement
6:05am	Rules of Engagement
7:00am	Rude(Ish) Tube
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7:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
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1:05am	The Inbetweeners
1:40am	The Inbetweeners
2:15am	Gogglebox
3:20am	Tattoo Fixers

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3:00am	Live International Fight Night

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8:25am	The Tom and Jerry Show
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang
2:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Sandown
5:00pm	Tipping Point
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
10:15pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:45pm	ITV News
11:05pm	Overboard
1:15am	Change Your Tune
2:05am	Jackpot247

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3:20am	Teleshopping
6:50am	TV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:50pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:50pm	Yogi Bear
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Yogi Bear
4:25pm	The Mummy Returns
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	The Mummy Returns
6:50pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
7:50pm	FYI Daily
7:55pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:30am	Family Guy

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5:35am	On the Buses Sitcom about a bus company. Two women compete for the inspector's affections.
6:05am	George and Mildred
6:30am	Judge Judy
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:45am	Murder, She Wrote
8:40am	Murder, She Wrote
9:40am	Lewis
11:40am	Inspector Morse
1:55pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
4:00pm	Carry on Screaming!
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders Detective series based on the novels by Caroline Graham.
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Vera DCI Vera Stanhope investigates the murder of 29-year-old Niall Coulter.
2:05am	Law and Order: UK
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen

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7:25am	The Avengers
8:30am	World Superbike Highlights
9:30am	Motorsport UK
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Pawn Stars
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8:25pm	FYI Daily
8:30pm	Moonraker
10:00pm	Safe House
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Safe House
12:20am	American Gangster
1:20am	FYI Daily

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10:25am	Monster Trucks
12:15pm	Warcraft
2:30pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
4:45pm	Monster Trucks
6:45pm	Warcraft
9:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
11:15pm	Conan the Barbarian
1:30am	Hard Target 2
3:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018

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10:00am	Miss Congeniality
11:55am	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
1:55pm	The House
3:30pm	Fist Fight
5:10pm	Calendar Girls
7:05pm	Get Him to the Greek
9:00pm	The House
10:40pm	Fist Fight
12:20am	Get Him to the Greek
2:20am	Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo

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4:40am	Sky
6:30am	Moana: Special
7:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:10am	Gifted
11:00am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:00pm	Girls Trip
3:15pm	The Dark Tower
5:05pm	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
7:15pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	The Dark Tower
12:50am	Rough Night
2:40am	Palm Swings
4:35am	Sheikh Jackson Offbeat Egyptian drama about an Islamic imam who has a crisis of faith after the unexpected death of his lifelong idol - Michael Jackson

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7:00am	Football
10:15am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	EFL Goals: Championship
11:15pm	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
1:15am	Football
3:40am	EFL Greatest Games
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns
5:00am	EFL Greatest Games
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BBC one

10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Rip Off Britain
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt
3:00pm	The Truth About Obesity
4:00pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
5:00pm	Points of View
5:15pm	Songs of Praise
5:50pm	Pointless
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Big Painting Challenge
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	The Woman in White
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	The Women's Football Show

BBC TWO

7:00am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
7:35am	Gardeners' World <i>More handy horticultural tips from the gardening experts.</i>
8:35am	Countryfile
9:30am	The Beechgrove Garden
10:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
11:00am	Snooker
12:00pm	Triathlon World Series: Bermuda
1:15pm	MOTD2 Extra
2:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Super Fast Falcon
8:00pm	Snooker
9:00pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
10:00pm	My Year with the Tribe
11:00pm	Famalam
11:20pm	Josh Widdicombe
12:20am	Snooker
1:10am	Snooker
3:10am	Question Time
4:10am	Holby City
5:10am	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 <i>Cult student quiz show where two rival university teams battle it out to see who has the most superior intellects.</i>
9:00pm	Mountain <i>Documentary series in which Griff Rhys Jones explores the mountains of Britain.</i>
10:00pm	Battle of Jutland: The Navy's Bloodiest Day
11:00pm	Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World
12:30am	Time Shift
1:30am	How to be Bohemian with Victoria Coren Mitchell
2:30am	Mountain
3:30am	Battle of Jutland: The Navy's Bloodiest Day

CHANNEL 4

5:25am	Come Dine Champion of Champions
6:20am	Info not available
6:35am	Info not available
7:05am	King of Queens
7:30am	King of Queens
7:55am	Motorsport
8:55am	Eat the Week with Iceland
10:00am	Sunday Brunch
1:00pm	Formula 1
1:40pm	Formula 1
4:55pm	Formula 1
5:30pm	Car S.O.S
6:30pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
9:00pm	The Crystal Maze
10:00pm	Homeland
11:05pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:00am	The Voices
3:00am	Happy Bhag Jayegi
5:10am	Come Dine Champion of Champions

CHANNEL 5

6:35am	House Doctor
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:40am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:15am	Football on 5 The Championship.
12:10pm	Football on 5 Goal Rush.
12:45pm	FIA Formula E Highlights
1:50pm	Police Interceptors
2:50pm	Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
4:35pm	Zookeeper
6:25pm	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
8:00pm	Biggest Dog in the World
9:00pm	Before They Were Stars
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Greatest TV Talent Show Moments
1:00am	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	World's Most Pampered Pets

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9:30am	Made in Chelsea
10:35am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:35am	Couples Come Dine with Me
12:35pm	Animals United
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	Young Sheldon
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	The Inbetweeners
12:40am	The Inbetweeners
1:15am	The Inbetweeners
1:55am	The Big Bang Theory
2:25am	The Big Bang Theory
2:55am	Rude Tube
3:50am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

sky sports main event

6:00am	Boxing Gold <i>A chance to relive some classic fights of years gone by.</i>
6:15am	Boxing Gold
6:30am	Live European Tour Golf <i>Day four of the Volvo China Open on the European Tour from Beijing.</i>
7:00am	Live European Tour Golf
11:00am	Sports Sunday
12:00pm	Live Indian Premier League <i>Rajasthan Royals take on Sunrisers Hyderabad at Saiwari Mansingh Stadium in the IPL.</i>
2:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
5:15pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
8:00pm	Boxing
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Live LPGA: San Francisco
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

itv

11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
12:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
12:40pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:55pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:55pm	Britain's Brightest Family
3:25pm	Ninja Warrior UK
4:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
5:00pm	The Real Camilla: Hrh the Duchess of Cornwall
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	Little Big Shots
9:00pm	The Durrells
10:00pm	Invitation to a Royal Wedding
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:15am	Last Laugh in Vegas

itv2

7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:15am	You've Been Framed!
7:45am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:30am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:15pm	Babe
2:15pm	FYI Daily
2:20pm	Babe
3:05pm	Twister
4:05pm	FYI Daily
4:10pm	Twister
5:15pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:30pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:35pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
8:35pm	FYI Daily
8:40pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy
12:30am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:30am	Jack and Jill
2:30am	FYI Daily
2:35am	Jack and Jill

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:20am	Heartbeat <i>David and Bernie are clearing the house of the recently deceased villager, Sadie Colpley.</i>
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:30am	Carry on Screaming! <i>Horror spoof.</i>
12:30pm	Inspector Morse
2:45pm	Inspector Morse
5:00pm	Lewis
7:00pm	Sparkling Cyanide
9:00pm	Les Dawson: An Audience with That Never Was
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders <i>Detective series based on the novels by Caroline Graham.</i>
12:05am	The Constant Gardener
2:35am	Blue Murder
3:20am	Blue Murder
4:10am	Road to Avonlea
5:00am	Road to Avonlea
5:50am	George and Mildred

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>
7:00am	Minder
7:55am	Cash Cowboys <i>Sheldon and Scott embark on a coast-to-coast scavenge for collectibles</i>
8:55am	Cash Cowboys
9:55am	Pawn Stars
10:15am	Pawn Stars
10:45am	The Motorbike Show
11:45am	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:20pm	Pawn Stars
7:50pm	Every Which Way But Loose
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	Every Which Way But Loose
10:00pm	Heartbreak Ridge
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Heartbreak Ridge
12:40am	Maximum Conviction
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Maximum Conviction
2:50am	t's Not Rocket Science
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	The A-Team
9:00am	Saving Private Ryan
12:00pm	Robin Hood
1:50pm	Alien: Covenant
4:05pm	The A-Team
6:05pm	Saving Private Ryan
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:15pm	Universal Soldier
1:15am	Universal Soldier: The Return
2:45am	Air Force One
5:00am	Robin Hood

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:25am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
12:00pm	The Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult
1:30pm	Baywatch
3:35pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
5:20pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
7:10pm	The Back-Up Plan
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine
2:35am	Don Verdean

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am	Sheikh Jackson
6:30am	The Great Wall: Special
7:00am	Gifted
9:00am	The Wizard - An American Wrestler
11:10am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:45pm	Girls Trip
2:50pm	Rough Night <i>Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.</i>
4:35pm	The Dark Tower
6:15pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:50pm	Girls Trip
10:00pm	Brawl in Cell Block 99
12:25am	The Dark Tower
2:15am	Rough Night
4:10am	Broken Vows

sky sports football

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	La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid
9:15am	La Liga Greatest Games
9:30am	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30pm	Football
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4:10pm	Football
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Football
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Football
10:45pm	Football
12:00am	Football
2:05am	MLS Greatest Games

Not so secret pleasures of travel

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



GENEVA is an interesting place. Of course it's a city, strong distinctive architecture, beautiful views of Lake Geneva and mountains, compact not sprawling, with a fast running river dissecting 'downtown'. A famous shopping street too, the Rue Du Rhone, which parallels the river Rhone's immediate source at the lake's overflow.

The iconic Jet d'Eau fountain blasts a tower of water into the air. Pleasure gardens and coffee shops to enjoy are dotted round the lake shore attracting citizen and visitor alike.

Geneva is usually associated with discreet bankers, jewellers and very high-end watches of exquisite mechanical complication, manufactured with precious metals and adorned with jewels, as well as a host of international organisations whose remits range from football to world health.

CERN the massive underground laboratory of the Large Hadron Collider buried deep underground peers into the secrets of the universe.

There are many reasons to travel to Geneva and many modes of travel to arrive there. Train,



GUILTY PLEASURE: The Four Seasons Hotel des Bergues, Geneva just steps from lake, the Old Town and Quartier des Banques.

airplane or car. Where though to stay when you arrive? There are many really good first class hotels in Geneva, how could there not be when it regularly hosts heads of state and is frequently the cockpit of diplomatic tussles.

On the shore of the river Rhone and overlooking the Jet is the Hotel des Bergues. First opened on May Day 1834 the hotel was the

largest in Switzerland at the time. More recently a Four Seasons group hotel, the Hotel des Bergues, was extensively and fabulously refurbished and reopened in 2005 to great acclaim.

The public rooms, shops and restaurants on the ground floor have attracted the wealthiest of travellers and people of business for more than 180 years. The hotel itself accommodated them

in luxury. Nowadays a hotel of this standard ought to have a first class spa and of course the Hotel Des Bergues does. While the hotel is at least 30 minutes from the international airport, it is just a 10-minute walk from Geneva railway station.

My choice of mode of travel to Geneva is the train and I would start my approach in Zurich. Trains frequently travel between Zurich and Geneva. Choose a time that suits you. I select one which will allow me to have lunch on the train, fine dining it is not, however the views from the excellent restaurant cars are just a little bit more expansive than elsewhere. Good food and a little wine to enhance the mood.

The view as the train repeatedly bursts from a tunnel, to traverse a valley, to plunge into another tunnel, to then burst again to a fresh view of mountain, snow and trees cannot be captured on film. In memory it's a stop-motion flicker of impressions. In its way quite exhausting.

The short walk down the hill from the railway station to the hotel, long enough to stretch your legs and arrive ready for the pleasure of the table, the spa, a curated ambiance, Louis-Philippe-style furnishings, with a marble bathroom in every room.

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Your quick guide to travel insurance and pre-existing medical conditions

YOU will be forgiven if it's not the first thing on your mind when booking your next holiday, but ignoring a pre-existing medical condition when arranging travel insurance could be the single most eye-wateringly expensive mistake you'll ever make.

Why bother with cover?

Did you know that in-patient treatment abroad can easily run into hundreds if not thousands per day?

The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) revealed figures in 2017 that would have you quaking in your boots. Like £768,000 for medical treatment and repatriation for a traveller in the US who suffered a stroke; and £81,000 for treating pancreatitis in Greece.

Even a flight home with a doctor escort could set you back over £10,000, and an air ambulance, over £20,000.

It's easy to assume that your medical conditions won't cause you a problem, but doing so can have disastrous repercussions and may invalidate your travel policy if you haven't complied with the declaration requirements.

It may be more difficult, or more expensive to buy insurance which covers your pre-existing conditions, but it could be a drop in the ocean compared to the medical costs you'll face if you have a problem.

What is a pre-existing medical condition?

This is an illness or medical condition which you have previously had symptoms, advice or treatment for. The exact definition and declaration requirements vary a lot by travel insurance policy so always check carefully before you buy. NEVER withhold details of a pre-existing condition, or this could invalidate your policy

Many of us suffer from common pre-existing medical conditions, such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure, asthma, diabetes or osteoarthritis, so it's essential that you check and comply with the rules set by your chosen travel insurance company.

Otherwise you are likely to find that you're not covered for any-



PEACE OF MIND: When travel insurance covers existing conditions.

thing linked to that condition and this could cost you dearly in both stress and hard earned cash.

Am I covered with an EHIC Card?

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), may cover costs of

state-provided treatment if travelling within the European Economic Area (EEA), however, state healthcare provision varies and can be limited in some locations. You won't be covered for repatriation costs, or the additional med-

ical support this may involve - such as a doctor or nurse escort.

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Table of BBC One TV schedule from 7:00am to 1:15am, including programs like Breakfast, Rip Off Britain, and EastEnders.

BBC TWO

Table of BBC Two TV schedule from 5:10am to 5:45am, including programs like This is BBC Two, Flog It!, and Snooker.

BBC FOUR

Table of BBC Four TV schedule from 8:00pm to 4:00am, including programs like Beyond 100 Days, Sea City, and Art on the BBC.

CHANNEL 4

Table of Channel 4 TV schedule from 7:00am to 2:00am, including programs like Countdown, Frasier, and The Simpsons.

CHANNEL 5

Table of Channel 5 TV schedule from 8:40am to 1:05am, including programs like Peppa Pig, Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom, and Mofy.

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Table of Channel 4 TV schedule from 9:00am to 2:05am, including programs like How I Met Your Mother, New Girl, and The Big Bang Theory.

sky sports main event

Table of Sky Sports Main Event TV schedule from 9:00am to 8:00pm, including programs like Good Morning Sports Fans, Premier League Daily, and Sky Sports Daily.

itv

Table of ITV TV schedule from 9:30am to 2:40am, including programs like Lorraine, The Jeremy Kyle Show, and Elton John.

itv2

Table of ITV2 TV schedule from 8:55am to 12:30am, including programs like Emmerdale, Coronation Street, and American Dad!

itv3

Table of ITV3 TV schedule from 5:50am to 12:00am, including programs like George and Mildred, ITV3 Nightscreen, and Agatha Christie's Marple.

itv4

Table of ITV4 TV schedule from 4:00am to 4:00am, including programs like Teleshopping, The Chase, and The Saint.

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

Table of Sky Cinema Action & Adventure TV schedule from 8:45am to 4:25am, including programs like Charlie's Angels, The Mummy, and The Avengers.

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

Table of Sky Cinema Premiere TV schedule from 7:00am to 11:10pm, including programs like The Wizard - An American Wrestler, Top Ten Show, and Where's the Money.

sky sports football

Table of Sky Sports Football TV schedule from 10:30am to 12:30am, including programs like La Liga Greatest Games, Football Highlights, and SPFL Round Up.

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Flagging appetite for dining out

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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RESTAURANT chains on the UK High Street have recently been facing a combination of a squeeze on incomes, rising costs and falling demand. Prezzo, Byron and Jamie's Italian have all shut restaurants. It's just market correction. Anyone can see there's massive oversupply, and most of those in trouble don't offer a good product so aren't sufficiently robust when the going gets tough.

This means that the market works the way Adam Smith taught us. Those restaurants which can't get bums on seats will fail, and their customers will move on to those of their competitors offering more appeal and better value.

In a restaurant there are two words never to get excited about. First, its 'Concept' (explained by hipster waiters who breathlessly tell you the salad leaves were foraged from the central reservation of the M1, or the salmon hand-smoked in a skip under Brixton



FANNY CRADOCK: Back in fashion on BBC iPlayer.

railway arches). Second, 'taster menus' (convenient and lucrative for the restaurant but only half the items of which many of us really like). Two words - like 'amateur' and 'brain surgeon'. Or 'Donald' and 'Trump'. All are terrible ideas.

Basically, there are still too many celebrity chef TV programmes helping perpetuate the dream that fancy food is what we all crave. You know: Masterchef smears, sprays, foams, powders, splats, skid marks and blobs.

Expensive ingredients, high wages, high overheads, fancy plates, fancy cutlery - equals low profit margins; equals bad business. What's preferable is a

good dinner without acres of starchy tablecloths or starched waiters.

Alternatively, cook at home and enjoy farm fresh foods. Oh wait, umm, we don't teach cooking at school any more! Pass the cornflakes...

Meanwhile, the original celebrity TV chef is back. Fanny Cradock, the OTT matriarch who introduced post-war Britain to prawn cocktails and cheese soufflé, is back on BBC iPlayer.

She peered from the telly like a culinary Medusa, rude, arrogant and completely insensitive to other guests. While Johnnie, her monocled husband, talked and moved like an original Thunderbirds puppet and is credited with uttering the immortal line: "Hope all your doughnuts turn out like F***y's."

Priceless.

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

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Is she the president?

Q. I recently put myself forward as president of our community. At our AGM the administrator clearly miscounted the votes so I requested a recount. She then counted the votes and got it wrong again! At this point, the current president resigned and the meeting ended in disarray.

However, the administrator announced that she would do yet another recount and confirm the outcome. In this result, two days later, I had three more votes (out of 17 votes!) and a larger quota. I asked the administrator to send an email to all the owners with the result but she has not done this. Where do I stand?

SR (Costa Blanca)

A. I am supposing from the tone of your question that you have now been elected president of your community.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



Properly, the outgoing president, who presided over the AGM, should, in combination with the person acting as secretary, prepare the official minutes of the meeting, sign them, and register them with the property registry. Then you are officially the president.

Properly, these minutes should state the number of votes cast and who voted for each candidate.

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1:20am BBC News
7:00am Breakfast
10:15am Rip Off Britain
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm A1: Britain's Longest Road
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 Life and Death Row
12:45am Obesity: The Post Mortem
1:40am Weather for the Week Ahead
1:45am BBC News

BBC TWO

5:45am This is BBC Two
7:00am Flog It!
7:30am Neighbourhood Blues
8:10am 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 Snooker
9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm Hospital
11:00pm Cunk on Britain
11:30pm Newsnight
12:15am World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:05am World Championship Snooker - Extra
3:05am MasterChef
4:05am Secret Agent Selection: WW2
5:05am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm The Culture Show
For those who remained in London during the Second World War, the Blitz was a terrifying time of sleeplessness, fear and loss, but some of London's literary set found inspiration in the danger and intensity.
9:00pm King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
10:00pm The Story of the Jews
11:00pm The Celts
12:00am The Mystery of Murder: A Horizon Guide
1:00am Bombay Railway
2:00am Top of the Pops
2:30am Top of the Pops
3:00am King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons
4:00am The Story of the Jews
5:00am This is BBC Four

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 My Tourette's Family
11:00pm The Island with Bear Grylls
12:05am Flight Hs13: Walter Presents

CHANNEL 5

8:20am Shane the Chef
8:30am Peppa Pig
8:40am Peppa Pig
8:50am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
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 Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm Home and Away
2:45pm Neighbours
3:15pm NCIS
4:15pm Running for Her Life
6:00pm 5 News at 5
6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:00pm World Rally Championship 2018
9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm British Airways
11:00pm Missing: Flight Mh370 - Inside the Situation Room
12:05am The Secret Life of the Long-Haul Flight

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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

4:00pm Indian Premier League
Royal Challengers Bangalore take on Mumbai Indians at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in the IPL. Mumbai Indians are the defending champions in this competition.
8:30pm Sky Sports Tonight
9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm The Road to Bellew/Haye
As Tony Bellew and David Haye prepare to meet once more in their heavyweight rematch, see how the two got to where they are today.
11:30pm Boxing
Go behind the ropes in the training camps of Tony Bellew and David Haye, as the heavyweight pair await their rematch at London's O2 Arena.

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7:00am Good Morning Britain
9:30am Lorraine
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am This Morning
1:30pm Loose Women
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm Regional News and Weather
3:00pm Judge Rinder
4:00pm Tenable
5:00pm Tipping Point
6:00pm The Chase
7:00pm Regional News and Weather
7:20pm Party Election Broadcast
7:30pm ITV Evening News
8:00pm Emmerdale
8:30pm Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:00pm This Time Next Year
10:00pm The Royal Wives of Windsor
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm Regional News and Weather
11:45pm Harold Shipman
12:45am The Durrells
1:40am Jackpot247
4:00am Loose Women

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7:00am The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:20am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
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8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am Emmerdale
9:25am Coronation Street
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8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Midsomer Murders
11:00pm Scott and Bailey
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2:20am The Street
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3:30am Teleshopping

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4:00am Teleshopping
7:00am The Chase
7:50am Pawn Stars
8:10am The Protectors
8:30am Ironside
9:25am Quincy, M.E.
10:30am Minder
11:35am The Saint
12:35pm The Avengers
1:45pm Ironside
2:50pm Quincy, M.E.
3:50pm Minder
4:55pm The Saint
Troubleshooter Simon Templar embarks on another case.
5:55pm The Avengers
7:05pm Cash Cowboys
8:00pm Pawn Stars
8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm River Monsters
10:00pm The Fugitive
11:00pm FYI Daily
11:05pm The Fugitive
12:40am Renegades
1:40am FYI Daily
1:45am Renegades
2:50am Motorsport UK
3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am Teleshopping

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5:20am The Desert Rats
7:00am Armageddon
9:35am True Lies
12:00pm 2012
2:45pm The Hurricane Heist
4:45pm Armageddon
7:20pm 2012
10:00pm The Hurricane Heist
12:00am Desperado
2:00am True Lies

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:55am License to Drive
7:30am It Had to be You
9:00am Patch Adams
11:00am As Good as it Gets
1:25pm Rough Night
3:20pm Why Him?
5:20pm The Boss
7:05pm Here Comes the Boom
9:00pm Why Him?
11:00pm Rough Night
12:50am Election
2:45am Little Man
4:30am Eddie Murphy: Raw

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:40am Rough Night
Things get badly out of hand when five college friends reunite for a wild bachelorette weekend.
6:30am Ready Player One: Special
7:00am Palm Swings
8:50am The Wizard - An American Wrestler
11:00am Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
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sky sports football

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1:45pm SPFL Greatest Games
2:00pm La Liga Icons
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2:30pm Revista de la Liga
3:00pm Eredivisie
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm Revista de la Liga
6:30pm Eredivisie
7:30pm MLS Round Up Show 2017/18
8:00pm SPFL Round Up 2017/18
8:15pm SPFL Greatest Games
8:30pm Football Years
9:00pm Revista de la Liga
9:30pm Eredivisie
10:30pm Revista de la Liga
11:00pm The Debate - Live
12:00am La Liga World
12:30am La Liga Icons
12:45am La Liga Icons
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Meet Phil Mitchell, who believes that English-speaking energy customers deserve an energy company that understands them, and all should benefit from the fact that Spanish electricity is the cheapest in the EU

“YOUR energy bill should be easy to read, state clearly how much you are paying, what for and not only that, it should be in English too if required,” says Phil who is the commercial manager for Energy Nordic.

Three years of studying the Spanish market is now bearing fruit for Energy Nordic as they are taking on clients from all over the country. Energy Nordic’s strength lies in its ability to make things simple, all products and services have been thoroughly reviewed to make sure they make life easier and more understandable for the customer.

Energy Nordic know what is important to customers: ‘A simple set-up, a good price and a feeling of security through open and positive dialogue in their own language.’

The products / get the cheapest energy

The most popular product offered is known as ‘flex price’, which allows the customer to pay the market price for their energy. The way it works is that Energy Nordic buys electricity from the Spanish energy market each day and then sells it on to the customer at the purchase price.

As Euro Weekly News told readers a little

Innovative new energy company



A BRIGHT IDEA: Saving money on electricity.

while ago the trading price of electricity in Spain in recent weeks is the lowest in the EU meaning Energy Nordic customers are getting a fantastic price. The customer simply pays a fixed trading fee of €5 per month to Energy Nordic for them to take care of their energy trading.

Some clients prefer to fix the price and Energy Nordic has a product for this too. The ‘fixed product’ is designed for these clients and the competitive rate will last for a year.

How easy is it to change energy company?

Many people hold back from switching because they are unsure whether they will be left without power, or if their supply might be interrupted when they switch. It is not like that at all, everything continues as normal and it is easier to switch than most people think. When you change energy company, the new supplier takes over and the old one simply ‘checks out.’

The first time the customer will notice any change is when they receive their energy bill from the new company. The customer service operator takes care of all the practicalities and all you need to do is relax. It is the same meter, the same cables and the same electricity... almost: Energy Nordic only provides 100 per cent certified green energy.

Nine out of 10 energy bills can be made cheaper by switching to Energy Nordic. It often comes down to understanding the customer’s day-to-day life, as a basis for choosing the right product and the right contracted power (potencia).

For more information visit www.energynordic.com or call 916 358 626.

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GDPR and the travel industry

UNLESS you have been living under a rock, you have probably heard about GDPR - General Data Protection Regulation - the new EU data protection law that comes into effect in less than a month’s time, on May 25.

It was over 20 years ago, in 1995, that the current law -Data Protection Directive (LOPD in Spain) - was established. Back then, internet giants such as Google, Facebook and YouTube didn’t yet exist, the Nokia 2110 was as smart as mobile phones got with its cutting-edge ability to send SMS, and Windows 95 came in a box with 13 floppy disks to be able to install it!

Clearly times have moved on somewhat, and so the updated new law is more than overdue.

As we enter the peak tourism season on the Spanish Costas, we take a look at how GDPR is going to impact on the travel and tourism industry.

Three quarters of people don’t trust businesses - travel brands included - to do the right thing with their personal data such as email addresses, according to the ICO.

The travel industry will be particularly affected due to the large volume of personal and sensitive data it processes about individuals such as name, date of birth, credit card details and passport details, and this data is often shared with third parties for booking purposes.

In a nutshell, the new law focuses on two main



WEBINAR: Get GDPR-ready for the holiday season.

areas that you need to know about, from a business and consumer point of view.

1. Consent

The biggest change in the law concerns consent. Customers must give their express consent for their data to be used, and exactly what it can be used for. Could this be the end of email inboxes cluttered with unsolicited spammy emails? We can only hope! Many

businesses that have built a large mailing database by any and every means necessary might be rightly worried by this but at the end of the day, isn’t it better to target people that have actually expressed an interest in a company’s products or services as opposed to a scattergun approach?

2. Security

The volume of sensitive personal data and credit card information collected and processed makes the travel industry one of the most vulnerable to data security threats.

According to a report by telecommunications giant Verizon in 2016, travel and tourism suffer to the most cyber-attacks of any industry

The new GDPR regulations enforces businesses, small and large, to be more accountable for the security of the data that they hold. Obviously, the bigger the company the bigger the target for cyber attacks and logically the more resources they have to secure against data breaches.

But even small and medium businesses can ramp up their security with simple and effective measures such as good passport protection, using encryption for data storage either on cloud storage services or on your computer.

A webinar offering recommendations to become GDPR-ready for the holiday rental industry is available to attend online for free. The webinar is run by Malaga-based holiday rental portal *Spain-Holiday.com*. Various dates are available to attend the live webinar or download the recording later. Details to register can be found on *Spain-Holiday.com*’s industry blog Rental Buzz [www.spain-holiday.com/rentalbuzz].



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11:00am Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues
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

BBC TWO

5:05am This is BBC Two
7:00am Flog It!
7:30am A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am Rip Off Britain
9:00am See Hear
9:30am Great British Railway Journeys
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 Snooker
9:00pm Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm Love in the Countryside
11:00pm Detectorists
11:30pm Newsnight
12:10am Weather
12:15am Snooker
3:05am See Hear
3:35am MasterChef
4:35am Pilgrimage: The Road to Santiago
5:35am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm The Culture Show
9:00pm The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart
10:00pm Elizabeth I's Secret Agents
11:00pm The Celts
12:00pm Putin: The New Tsar
1:00pm Bombay Railway Documentary following the hopes, dreams and ambitions of the workers on Bombay's vast railway network.
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

7:00am Countdown
7:45am 3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am Frasier
11:05am Ramsay's Hotel Hell
12:00pm Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm Channel 4 News
1:05pm 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 My Tourette's Family

CHANNEL 5

6:35am House Doctor
7:00am Milkshake!
10:15am The Wright Stuff
12:15pm Paddington Station 24/7
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 Rags to Riches: Ultimate Life
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7:30pm 5 News
8:00pm Police Interceptors
9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm Billionaire Babies: 24 Carat Kids
12:05am Named and Shamed
1:05am Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You

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9:00pm The Goldbergs
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10:00pm Timeless
11:00pm Naked Attraction
12:00am The Big Bang Theory
12:35am The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

4:00pm Indian Premier League
Delhi Daredevils take on Rajasthan Royals at Feroz Shah Kotla Ground in the IPL.
9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight Round-up of the sports news with live analysis and comment plus extended interviews with the headline makers.
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11:00pm Boxing
11:30pm Boxing

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6:05am The Jeremy Kyle Show
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8:30pm Coronation Street
9:00pm Info not available
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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
1:30am Jackpot247

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7:45am Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am Who's Doing the Dishes?
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4:00am Teleshopping Shopping from home.
7:00am The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh.
7:50am Pawn Stars
8:10am Pawn Stars
8:30am Ironside
9:30am Quincy, M.E.
10:35am Minder
11:35am The Saint
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7:05pm Cash Cowboys
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8:30pm Pawn Stars
9:00pm Mr. Bean
9:30pm Mr. Bean
10:00pm The Motorbike Show
11:00pm Hard Target
12:00am FYI Daily
12:05am Hard Target
12:55am The Americans
2:00am Lethal Weapon
2:55am Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
3:50am ITV4 Nightscreen

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6:30am Ready Player One: Special
7:00am Kill Zone 2
9:15am Tarzan
11:15am Keanu
1:00pm The Great Wall
3:00pm The Accountant
5:15pm Tarzan
7:15pm Keanu
9:00pm The Great Wall
11:00pm Kill Bill: Vol. 1
12:55am Kill Bill Vol.2

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6:10am Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:40am Top Ten Show, the 2018
8:00am Wilson
9:45am 50 First Dates
11:30am Click
1:25pm The Longest Yard Keeping up with the Joneses
3:25pm Bridesmaids
5:20pm Bridesmaids
7:30pm 30 Minutes or Less
9:00pm The Longest Yard
11:00pm Keeping up with the Joneses
12:50am Get Him to the Greek

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4:45am Broken Vows
6:30am Rampage: Special
7:00am The Wizard - An American Wrestler
9:15am Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
10:50am Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
12:35pm Girls Trip
2:50pm Where's the Money
4:30pm Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
A straight-laced suit heads to a music festival in a bid to retrieve his stolen phone and wallet, but instead finds a new world of possibilities.
6:05pm Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:50pm Girls Trip
10:00pm Brawl in Cell Block 99
12:20am After the Storm
2:25am Where's the Money
4:05am Palm Swings

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12:15pm One2eleven
12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
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4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
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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
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9:30pm La Liga World
10:00pm Eredivisie
11:00pm The Debate - Live
12:00am La Liga Icons

Out of touchscreen

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

HERE'S a message for all people - mostly of the younger generation who walk along the street or in aisles of supermarkets or inside shopping centres - STOP STARING DOWN AT YOUR PHONE AND LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING! What are you doing?

Three times in a matter of minutes today I had to take evasive action because people were just not looking where they were going and were about to walk straight into me. As usual, if you say anything, you get a volley of abuse or just a dirty look - not a 'sorry' or any kind of acknowledgement that they might be at fault.

It worries me that these same people are messaging on their phones as they are driving too. I also still see loads of people talking on their phones when they are driving. I think it should be an instant ban don't you?

I bought something from Amazon the other day and was told it would be delivered within a couple of days. I had a tracking number and the web address of the delivery company. It was Amazon Spain by the way. Two days later I get an email saying it would be delivered that day. Great.

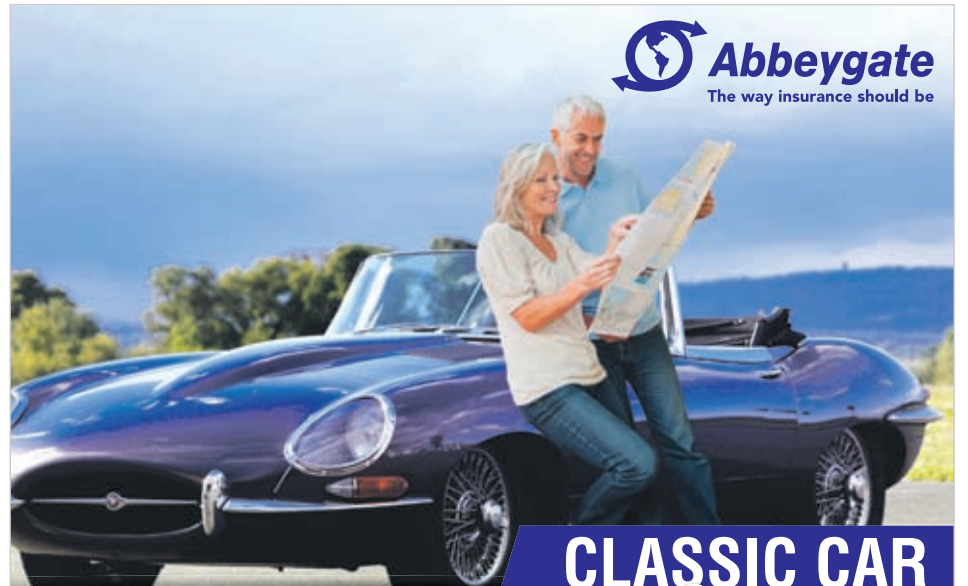
The day came and went and no delivery so I went online to see where it was. I put in the tracking number which was 22 digits long and it said they had tried to deliver and nobody was in. Now I live in a community where there is someone on the entrance gate 24/7 except for the odd time when they do a little patrol or go to the loo and there's always a note on the door saying back in 10 minutes.

So I called the company and after a while and after eventually finding an English-speaking operator and giving her the 22 digit tracking number - gawd knows why it has to be 22 digits - I was told that it was on the way. Anyway the next day the same thing happened. No delivery and the same note on tracking that nobody was at home.

I call again and explain there is always someone there and ask if they are they going to the right place. I also get an email from Amazon asking what I thought of the delivery, was I enjoying my new purchase and how would I score them. They got a one because there wasn't a zero, and a note saying I couldn't rate it yet as it had not been delivered.

I phoned again, the 22 digit number was given and I was told it would be delivered the next day. Five days after the original date I got the parcel and when I checked online it told me that I had signed for it, which I hadn't.

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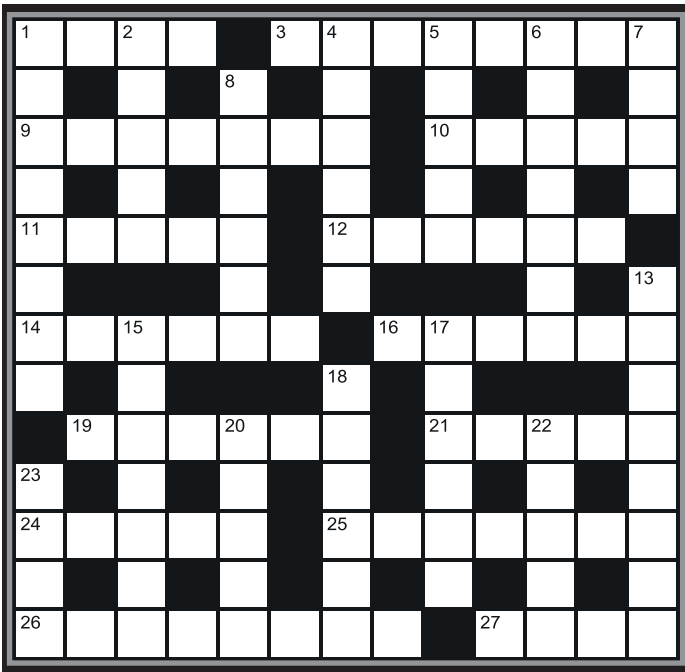
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Daring bishop has aged (4)
- 3 Convict builder or sniper (8)
- 9 Record about American sailor providing ingredient for pie? (7)
- 10 Started back in the teenage boy's team (5)
- 11 A little bit of quiet colour (5)
- 12 Gossip about a rat net (6)
- 14 Dirty little devil by a river (6)
- 16 Previous or present shepherd (6)
- 19 Sunday school air (6)
- 21 Ordering sacks or barrels (5)
- 24 Repent by changing a note (5)
- 25 Hot garden recess provides shelter (7)
- 26 Exchange rate certain to provide wealth (8)
- 27 Dejected Cambridge sportsman (4)

Down

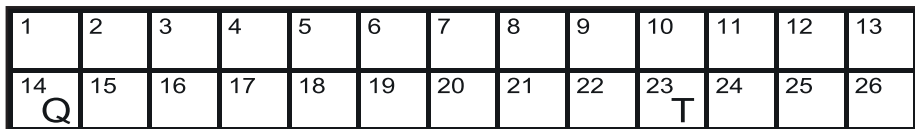
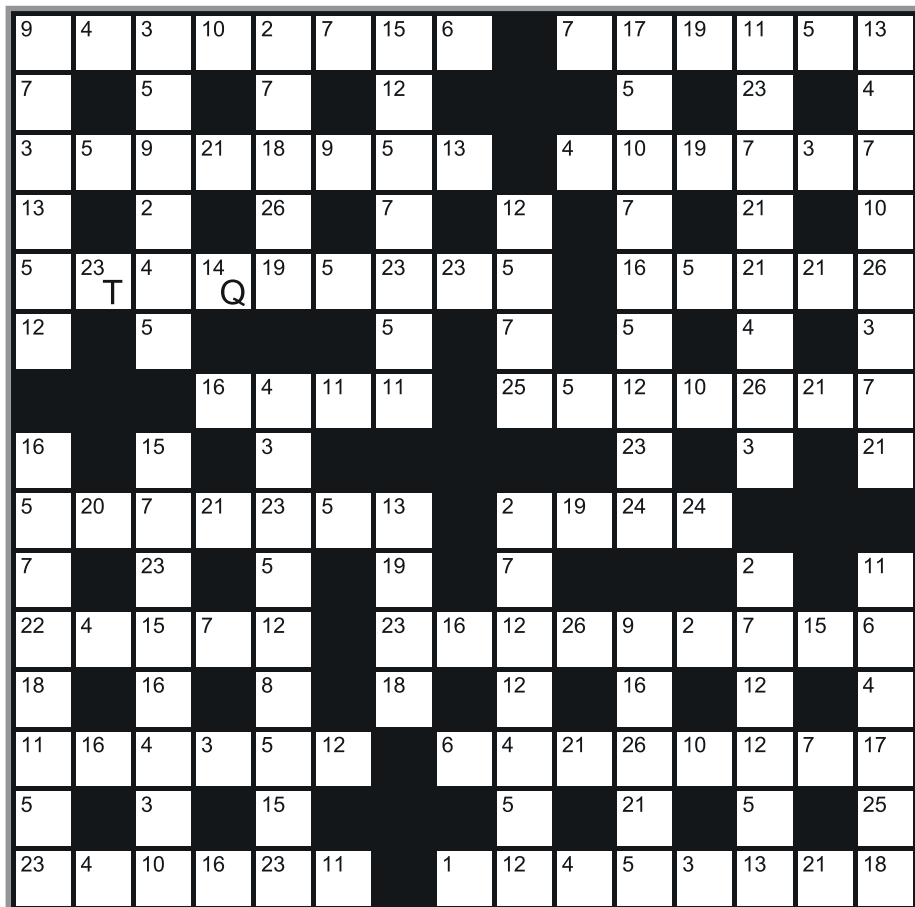
- 1 Hide dollars given to relatives (8)
- 2 Runner defeated in close race (5)
- 4 Squirrel, for example, not red? That's strange! (6)
- 5 Break up boats for wooden shoes (5)
- 6 Disregard the glen etc, it's silly (7)
- 7 Split payment to landlord (4)
- 8 Horseman capturing a



- freebooter (6)
- 13 Keep page attached to book (8)
- 15 Let Pooh put right the road problem (7)
- 17 Agreement that might be struck, it's said (6)
- 18 Secure part in Sullivan chorus (6)
- 20 Supports Lincoln and the system initially (5)
- 22 Small cattle with many a frown (5)
- 23 Stop film computer on time (4)

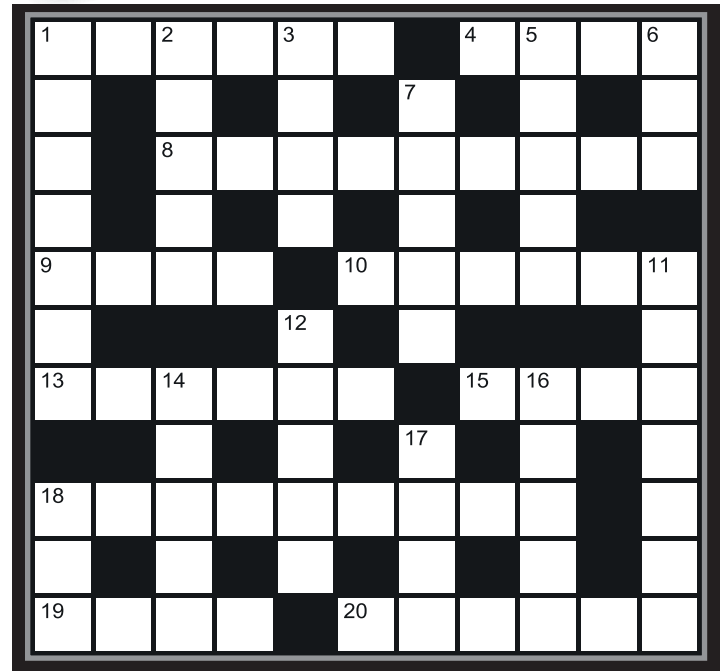
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 14 represents Q and 23 represents T, so fill in Q every time the figure 14 appears and T every time the figure 23 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

- 1 Holy sanctuary (6)
- 4 Musical composition for two performers (4)
- 8 Golden-yellow, cup-shaped flower (9)
- 9 Have care of or look after (4)
- 10 Emphasis (6)
- 13 Say, state or perform again (6)
- 15 Tusked wild pig (4)
- 18 Surgical procedure (9)
- 19 Disappear gradually (4)
- 20 Touch or stroke gently or lovingly (6)

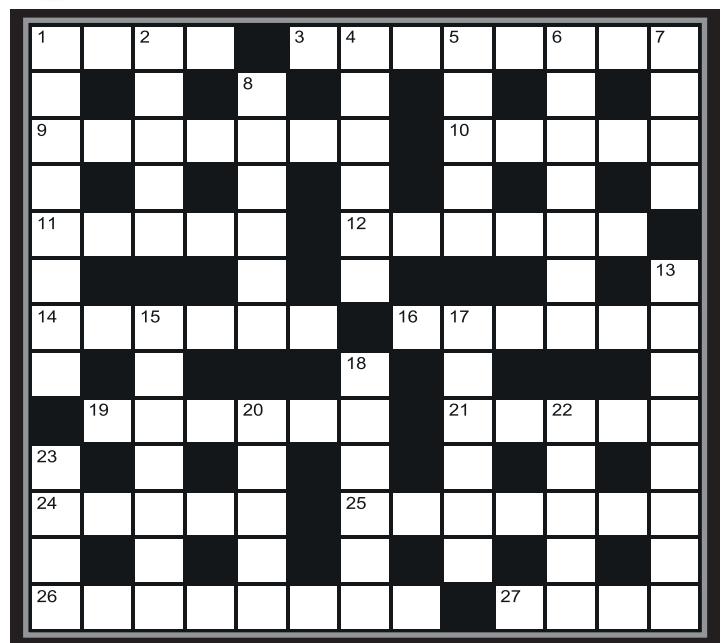
- 2 Small songbird with a reddish breast (5)
- 3 Brief written record (4)
- 5 Husband of your aunt (5)
- 6/18 Give insider information (3,3)
- 7 Small and of little importance (5)
- 11 Unsmiling (7)
- 12 Of or relating to the nose (5)
- 14 Appeal or request earnestly (5)
- 16 Snow leopard (5)
- 17 Former unit of currency in Italy and Malta (4)
- 18 See 6

Down

- 1 Structure that provides privacy and protection from danger (7)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bombilla (4)
- 3 Hermanos (8)
- 9 Huerto (7)
- 10 Straight (without turning) (5)
- 11 Caracol (5)
- 12 Pantalla (cine) (6)
- 14 Dark (lacking light) (6)
- 16 Magpie (6)
- 19 Patata (6)
- 21 Goat (5)
- 24 Sand (5)
- 25 Más temprano (7)
- 26 To hold (8)
- 27 Alfombras (pequeñas) (4)

Down

- 1 Librería (8)
- 2 Struggle (effort) (5)
- 4 Rábano (6)
- 5 To throw (ball, stone, dice) (5)
- 6 School (7)
- 7 Pronto (4)
- 8 Sastre (6)
- 13 Words (8)
- 15 Cocinas (7)
- 17 Grabar (6)
- 18 Rocket (firework) (6)
- 20 Despierto (no dormido) (5)
- 22 Beret (5)
- 23 Sierras (herramientas) (4)

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'ANTONIO, NEARLY ALL CHEMICALS ARE NASTY - BUT RIGHT NOW I FIND WEEDKILLER FRIENDLY.'

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.

	9	24	22	22	
11					
14					
10					7
		16			

Nonagram

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

E	R	I
M	C	D
A	L	E

TARGET:
• Average: 17 • Very good: 33
• Good: 23 • Excellent: 43

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

amen dame damn deem dram made mane mare mead mean meed mend mere name neem ream admen ameer amend armed derma dream edema emeer emend enema maned named namer amende damned deemed demand demean madden madder meaner mended mender reamed redeem remade remand rename amended amender dreamed emended meander renamed demander demeaned remanded MEANDERED

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

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

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Saturday April 21

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12	20	57	38

IRISH LOTTO

Saturday April 21

9	12	19	BONUS BALL
20	29	36	7

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday April 17

15	27	33	BONUS BALL
39	50	6	6

Friday April 20

3	16	25	BONUS BALL
39	44	11	7

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LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday April 19

10	19	33	BONUS BALL
43	45	46	2

JOKER: 5 477 746

Saturday April 21

8	17	19	BONUS BALL
29	42	43	6

JOKER: 1 349 238

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday April 22

11	13	24	BONUS BALL
26	41	2	

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You have a chance to give someone great delight, so why not go ahead? Your insecure side tells you that it is too good to be true and there must be a catch. Why should there be? This is a situation that you may relax into as only you know how.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

You are moving on in an important area but do not burn bridges before you have others to cross. You will know why I mention this later in the week. You are able to influence others far more than you realise, but with your wish to keep things on an even keel you may be giving away too much. You need to keep a balance.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Don't look for spooks in the closet when there are none. Not only does it look silly but it also wastes good time. Basing your actions on past disappointments can only lead to more of the same. Show confidence in others and they will show it in you. Sometimes, your patience wears thin but it is in your best interests to remain calm.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

Is there a chance that you are burying your head in the sand? It is likely that something happening right in front of you is being overlooked or ignored. You are able to deal with this more easily than you think. Just take one step at a time and stick to your plan.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Is someone that you are closely involved with trying to drive a hard bargain? Are you surprised at the amount of time and energy that they are throwing at it? It could be that they are more passionate about it than you realised.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

This is not a time to take anyone for granted. At this time of the year people tend to look at their situation and ask if they are getting enough out of it. Neglecting someone now could store up a lot of problems for the future. Avoid doing anything that could lead to you being blamed later.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

You have been learning about certain people very fast. Do you feel as though you are in the middle of a soap opera? In the spring sunshine, it is possible that passions will fire up. Everything seems to revolve round one person and it is upsetting everything else. Try to spend more time with people who have a warmth and generosity about them.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Now is your chance to go straight for what you want. The shock of having this opportunity could cause you to hesitate. Do bear in mind, though, that he who hesitates is often lost. The temptation to keep something for yourself is not selfish but sensible. You may not have the chance again in the near future.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

This is your week to sparkle and show how clever you are. Why be modest? Let others know what you are capable of; your talents will come out sooner or later. Don't be embarrassed when paid a compliment, for it is richly deserved. You have put on a jolly good show of late and it is now time to listen to the applause.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

A big change means big chances, so don't let small things get you down. In the past six months you have come a long way. You are not back where you started. You are being given the chance to start again, but this time you have far more experience..

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Something that you had set your heart on, although still coming, is terribly slow. This is not a time to be a pessimist. Please don't, however, allow your tendency to put all your eggs in one basket trip you up. It is not necessary to go about things the way that you normally do. Remember that variety is the spice of life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

Challenges that do not please you are inevitable. That does not mean that your attitude towards them could not change. Indeed, unless you want to continue to be upset, it must. Luckily, you have mostly had your own way recently. Try to be a good loser when you have to accept second best.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:
1 Castaño, 5 Arcos, 8 Prove, 9 Retirar, 10 Comprir, 11 Clear, 12 Copiar, 14 Mantas, 17 Naipe, 19 Carpets, 21 Referee, 22 Buque, 24 Salty, 25 Morning.

Down:
2 Storm, 3 Alegria, 4 Obrero, 5 Attic, 6 Correct, 7 Surprises, 10 Cocineros, 13 Painful, 15 Aprobar, 16 Scream, 18 Early, 20 Esquí, 23/1 Egg cup.

CRYPTIC

Across:
1 Scribe, 4 Mangle, 9 Replica, 10 Flint, 11 Lash, 12 Retrieve, 14 Wilma, 16 Messy, 20 Especial, 21 Acts, 24 Throb, 25 Eyesore, 26 Relief, 27 Shrewd.

Down:
1 Stroll, 2 Ropes, 3 Boil, 5 Affirmed, 6 Gliders, 7 Either, 8 James, 13 Amicable, 15 Imperil, 17 Better, 18 Jaded, 19 Ostend, 22 Clone, 23 Mesh.

QUICK

Across:
1 Movie, 3 Flats, 6/18 Sea dog, 8 Aviator, 9 Gavel, 10 Omen, 13 Rage, 14 Heath, 17 Possess, 19 Evade, 20 Stale.

Down:
1 Mass, 2 Enamel, 3 Fair, 4 Attempted, 5 Serene, 7 Analgesia, 11 Triple, 12 Versus, 15 Cede, 16 Ogle.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: THE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

- Born in New York July in 1975, Curtis James Jackson III is the real name of which American rapper, actor, businessman and investor?
- In Coronation Street, what was the name of the character portrayed by actress Pat Phoenix from the series inception in 1960 to 1973 and from 1976 until 1984?
- In office since January 20, 2017, who is the current vice president of the United States?
- In William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, which character speaks the lines: 'Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears; I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him'?
- Love's Gotta Hold on Me (1979), I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1979), Mirror Mirror (1981), Give Me Back My Heart (1982) and O L'amour (1987) we, re all UK top 10 hit singles for which pop vocal duo, consisting of David Van Day and Thereza Bazar?
- Ripostes (1912), Hugh Selwyn Mauberley (1920) and the unfinished 120-section epic, The Cantos (1917-1969), were all works by which expatriate American poet and critic, as well as a major figure in the early modernist movement?

- What is the name of the English model, photographer and television personality who married rock singer Sir Rod Stewart in June 2007?
- Which England international midfielder was transferred from Liverpool to Manchester City in July 2015 for over £44 million pounds?
- Which English athlete won the long jump at the 1964 Summer Olympics by breaking the world record, the first British female to win an Olympic gold medal in track and field.
- Which Wales and British and Irish Lions international rugby union player is the third highest record points scorer for Wales after Neil Jenkins and Stephen Jones?

Not a lot of people know that... The first recorded use of paper money is in 7th century China during the Tang Dynasty. Merchants who didn't want to carry around heavy copper coins exchanged privately issued bills instead.

Answers:

- 50 CENT, 2. Elsie TANNER (also Gregory Grimshaw and Howard), 3. Mike PENCE, 4. MARK Anthony, 5. DOLLAR, 6. Ezra POUND, 7. PENNY Lancaster (Penny Lancaster-Stewart, Lady Stewart), 8. Raheem STIRLING, 9. Mary RAND, 10. Leigh HALFPENNY

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Why didn't you publish my April Fool's joke?

CONGRATULATIONS on your success with *Euro Weekly*. As a reader from your very first edition, which then followed Mr Andy Ormiston, one of only two free papers, *The Entertainer* and Andy's paper which was the size of *The Financial Times* and published monthly. I have written to your paper many times on various subjects, animal cruelty and Second World War events and from as far back as 2002 I always sent you an April Fool which you published without any qualms but this year you refused - why?

Everything I have written has been harmless, nothing rude, insulting, racist, private names or public people. I have had phone calls, been stopped in the street to ask why no pranks this year.

Joe (*The Cat Man*), *Rojales*

Editor's note:

Joe thank you for your words of praise.

However when your piece was sent in, there was no mention that it was an April Fool's joke but simply invited readers to visit the dock in Malaga to

Many people irritated by Correos rule

HOW many Costa Blanca residents are affected by Correos' refusal to deliver mail in many areas?

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I understand similar directives have been introduced elsewhere and some months later reversed af-



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ter many people have bought their postal boxes. Residents left to their own devices organised and paid for

local blocks of boxes thereby retaining their actual address.

Ray Brass, Els Poblets

have the chance to tour two NATO warships and have pictures taken with the captains and crew. We attempted to verify the truth of the information and

discovered that the British warship mentioned had been scrapped a number of years ago and then called you to ask whether there was a mistake.

It was then that it was explained that this was an April Fool's piece and your partner was advised that we did not consider it appropriate to suggest that

our readers should waste their time visiting two warships that weren't there.

In hindsight we believe that when balancing your disappointment, against the potential misleading of our readers, we were absolutely correct in not publishing something that wasn't funny and was just misleading.

Tee'd off two

IN response to Stephen Hamilton's Tee'd Off letter last week I would like to inform him that I belong to a small, friendly, English-speaking golf society. The society plays at Parador de Golf, near Malaga. One does not have to be a member at Parador de Golf to play with this society although if you wish to join as a member there is no waiting list.

The course is flat and very walkable and cooler than most inland courses in the summer, it being on the coast. The society plays two competitions on average per week on Mondays and Thursdays. There is also a very good social side to be enjoyed.

Mo Reilly, Montemar

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Boozy Brits to be slapped with fines

Only old lifeless boring people think this is a good idea... remember you were young once.

Matt Silver

Having lived here for 14 years I have never seen Spanish young people behave like some of the Brits abroad. I go to a Spanish bar and watch a football match, they don't really drink much, it's called sport and unfortunately that ain't the case in the UK now. I got so tired of seeing hen stag holidays making fools of themselves I very seldom go into a British bar any more.

Stephanie Bremner

Squatters refuse to leave expat's Spanish home

Sorry to say this happened to my sister and it took years to get him out and he trashed the house and stole everything when he went. Spanish Law in regard to this is nuts.

Mandy Scott

Terrible. Home owners selling property beware. When they see for sale boards and no activity they just move in. It's all wrong.

Jay Ellis

Big problem in Spain!!! It's not the first time I've heard of this. Unfortunately the law protect these people in the wrong... And if you don't pay your bills you may

Comments from EWN online

lose your house for good...

Maribel Orellana-Aragon

YouTuber faces jail for homeless man biscuit prank

Despicable. He should be locked up and fed a diet of everything he's made others eat.

Mollie Matthews

What a disgusting excuse for a human being!

Judy Breadmore

Shut down his channel and lock him up.

Zara Maria

Child sex pest who fled Spain freed

Has not had access to computers? Pull the other one. He should at least be on the sex offenders list over here and worldwide. Just because they haven't found

any info doesn't mean to say there isn't any; and the original sentence was not enough.

Moira Armitage

Why is such a person even free at all? Isn't child porn illegal? Or is it one of those crimes that isn't really cared about? Possession of a pocketknife lands you in jail but kiddie porn doesn't?

Erik Robinson

More than 1,000 pigs drown at farm

I'm all in favour of animal rights groups... but filming the pigs drowning!!! Why in god's name could they do that without helping them? Filming their deaths was obviously more important?? WHY?

Mandy Taylor

The owner will no doubt demand compensation for the loss of the pigs, and I doubt the authorities will have the stomach to prosecute him. Win win for the farmer.

Ron Curtis

Ghastly. But it is the farmers/owners who should be held to account. Ban them from keeping any animals. Plus hurt them where they care. In their pocket.

Deborah Fitzgerald

Unfair exchange

MY partner and I have been on holiday in Calpe since early March, we come to the Costa Blanca frequently and love it. Last Sunday we walked the testing but beautiful Sierra Helada from Albir to Benidorm.

We needed to exchange some sterling into euros, however the exchange shop was closed in Calpe on Saturday afternoon when we went but we noticed a currency exchange shop open on Sunday and it was displaying a rate of €1.137 to the pound in big letters on a sign outside.

We decided to change £200. To our disbelief the lady behind the counter only gave us €170 for our £200! When we protested she pointed to a notice inside her dark shop saying we had to exchange more than £2,000 to get the €1.137 rate otherwise it was just €0.9 to the pound.

She wouldn't give us our money back and we felt deceived, duped and naive by this con. It is a scam and other Benidorm holidaymakers need to be made aware of.

Helen Stretch, Calpe and UK



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Vitamin E is important because it works as a fat-soluble antioxidant, which helps decrease your chances of developing cancer, heart disease and other chronic diseases.



STUNNING SEEDS: Grapeseed oil is a by-product of wine making.

Omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids are crucial to the functioning and appearance of the skin. The main omega-6 PUFA in grapeseed oil is linolenic acid. This fatty acid can help reduce inflammation in the skin.

Grapeseed oil is popularly used to moisturise the skin, heal acne, tighten pores, reduce the appearance of scars and remove make-up.

The grapeseed oil penetrates into the skin quickly and does not leave it feeling greasy.

To use grapeseed oil on your face, massage several drops on clean skin before going to bed at night.

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Growing on you

IF you are thinking of taking your beard to the next level this summer, now is a good time to think about what style you want to achieve so you can begin creating your masterpiece.

Beards generally tend to be trimmed neatly to create sharp cuts and an elegant appearance. However, increasingly many men have been letting their beard grow long, bushy and full.

These messy but masculine facial hairstyles work beautifully with many men's hairstyles. In addition, there are so many ways to combine stylish haircuts and beards, including the transition between head and face hair.

Depending on your ge-

netics and lifestyle it could take a few months to grow a thick beard. But once you have achieved the length you long for you can begin to play around with it.

There are many different ways to wear a long beard. The best long beards should be full and thick, with no irregular parts.

The great thing about full beards is that they are versatile and look great with short, medium and long hair. They can even be combined with handlebar whiskers for a modern touch.

If your plan is to stylise a full beard this year, you will surely want to invest in some quality beard oil or balm to keep your facial hair soft. But be careful not to brush too much or become impatient, as you will never be able to grow your beard to your full potential.



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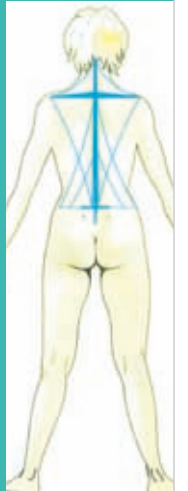


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Normally, varicose veins are found mainly in the legs although they can appear elsewhere as they are actually veins that have become enlarged and twisted

and can be caused through genetic inheritance as well as environmental factors.

Although in most cases they are simply a painful irritant, severe long-lasting varicose veins can lead to leg swelling, venous eczema, skin thickening and ulceration.

Whilst life-threatening complications are not common, varicose veins may be confused by those who don't understand them properly as deep vein thrombosis, which is very dangerous.

Some veins can be controlled by sclerotherapy (which involves the injection of a chemical into the vein to remove it), elasticated stockings, elevating the legs or exercise but traditionally, those who are badly affected have to face having them removed by surgery.

Now, as technology has progressed, so there are alternative techniques which include ultrasound-guided foam sclerotherapy, ra-

diofrequency ablation and endovenous laser treatment, all of which are becoming increasingly more popular and affordable.

As most of the blood in the legs is returned by the deep veins, the superficial veins which tend to be most affected, return only about 10 per cent of the total blood of the legs and can usually be removed or ablated without serious difficulty.

For more information on how to cope with varicose veins and the other procedures offered, call in at the Clinica Mejorate in Los Montesinos, or contact them on 966 721 687.

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“We will be able to observe if there are genetic alterations of the DNA in all tumours. At present, 20 per cent of the patients tested have a mutated DNA and are treatable according to that mutation.

“As new drugs are introduced for different mutations, these figures will grow,” says Dr Antonio Brugarolas, Director of the Oncology Platform.

Dr Brugarolas also explained that the aim is not only to detect mutations which are treatable for providing appropriate treatment, but also to know how the cell reacts to these mutations.

“We can see how the cell adapts and predict the most appropriate chemotherapy treatment for each tumour,” he added.

The new technique is performed through a biopsy and results are obtained

within two weeks. It also enables the hospital to choose treatments based on costs, effects, administration method and patient preferences.

There are more expensive and cheaper drugs plus oral or intravenous treatments, some of which induce hair loss while others do not.

Quironsalud helps patients to customise the selection of drugs, from those which are sensitive, discarding those which are less effective. Dr Brugarolas said that this technique will be developed further, as there are still difficulties.

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BOOZE WARNING: Drinking too much alcohol can cause many health problems.

NEW research shows that you might be drinking too much after all, even if you're keeping within the recommended limits

for safe alcohol consumption.

Regularly drinking more than 100g of alcohol a week - five or six medium glasses of

wine or pints of beer - has been linked to shorter life expectancy, according to research published recently.

On average, each unit of alcohol consumed over the 100g threshold, will slice about 15 minutes off your life, about the same as a cigarette. And drinking between 200g to 350g per week will lower your life expectancy by one to two years. If you drink more than 350g per week you can expect to say goodbye to this world by up to five years earlier.

The research concludes that recommended daily limits for alcohol consumption should be lowered to save lives. Limits in Spain are about 50 per cent higher than in Britain, where the threshold for safe drinking was recently lowered to 112g.

Good news for the ladies, though, is that the research found no evidence supporting a lower alcohol limit for women than for men.

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Art for our age

AN art exhibition titled the stupidity of the staging by Valencian artist Mira Bernabeu is now on show at Murcia's Centro Parraga.

Bernabeu's work shows the theatrical side of human life and how moral, religious, educational values collide.

He uses dark and naked portraits of group performances to question the fine line between public and private life.

His works closely reflect the society, culture and politics of our age, according to Spanish media.

It is free to see his work which will be on show from Monday until Friday May 4 at the Centro Parraga next to the Murcia University Museum.

Walking in Orihuela

ORIHUELA'S Council has put together four hiking routes running through the countryside around the town.

The trails, marked out by the authority's Sports, Rural and Environment department, are designed to give walkers a sense of the area's natural environment.

Route one focuses on an old mill, an old settlement and the Segura river. The Mill of the City is located in the middle of an orchard in the hamlet of Molino de la Ciudad (Mill of the City in Spanish).

The area hosts a route filled with several types of trees. The mill itself is on three floors with a turbine and dock room.

Moquita and Pando also form part of route one. They are located in the Las Norias area and the settlements there date back to at least the 14th century.

There are also several buildings from the 18th to 20th cen-



CREDIT: Orihuela council

WALK ON: Orihuela's council has organised four routes as part of the programme.

tries to see on the walk.

The route running along the Segura river will see walkers visit one of the most important irrigated areas in Alicante

Province. There is also an orchard there which is many generations old.

The second route will take hikers through several sites

from Medieval Spain and later. These include the Old Road of Callosa, with the remains of walls and a gateway still standing built during the 14th century.

The route features several churches including the Church Nuestra Señora del Pilar and that of Ecce Homo.

The third route takes trekkers along the coast to see some of the sites on beaches. These include a 16th century watchtower at Torre Vigia de Cabo Roig, as well as a bridge across the Nacimeiento River and a 125,000-year-old fossil beach at Aguamarina.

The fourth route runs through the Pedania de Barbarroja hamlet and surrounding farmland.

Anyone interested in going on one of the treks can register at: <http://www.orihuela.es/via-publica-medio-ambiente-y-territorio/desarrollo-rural/ori-huela-en-ruta/inscripciones/>.

Pop hero hits Elche

A CLASSIC of Spanish pop, Manolo Garcia is bringing his new material to Alicante's Auditorio del Parque La Rotonda this Saturday at 10pm.

Garcia struck fame as the lead singer of one of the most important Spanish bands of all time, El ultimo de la Fila (the last in the line).

His solo career has been a big success with albums like Arena en los bolsillos (Sand in pockets), Nunca el tiempo es perdido (Time is never lost) and Todo es ahora (Everything is now).

His success has spread his fanbase well beyond Spain, taking in most of Latin America as well as Spanish speakers in the USA.

On his new Spanish tour, he will perform tracks from his new album, titled Geometria del rayo (Geometry of a beam).



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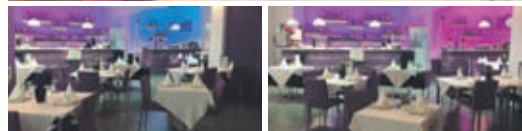
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A perfect sausage casserole

Eat Well
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by Andrew Harding



HERE on the Costa del Sol the rain has stopped and the sky is blue again, I hope the same is true for my readers in other parts of Spain.

The evenings are still a bit chilly, so here is a recipe that can probably be cooked for the next two or three weeks before it is time to break out and clean the barbecue ready for late spring and the summer.

Sausage Casserole (Serves 2)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 6 whole sausage links
- 1 small red onion, peeled and diced
- 6 whole garlic cloves, peeled and chopped
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 can tomatoes, chopped
- 1 whole stock cube, ground
- 1 teaspoon English mustard
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 3 whole bay leaves, bruised
- 1/2 can cannellini beans, drained



PERFECT MATCH: Sausage casserole and roast potatoes.

- 1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground
 - 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese, grated
 - 3 whole mushroom caps, sliced
- Saute sausages with onion and olive oil until onion caramelised and sausages browned, add garlic saute until golden, add red wine and reduce by one third, add rest of ingredients except for parmesan and mushrooms and simmer for 45 minutes.

Add parmesan and mushrooms, cook for a further 10 minutes.

Serve with Yorkshire puddings (see last week's recipe), roast potatoes and your favourite, steamed green vegetable.

Roast potatoes (serves 2)

- 1 large potato
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 pinch salt
- Preheat oven to 220 Celsius (conventional), or 200 Celsius (fan).

Peel and cube potatoes into rough sizes of two cubic inches.

Place potatoes in a microwaveable container and microwave on full power (850 watts) for six minutes, at the same time place a roasting tin containing the olive oil in the oven.

When the microwave has pinged, pour the potatoes and any water into a colander and shake to put a texture on to the outside of the potato.

Place in the oven and cook for about an hour or until the potatoes are a golden brown, shaking occasionally so the sides resting on the base of the tin change several times during cooking.

Sprinkle with salt
Serve

Hint: Choose whichever sausages are your favourite; this recipe works with them all.

Tip: Keep an eye on the roasting potatoes, in my experience all ovens are different and internal temperatures and fan speed can vary substantially.

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The character of Mama is a big challenge for any actress. She's a hard, corrupt individual, the 'mother hen' who, for a price, is always willing to do 'her chickies' a favour.

In this production the role is being played by Ann Bell who has been with STUDIO32 for some time and has played several principal roles over the years.

The show features some impressive dance routines and wonderful songs, including *All That Jazz*, *Razzle Dazzle* and Mama's showcase number *When You're Good to Mama*.

But what happens when you're good to Mama? To find out get your tickets now and make sure you don't miss this wonderful show!

As with the film version the stage show does contain content of an adult nature, and the company advises that it is not recommended for children under the age of 12.

Show dates are Wednesday May 30 to Saturday June 2 at the Cardenal Belluga Theatre in San Fulgencio, all performances start at 7.30pm. Reserved seating tickets are now on sale, priced at €10 and can be obtained by



MAMA MORTON: Played by Ann Bell.

calling 744 484 933, or by emailing tickets@studiothirtytwo.org.

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de la Muralla (MUDEM). The exhibit 'how Rome was illuminated 2,000 years ago,' which was put together by Alicante's Museo Arqueologico de Alicante (MARQ), includes a wide selection of Roman lamps.

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Property market recovery goes on

By Matt Ford**T**HE Spanish property market is officially booming.

It comes after Spanish real estate analysis and consultancy firm Tinsa revealed the sector continued to grow in the first quarter of 2018, as prices shot up by an average of 3.8 per cent, according to year-on-year data.

But the cost of property increased by much more in a number of hotspots, with capital Madrid (17 per cent) and Palma de Mallorca (14.8 per cent) leading the charge.

Prices rose in virtually all provincial capitals across the country, but the Tinsa index shows that strong demand has dictated that larger markets are developing fastest.

Figures recently published by real es-

tate website Idealista back up the report, after asking prices rose by 2.2 per cent over the first three months of the year, ending March at an average €1,621 per square metre.

Madrid again topped the ranking of autonomous communities, with each square metre costing an average €2,159, followed by the Balearic Islands (€2,068), with Extremadura (€768) cheapest.

Spanish estate agents have confirmed that sales of new homes are returning to pre-financial crisis rates.

A report by luxury homes specialist Lucas Fox shows that transactions in Madrid and Barcelona have reached their highest peak since before the property crash sparked by the collapse of international banks. New builds accounted for 50 per cent of sales in the two cities, while Lucas

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Fox itself says that they accounted for 39 per cent of its own deals.

The average price of homes sold by the firm in 2017 climbed to €830,000 from €730,000 in 2016, a 14 per cent year-on-year gain.

International buyers accounted for 66 per cent of the company's sales, with 10 per cent from the UK, 8 per cent from the United States - up 5 per cent from 2016 - while buyers from Scandinavia, the Middle



East and Asia were also well-re-

presented.

"Falling unemployment, low interest rates and a strong economy have all contributed to the growth in the Spanish property market," said Lucas Fox head of operations Rod Jamieson.

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By Amanda Hobbs –
Ciudad Patricia

MOST of us came to Spain, for the climate and better quality of life. In many cases, we found the perfect villa, with extra room for when family comes to stay, large gardens and a pool. The sort of place where dreams became reality and memories are made.

As we get on a bit, the large villa, once a source of pleasure, has become a bit of a burden. The garden's getting too big, the pool needs cleaning weekly and the villa needs more than the odd job to keep it up to scratch.

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Getting on a bit brings its health concerns which is why there's 24 hour emergency health cover on-site as well as a GP surgery on site. There's a residential care home should you need to recuperate after (for example) an operation.

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Each pod is made from moulded concrete and plastic weighing a stunning 80 tonnes, and yet they look like extraterrestrial shittakes.

The exclusive property is available to rent (via one of the pods) and is the creation of architects Peter Strong and William Ashton.

They also drafted in their artist friends to create unique and nature-influenced interior designs.

A monthly asking price of €5,521 is a lot to digest, and doesn't leave 'mush-room' for buying anything else.

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So you've finally realised your dream of retiring to Spain to live out your golden years relaxing and soaking up the sun, congratulations!

However, now you're living abroad you might have realised that using your bank to transfer your pension payments to Spain is eating in to how much you receive.

Keep reading if you'd like to find out how you could be maximising the return on your pension payments...

Avoid fees

Most high street banks will charge a fee each and every time you make a transfer, and when you're making monthly pension transfers these sums can really add up - typically equating to hundreds of lost euros over the course of the year.

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By avoiding these fees on your monthly pension payments it can quickly add up to considerable savings for you over the span of your retirement.

Secure the most competitive exchange rate

Another way to make your pension stretch as far as possible is to ensure that you get the most competitive rate on your currency exchange.

You'll find that different providers will offer different rates when transferring your money, with currency brokers generally offering more competitive rates than high street banks.

While the difference may only be a few pennies either way, depending on the size of your transfer, you could be hundreds or thousands of euros better off if you choose the right provider.

However, it isn't enough to just use the right provider, to really get the most out of your pension you need to time your transfers for when the exchange rate is most favourable.

Exchange rates can be affected by factors like economics, politics and even natural disasters, and following Brexit there has been considerable volatility in the EUR/GBP exchange rate.

Therefore it's crucial to stay on top of the latest movements in the currency markets so you don't miss your window.

The easiest way to do this is to sign up for market updates from a leading currency broker, so you receive the latest news straight to your email inbox.

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Advertising Feature

Four solutions to heat your pool

LET'S compare them on reliability, operating costs and eco-friendly character.

Solar

Only for southern climates. The existing pool pump will circulate the water through a tube-based heating panel on the rooftop or a frame in the garden. Sufficient sunshine is essential!

Downside; often the solar surface is too small and flow rate too low to actually make a real difference. Pool water temperature lost overnight needs to be made up again during the day. Resulting in slow heating up of your pool. Also be aware, that these installations are fragile and prone to leaks and malfunction.

Gas

These are ideal for cold northern climates. Running on gas and operating independently of outdoor temperature conditions. Gas pool heaters burn the fuel within a combustion chamber, heating the copper coils transporting your pool water. The water absorbs the heat and runs back to the pool, warming it up.

The downside; ecologically unsustainable and of course quite expensive.

Electrical

Electric current passing through a resistor will convert electrical energy into heat. Similar to a small water kettle, a lot of electricity is needed in order to heat the flowing pool water.

Very inefficient, making it extremely expensive. Spending money on solar panels, to use as an electrical source during the day is an option. Again adding to the total cost of investing in an inefficient heating solution.

Heat pumps

These systems are a form of solar energy, ecological



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and efficient. They use a small amount of electricity to extract heat from the air and transfer it to the water. It works like a reverse air con. Even on cloudy or cooler days it can run very efficiently.

In the ideal 'green' world, a few roof-installed EV solar panels can even compensate for that consumption. Best of all - with online transparency in sales prices, the heat pump is a relatively cheap investment as a guaranteed effective and efficient working solution.

Running cost

With solar you still need to continuously run the circulation pump, boosting your electric bill by €300 to €950 a year. Costs to operate gas and electrical heaters can range from €300 to €500 per month or more.

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Mad dog

THERE are four basic forms of aggression: to other dogs, to the owners, to other humans and to children. Some dogs are aggressive to other dogs because all pack animals depend on a dominance hierarchy in their community or family.

Often the more dominant dog can establish its higher ranking by growling and baring its teeth, with ears erect, tail trembling and held high, 'hair on end' along the shoulders and back and by staring fixedly.

Less dominant animals submit by lying on their backs or putting their tails between their legs. This is called the 'Beta Roll'.

If the more dominant animal is not happy with the speed of submission or the extent of the submissive reaction, then aggressive action can follow. Normally this is limited to the minimum of damage, if any, as long as there is no human interference.

If a person hits one of the dogs it may think the pain has been caused by the other dog, thus escalating the conflict.

The closer the status ranking, the greater is the risk of serious damage. This is particularly true of two female dogs in the same household. If there are two male dogs, one can be castrated to reduce its rank but this does not work with two females if both have been spayed, an action which should never be taken.

As puppies, they may well have lived happily together but problems are likely to start once they reach around eight months. If neither have been spayed it is vital to spay the one that is challenging for dominance. Make the wrong choice and you will have problems later on.

Even if a dog is submitting, the more dominant dog might decide that the 'comfort distance' is not sufficient, especially if food is involved, and attack.

A dog can be aggressive towards a human owner for sever-

al reasons, all of which are more likely to occur if that owner has not established, in the dog's view, his or her dominance over the animal.

Possession of food or a bone could be the trigger if the owner intrudes on what the dog regards as its comfort distance, something which less dominant dogs in the wild would respect. Establishing your dominance as the owner is vital.

A dog might see other humans, especially those who enter its territory or home, as a threat or there may simply be nervousness about the unfamiliar. This could result in the relatively mild reaction of mouthing the hand which is stretched out or there might be a more aggressive reaction, preceded by growling with hair erect, tail upright, baring teeth and even snarling. The dog will stare at the visitor between the eyes.

The safest thing to do in these circumstances is to avoid eye contact and stand absolutely still until rescued by the owner.

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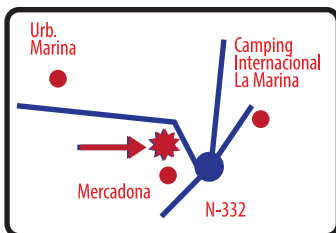
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Pet pigs

PIGS are increasingly popular as pets. Even Shakira walks her pet pig in her video Blackmail. However, it's not the same as having a dog or a cat and it is necessary to think it through before taking this step.

People can think pigs are

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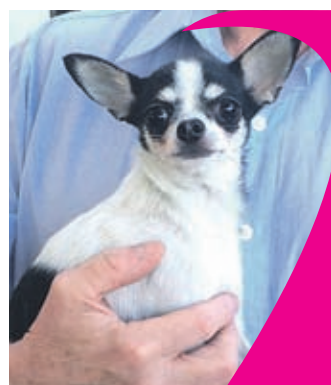
They are also quite intelligent animals and are able to remember and memorise some commands. They can be walked on a leash and can be very affectionate animals with their owner.

However, it is best if you have a house with a garden or access to a public park with land since pigs do need to dig. This is fundamental for their healthy development so if you can't offer this, then a pig is not for you.

And how you feed your pig is important. Pigs are omnivorous animals, so they can eat all kinds of foods, such as fruit and vegetables, cereals and grains.

If you do decide to take a pig home, they can be great company provided you offer them the necessary care, education, food and affection.

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Only 252 of the 507 Roadster were ever made and celebrities including Fred Astaire and Elvis Presley were known to also own models of the popular BMW.

If the classic, fit with a V8 engine capable of reaching 120mph, sells for its estimated value, then it will break the current record for a BMW 507 by more than €1.1million (£1 million).

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The MISS-ing link

First off-road electric supercar spotted testing

THE world's very first off-road electric supercar, the MISS-R, has been sighted while out testing in an off-road setting.

Taiwanese giants XING Mobility are responsible for making the MISS-R supercar, which was revealed at the AutoTronics show in Taipei earlier this month, and the car has been mooted as potentially becoming the fastest production car in the world.

It has also been claimed that the impressive supercar, which boasts a staggering 1.341bhp, can accelerate from 0-100km/h in just 1.8 seconds, thanks to the car's unique system.

The supercar has four 350V motors, which the

company are marketing as the first of its kind and are able to tackle a range of harsh terrains.

Another of the supercar's features is a one megawatt battery pack, which alongside the motors has led the company to claim the car will be able to reach 0-190km/h in just 5.1 seconds.

The top-of-the-range supercar also has an 'immersive-cooled battery pack' which is in place in the hope of preventing the car from overheating when reaching top speeds.

Alongside the MISS-R, XING Mobility are also reportedly currently working with both commercial and industrial vehicle makers

in the hope of applying the technology created for the off-road supercar in other vehicles including buses, special-purpose boats, ride-sharing scooters and even construction equipment.

XING Mobility co-founder and CTO, Azizi Tucker, told the company's website: "The commercial vehicle market is primed for a conversion to electric drivetrains due to functional needs, increasing emissions requirements and public noise reduction."

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La Liga Preview

Real aiming for Atletico

by Benjamin Park

REAL MADRID will look to move to within one point of Atletico Madrid on Saturday as they take on Leganes.

Real, who have not lost since a surprise 1-0 defeat to Espanyol in February, had to rely on a late Cristiano Ronaldo flick to rescue a point against Athletic Bilbao to keep them in the running for second place.

And the Madrid giants can now move to within just one point of their bitter rivals on Saturday, after Atletico were comfortably beaten 3-0 by Real Sociedad on Thursday before being held to a 0-0 draw by Real Betis on Sunday.

Los Rojiblancos can immediately move back to four points clear of Real though if they beat Alaves on Sunday, but their Madrid rivals will still have a game in hand.

Elsewhere, Barcelona will



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ON THE MARCH: Real can move to within just a point of Atletico on Saturday.

look to extend their record unbeaten run to 41 La Liga games as they travel to Deportivo La Coruña on Sunday. The Catalans cruised to their third consecutive Copa del Rey title on Saturday as goals from Andres Iniesta, Lionel Messi, Philippe Coutinho and a Luis Suarez double gave them a 5-0 win over Sevilla.

They survived a late on-

slaught with 10 men in their last La Liga match against Celta Vigo to maintain a 2-2 draw.

Deportivo however have found a good run of form recently, with two wins and two draws in their last four and are now the only side in the bottom three that can mathematically still survive, following Las Palmas' and Malaga's rel-

egation at the weekend.

However, a loss to the champions-elect, coupled with a win for Levante against Sevilla tomorrow (Friday), would all but consign them to the Segunda division.

If Levante do achieve a result against seventh-placed Sevilla, who are without a win in their last six La Liga matches, then that could pave the way for Real Betis' qualification to next season's Europa League. Betis have dropped just two points from their last 18 available and face already relegated Malaga knowing that a win would move them to 59 points, 11 clear of Sevilla and all but guaranteeing their position in next year's Europa League.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Getafe face Girona, Villarreal host Celta Vigo, Real Sociedad face and Espanyol play Las Palmas.

Premier League preview

Red Devils look to secure second

MANCHESTER UNITED will look to follow up their dominant FA Cup semi-final display against Tottenham as they host their North London rivals Arsenal on Sunday.

The Red Devils made it through to a record-equalling 20th FA Cup final thanks to goals from Alexis Sanchez and Ander Herrera, who cancelled out Dele Alli's goal.

They now host Arsenal looking to move clear of Liverpool in third, with Arsenal wanting to give manager Arsene Wenger a fitting swansong period after he announced that he would be stepping down at the end of the season after almost 22 years in charge.

The match will also see Alexis Sanchez, named Man of the Match on Saturday, come up against his old side for the first time since his January move to Old Trafford.

Elsewhere, Manchester City will look to continue their quest for a record points total as they head to struggling West Ham.

The Champions ran riot in a 5-0 win against Swansea on Sunday, with goals from David Silva, Raheem Sterling, Kevin De Bruyne, Bernardo Silva and Gabriel Jesus taking the Champions to within just five points of equalling Chelsea's record from the 2004/5 season with four games to go.

They will look to make the most of West Ham's struggles this season, who fell to their 15th loss of the season in the 4-1 defeat at Arsenal last weekend.

On Saturday, West Brom can be officially relegated from the Premier League if they fail to beat Newcastle.

The Baggies have put on spirited performances in recent weeks, following up their 1-0 victory against Manchester United two weeks ago with a courageous 2-2 draw against Liverpool on Saturday, having come back from 2-0 down.

But it seems to be too little too late for Darren Moore's side as they face a rejuvenated Newcastle side who have



Credit: Manchester United

FORM: Manchester United will look to build on their FA Cup semi-final win.

lost just once in their last five games, knowing only a win, by a considerable margin, will give them a slim hope of survival.

Their fate will be taken out of their hands completely if Swansea manage to get a result at home to Chelsea in Saturday's late kick off.

The Swans currently sit four points above the drop zone and a result against last season's Champions will give them real breathing space between themselves and the bottom three.

In the weekend's other fixtures, Huddersfield face Everton, Crystal Palace host Leicester, Burnley take on Brighton, Southampton play Bournemouth and Tottenham host Watford at Wembley on Monday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • Barcelona	83	33	25	8	0	83	19
2 • Atlético	72	34	21	9	4	54	18
3 • Real Madrid	68	33	20	8	5	80	36
4 • Valencia	66	34	20	6	8	62	36
5 • Betis	56	34	17	5	12	54	53
6 • Villarreal	51	33	15	6	12	45	40
7 • Sevilla	48	33	14	6	13	41	52
8 • Getafe	48	34	13	9	12	39	31
9 • Girona	47	34	13	8	13	46	52
10 • Celta	45	34	12	9	13	53	47
11 • R. Sociedad	43	34	12	7	15	60	54
12 • Eibar	43	34	12	7	15	37	47
13 • Alavés	41	34	13	2	19	34	47
14 • Athletic	40	34	9	13	12	37	42
15 • Leganés	40	34	11	7	16	28	41
16 • Espanyol	39	34	9	12	13	28	40
17 • Levante	37	34	8	13	13	32	49
18 • Deportivo	28	34	6	10	18	32	65
19 • Las Palmas	21	34	5	6	23	22	69
20 • Málaga	20	34	5	5	24	22	51

Champions L.

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Relegation

PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	PI	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 • M. City	90	34	29	3	2	98	25
2 • M. United	74	34	23	5	6	65	26
3 • Liverpool	71	35	20	11	4	80	37
4 • Tottenham H.	68	34	20	8	6	66	31
5 • Chelsea	63	34	19	6	9	59	34
6 • Arsenal	57	34	17	6	11	66	46
7 • Burnley	53	35	14	11	10	35	32
8 • Everton	45	35	12	9	14	40	54
9 • Leicester City	44	34	11	11	12	49	47
10 • Newcastle United	41	34	11	8	15	35	43
11 • Bournemouth	38	35	9	11	15	41	58
12 • Watford	38	35	10	8	17	42	60
13 • Brighton	36	34	8	12	14	32	47
14 • Crystal Palace	35	35	8	11	16	36	54
15 • West Ham Utd.	35	34	8	11	15	42	63
16 • Huddersfield Town	35	34	9	8	17	27	54
17 • Swansea City	33	34	8	9	17	27	51
18 • Southampton	29	34	5	14	15	33	53
19 • Stoke City	29	35	6	11	18	32	65
20 • West Bromwich	25	35	4	13	18	29	54

Marquez rules in Texas again

SPANIARD Marc Marquez won his sixth consecutive MotoGP of the Americas as he came back from a three-spot penalty to win.

The two-time defending World Champion eventually finished a huge 3.5 seconds ahead of fellow

Spaniard, Maverick Vinales of Yamaha in second, while Suzuki's Anrea Iannone finished in third, 6.7 seconds off Marquez's pace.

Vinales' Movistar teammate, Valentino Rossi, suffered another disappointing display as he could only finish in fourth.

Marquez was demoted to fourth place from pole prior to the Texas race as he was penalised for blocking Vinales, but immediately began his ascent back to the top on turn one behind Iannone.

However, the Suzuki man's lead was also short-lived as Marquez had returned to the top by turn 12 of the first lap and did not look back.

The Spaniard enjoyed an untroubled race from that point onwards, finishing with a convincing time-gap between himself and Vinales to win.



Credit: Repsol Honda

CONSISTENT: The victory took Marquez to within just one point of championship leader Dovizioso.

Spanish players banned after referee row

FIVE Spanish rugby players have been banned for a total of 121 weeks for their actions in the aftermath of last month's World Cup Qualifier against Belgium.

Spanish tempers flared over at the end of the match after players felt many decisions in their 18-10 loss had gone against them, with several players confronting Romanian referee Vlad Iordachescu at the final whistle.

Spain subsequently lodged



Credit: Twitter

BANNED: Five players have been banned for confronting Romanian referee Vlad Iordachescu.

a formal complaint to Rugby Europe, after the result ensured Romania a spot at next year's World Cup, with governing body World Rugby later expressing it was 'deeply concerned' by the matter.

But Rugby Europe has now announced varying lengths of bans given to five players involved in the after

match row, who include Guillaume and Sebastien Rouet, Pierre Barthere, Lucas Guillaume and Mathieu Belie.

The Rouet brothers, Guillaume and Sebastian, who both play at scrum-half, received the longest bans for physical and verbal abuse of a match official, 36 and 43 weeks respectively, while

flankers Barthere, Guillaume and number 10 Belie all received 14 week bans for threatening actions/words at a match official.

A statement released on the governing body's website read: 'After considering the charges against each player and the Spanish Rugby Federation (FER), the Committee heard the arguments and evidences of all parties.'

'These sanctions are applicable immediately for all players' rugby activities (clubs and national teams).

'Players have the right of appeal within seven days of receipt of the written decision. The misconduct complaint against the Spanish Rugby Union was suspended and a further hearing date will be set.'

Record breaker

Nadal claims third consecutive Monte Carlo Masters

RAFAEL NADAL claimed his 11th Monte Carlo Masters title as he beat Japan's Kei Nishikori in straight sets.

It took the 31-year-old just 94 minutes to dispatch the World Number 36 Kei Nishikori in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2 as Nadal raced to his third consecutive title in Monte Carlo and a record 31st Masters 1000 title.

The victory, which saw him pick up his 36th straight set victory on clay, will also mean that Nadal will remain as World Number One ahead of Roger Federer.

Following his victory, the Spaniard told the media: "It's always special for me to be back here, having this trophy. It's one of the most important events of the year for me."

Nadal, who returned from an injured hip in the Davis Cup ear-

lier this month, found himself under some early pressure from the former world number four as Nishikori broke the Spaniard's serve to go 2-1 ahead in the first.

But the pressure soon subsided as Nadal immediately broke back and then raced clear to take the first set, before quickly breaking in the second to take a 2-1 lead.

And the Spaniard ultimately proved too much for the Japanese star, who only returned from a long injury lay-off in January, as he soon broke again to claim victory and the perfect preparation for next month's French Open.

"I want to thank all my team and my family. We had some tough moments during the past five months after a couple of injuries in a row," Nadal continued.

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