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One year on

Friends of death plunge victim return

By Matt Ford

FRIENDS of Kirsty Maxwell, the Scottish woman who plummeted from a balcony while holidaying on the Costa Blanca, have spoken of their horror at finding her body lying by their hotel swimming pool.

Last weekend marked one year since the 27-year-old newlywed from Livingston tragically fell from the 10th floor of the Apartamentos Payma complex in Benidorm.

The bank worker had been visiting Spain for pal Carolyn Burke's hen-do with 19 other friends, and four of them plus her



Photo credit: Shiona McCallum/BBC Newsbeat

HEN PARTY HORROR: Pals of Kirsty Maxwell (left) have been in Benidorm seeking answers (right).

aunt returned to the resort as their search for answers continues.

Carolynn, 29, said: "My mum was banging on my door at 10.30am and then she burst into the room with a man shouting 'someone's missing, someone's missing - there's been an accident.'"

"Lesley-Anne got up and ran to the window and looked. When she came back she said, 'it's Kirsty.'"

"We just sat in a room for hours in silence crying."

"I don't think any of us will ever be the same again."

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Adios Benidorm

Show creator confirms sitcom will end

BENIDORM, the long-running, award-winning ITV sitcom will air its final episode this week after TV bosses decided to axe it after a 10-series run.

Produced by Tiger Aspect the series features an ensemble cast of holidaymakers and staff at the Solana all-inclusive hotel in Benidorm on Spain's Costa Blanca.

Last Sunday show creator Derren Litten told his Twitter followers, "crazy to think Wednesday will be the last episode of Benidorm!"

"I created the series over 11 years ago, wrote it, guest starred in it and ended up directing it. It's difficult to think what else there is to do! Thank you for watching!"

It comes only weeks after Litten tweeted, "Apparently *The Sun* are running a story



tomorrow on how Benidorm has been cancelled. Don't make me f***ing laugh! (I enjoyed that story after series 6. And 7 and 8 and 9...)"

A TV source, quoted by the newspaper, said, "Benidorm has been a huge success for ITV for a decade, but bosses feel it's run its course."

"The ratings have started to drop off and a number of the fan favourites have left, so it just feels as though the

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AXED BY ITV:
Benidorm cast and (inset) show creator Derren Litten.

time is right to let it go out while it's still on a high."

Just over 4.3 million fans tuned in for the first show of series 10, a 400,000 drop on the previous year.

Appeal for witnesses

» From Front page

Lesley-Anne Watson, 28, added: "I looked and she was just lying there - I was shaking and freezing."

The women gave a press conference in Benidorm before putting up posters and distributing fliers in the hope that new witnesses will come forward.

It is believed Kirsty was in an apartment occupied by five British bodybuilders from Nottingham on the floor when she fell after leaving her room a floor below barefoot but clothed.

They were quizzed by Spanish investigators before returning to the UK after denying wrongdoing.

Retail manager Kerry Langton, 27, explained how she had tucked Kirsty into bed: "I took her shoes off and asked her if she wanted her pyjamas on but she was being silly and said no. I said 'Goodnight, love you' and tucked her in like a wee child."

Lesley-Anne added: "There's not a day it doesn't go through your head, 'what if we stayed somewhere different? What if we came on a different night?'"

She described the aftermath as "hell" and recalled how she had to break the tragic news to Kirsty's husband Adam, 28, who she had married just seven months earlier.

"Adam phoned and he said he'd had a strange call and he thought it was a prank. I had to tell him it wasn't and I remember him breaking down."

"It was horrific... I replay that conversation in my head every day."

Kirsty's clothes were controversially destroyed without proper DNA testing in the wake of the incident.

Private detective David Swindle, an ex-police officer, is now probing the case on behalf of her parents Brian and Denise and husband Adam after Spanish detectives were unable to track down any witnesses and their Spanish lawyer resigned citing "a difference of opinion over optimum legal strategy."

A new website (www.kirstymaxwell.com) has been launched with messages from her family and details about the case, plus contact details if you have any information.

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Whale of a time

MAY is the time to look out for whales as they travel south past the Javea and Denia coast. Fifty-five have been spotted off Cabo de San Antonio in the last year and of 134 sightings off the Valencian Community coast, 73 were recorded in the Marina Alta.

Close shave

A 50-YEAR-OLD woman was taken to Denia hospital after her ear was almost ripped off and she suffered facial injuries during a bull-running event in Benissa. Witnesses said the damage could have been far worse, as the animal's horn had passed so close to her neck.

Ifach fall

A 50-YEAR-OLD man died after falling from the top of the Peñon de Ifach in Calpe to the path below. The circumstances of the accident are unknown as he was unaccompanied, but neither the Fire Consortium helicopter nor Benissa firemen sent to his aid could resuscitate him.

Fire bugs

VANDALS have burned 70 rubbish containers in Petrer, Elda and Villena over the last two months, causing €25,000 of damage. All occurred in the early hours of the morning and firefighters said the fires were intentional as the blazes were so intense that accelerants were clearly used.

Bull nobbled

THE iconic hoarding of the Osborne bull in Tavernes (Valencia) crashed to the ground in high wind after its supports were deliberately damaged. No-one has claimed responsibility although the Arran pro-Paisos Catalans independence group, which is also active in Valencia, sabotaged the Tavernes bull in December 2016.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 12

Photo credit Antonio Gibotta/2018 Sony Photography Awards

FLOUR POWER: Antonio Gibotta's photos were taken in Ibi, Alicante.

Eggstra-ordinary

HIS pictures of an annual festival in Ibi, Alicante were featured in the *Euro Weekly News* earlier in the year.

And now Italian snapper Antonio Gibotta's stunning series of photographs has picked up second place in the Professional Discovery category of the 2018 Sony Photography Awards.

The jaw-dropping sequence shows revellers hurl smoke bombs, flour and eggs at each other as they stage a mock battle to

mark the biblical Massacre of the Innocents by King Herod.

Clad in military gear and wearing goggles to protect their eyes, some participants also brandish firecrackers as the flour and egg artillery whizzes by.

The bizarre event dates back around 200 years and sees Els Enfarinats (the floured ones) take control of the village as they stage a fake coup d'état against the authorities.

Talking about his experience at

the festival, Antonio said: "When I reached the heart of the struggle, after a few minutes, the floor became slippery and I had to be careful to dodge the flour and the eggs."

"I've always applied to photographic contests with images featuring cruel settings like wars and tragedies, such as my project on immigrants from the Balkans. But with this series I wanted to show another type of war... one that doesn't scare people."

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Mane event!



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HORSEPLAY: The Feria de Jerez is a traditional marvel.

IT'S among the most quintessentially Spanish festivals still celebrated today.

And the annual Feria de Jerez, also known as the Feria del Caballo (horse fair), is just around the corner.

Taking place in world sherry capital Jerez de la Frontera, the week-long celebration is the most important in the province of Cadiz, Andalucia, and has been designated a celebration of international interest by the Spanish government.

Less of a tourist-trap than regional capital Sevilla's enormous Feria de Abril, it features the time-honoured casetas - temporary bars and restaurants which transform into lively nightspots packed with revellers after dark - plus a raucous family fairground with a range of attractions, both typical features of ferias in southern Spain.

Unlike in Sevilla the casetas are open to the public, allowing visitors to quaff local sherry and sample the area's superlative cuisine while guitarists march to a flamenco beat marked by the pounding rhythm of stamping

feet and clapping hands.

But a large portion of the leafy Gonzalez Hontoria Park, where festivities are centred, is also given over to the finest pure bred horses of Jerez in a nod to the origins of the event as a commercial livestock fair originating more than 500 years ago.

The Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art is located in the city, and the area's horse-breeding heritage comes to the fore during the feria, with dressage, rising competitions and polo matches.

But the undoubted highlight is the daily parade of horse-drawn carriages, dubbed enganches in Spanish.

Lavishly decorated English, Hungarian, Russian and Spanish-style carriages are paraded around the park and city streets, ending in the carousel, when they wheel and turn together in choreographed circles.

It is a striking, unforgettable spectacle soundtrack by the cracking of whips and hundreds of jingling bells.

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Expat 'paedo' snared

Brit held on child porn charges

by Matt Ford

A 63-YEAR-OLD British man has been held on the Costa del Sol for allegedly distributing child pornography.

The unnamed suspect was arrested at Malaga Airport as he stepped off a flight from the Canary Islands.

It comes in the wake of a Spanish National Police probe, during which indecent images and videos being shared on-line led to an Internet Protocol address registered in the expatriate hotspot of Mijas Costa.

A raid on the man's home saw investigators seize a laptop and an external hard



HARD EVIDENCE: A laptop and hard drive were seized during a police swoop.

drive on which they found evidence that files of a 'clear paedophilic nature' had

been saved before being deleted, according to police.

Shock alert for British residents

DENIA hospital has recommended against prescribing metamizole for British and Scandinavian patients.

Commonly used as a painkiller, to relieve spasms or bring down a high temperature, it is marketed here as Nolotil and Novalgine amongst other brand names.

Denia hospital has now issued an internal memo to its doctors as well as staff at Marina Alta primary care centres, warning that patients from Northern Europe could be at greater risk from agranulocytosis, a sharp fall in white blood cells.

This could have 'grave consequences,' the hospital warned, as 30 per cent of these cases can result in death, although pharmaceutical companies claim that this occurs once in every 10,000 patients.

The hospital has now asked the Generalitat's Health department for records going back four

years, to enable its Pharmacy and Preventive Medicine services to determine whether this adverse effect is higher than usual amongst Britons and Scandinavians owing to a genetic tendency.

Although metamizole is routinely prescribed in Spain, Portugal, Italy and other European countries, the drug is banned in the UK and the US because the risks and side effects of the drug are considered to outweigh its benefits, especially as other options are available.

The Denia Hospital investigation is the result of an alert received from an Alicante-based legal and medical translator who has extensive contacts amongst the expatriate community.

A large number have had serious problems after taking metamizole, she said, prompting the decision to pass on her suspicions to Denia Hospital.



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And Eurovision fans are gearing up for this year's competition, which kicks off next Tuesday at the Altiça Arena in Lisbon, Portugal.

But while Spanish hopes of douze points are being fuelled by eighth favourites and real-life couple Amaia y Alfred's *Tu Cancion* (Your Song), bookies have failed to even place the UK's SuRie - who will sing Storm - in the top 20 favourites ahead of the showpiece.

Spain's pair fell for each other on reality TV talent show *Operacion Triunfo* and were chosen to represent their country after winning the nation's hearts.

SuRie was the surprise winner of Eurovision: You Decide earlier this year and is an outside bet for the gong.

Both countries go straight into the final on Saturday May 12 as part of the 'Big 5' making the biggest financial contribution to the contest.



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DOUZE POINTS? Spain's Amaia y Alfred (top) and the UK's SuRie.



BOTTOMS UP: Jessica Hart.

Dare to bare

SHE'S a former Victoria's Secret model and Vogue cover girl.

But Australian siren Jessica Hart, 32, revealed her less glamorous side after posting a snap of bronzer being applied to her buttock on social media.

The cheeky moment came during a photo shoot in Ibiza for *Marie Claire Italia*, which saw the beauty pose in some of the party island's most picturesque locations.



Jen's hot bum deal

SHE recently splashed out on a '3D' bum lift.

And former escort Jenny Thompson, 28, who shot to fame in 2010 after allegedly bedding ex-England footballer Wayne Rooney, hit the beach in Spain to show off the results of her latest surgery.

The *Ex On The Beach* star set pulses racing after slipping into a racy bikini before frolicking in the shallows.



Photo credit Twitter

BEACH BABE: Jenny Thompson.

Brady takes flack from ex squeeze



Photo credit Caroline Flack/Instagram

WHIRLWIND: Caroline and Andy.

FORMER Apprentice star Andrew Brady is at the centre of a three-way Balearic Islands love triangle.

It comes as the 27-year-old announced his engagement to host of Love Island - the dating show filmed on Mallorca - Caroline Flack, 38, via social media after only three months of dating.

But his ex, Ibiza Weekender DJ

Rachael Rhodes, has claimed she was dumped by the Celebrity Big Brother contestant without any explanation.

She wrote on her blog: "The last time I'd seen him he described our wedding to me, told me how many kids we were having and what colour their hair would be, he told my Mum what ring he wanted to get me and again, like magic - POOF."

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ANIMAL ABUSE: Two of the dogs that were found in the stagnant water.

‘Psychopaths’ Mutilated dogs found in reservoir

by Karl Smallman

THE mutilated remains of four dogs that went missing at Easter have been found by their owners in a stagnant water reservoir on the Costa Blanca.

The horrified owners have recovered the remains of three of their pets but the fourth was too seriously decomposed.

Authorities have ordered the owners of the greenhouse nursery business to drain the reservoir amid concerns that more animal remains might be found.

A specialist company has started to empty the holding pond that serves the business in Muchamiel, Alicante.

Although the work has not yet been finished it is believed the remains of other dead animals including cats and dogs have been found.

The Guardia Civil is investigating the horrific discovery and have taken state-

ments from greenhouse workers but say there is no conclusive evidence that points to the culprits.

The police have now taken to social media to issue a public appeal for information.

But the lawyer of the dog owners was angry. Graciela Miralles, claims that during the emptying of the pond no agent of the Guardia Civil's SEPRONA animal protection arm was present.

“This does not happen when it comes to the murder of a person. A tank has been emptied in which the bodies of mutilated animals are supposedly found and the Guardia Civil is not present to verify it.”

The Animal Dignity association is also assisting the dog owners to find the culprit.

Saturnina Martínez, president of the association said, “This is a horror.

“We have to wait and see

what justice says but we constantly ask for the toughening of sentences.”

Antoni Ripol of Felinos Lo Morant added, “Here we have psychopaths.”

Lawyer Gabriela Miralles said that if the Guardia Civil finds the culprits, they would face a maximum penalty of two years in prison and that if they do not have a criminal record the sentence would be suspended.

“This is the problem we have with the laws of animal abuse.”

Violent attackers remanded

TWO men accused of robbing an Anglo-Spanish businesswoman of €34,000 at gunpoint in Polop last January are now remanded.

Both Romanian and aged 21 and 43 respectively, they have been charged with robbery, violence and intimidation.

Hooded and wielding a gun, they threatened their 36-year-old victim as she left her car. The woman put up a fight and managed to wrestle the

gun from them and throw it beyond their reach.

They pushed her back into her car, hitting her violently until she handed over the day's takings of £27,000 and €3,000 from her handbag.

The younger of the two had disappeared from his Finestrat home and investigators discovered six warrants had been issued for his arrest in Spain. He was finally found in Socuellamos (Ciudad Real), hiding with relatives.

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OUR VIEW

Someone, somewhere knows what happened

A WEEK after the Lisa Brown probe was frozen by a Spanish judge, family and friends of Kirsty Maxwell have returned to Benidorm.

And as they race to stop their own investigation being shelved, striking similarities between the cases emerge.

And chief among them is the lack of credible witnesses willing to come forward.

As with Lisa, somebody knows what happened to Kirsty, and secrets have a tendency to come out in the end.

One year on - pages 1 and 2

Wolf pack rage spot on

THE thousands of protesters who took to the streets in Spain to protest the San Fermin sex assault sentences are to be applauded.

According to the court ruling, the attack was not rape because no physical violence was used to subdue the victim, there were no injuries demonstrating violence and no intimidation.

But the 'abuse' was carried out by five men 10 years older than the victim, who took her to a dark doorway, repeatedly penetrated then left her lying on the floor.

If this does not qualify as rape, what does?

Sex assault verdict outcry - page 9

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Fatal plunge mystery

Coroner's 'open verdict' on Brit death

By Karl Smallman

THE family of a 21-year-old British holidaymaker who plunged to her death from a ninth-floor Benidorm balcony may never know why she died.

Danielle Hall suffered fatal injuries after falling from the apartment in the Costa Blanca resort where she was staying with her partner and his grandmother.

After a night out with boyfriend, Jordan Bevan, the supermarket worker from Hexham, Northumberland, toppled over the balcony railings and suffered fatal injuries.

A North Shields inquest heard Jordan say that he thought she had stepped outside for a cigarette when he heard a thud and saw her lying on a garage roof below.

He said that Danielle had not shown any signs of depression or suicidal tendencies on the night she died in November 2016.

Coroner Eric Armstrong said there was no evidence to suggest

she had taken her own life and he recorded an open verdict.

Mr Armstrong said, "We don't have any accounts or information telling us how she fell from the balcony.

"It's most likely to be that she had a drink, she was a bit unsteady, went for a cigarette and lost her balance and fell.

"If this is right, there's no supportive evidence for it. I cannot say it was an accident.

"What is left is an open conclusion."

The coroner said, "No parent should have to deal with the death of a child. You have my sympathy."

After her death, Danielle's family released a statement saying she was "a much-loved daughter, sister and a fantastic auntie to her five-month-old niece."

They added: "Danielle was an outgoing and friendly girl who will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.



SADLY MISSED:
It remains unclear how Danielle (inset) died.

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FIVE years after native Spanish pond turtles were detected in Pinosa's wetlands, five young have been spotted there although biologists said there could be more as females lay up to 13 eggs each summer.

Name shame

A STORY covered in the *Euro Weekly News* last week reported the arrest of British drugs lord Brian Charrington, but a production error saw his surname printed Carrington, for which we apologise.

Brit teen death

by Karl Smallman
and Matt Ford

POLICE are probing the death of a British expatriate teenager on the Costa del Sol.

It comes after the lifeless body of 17-year-old Kieran O'Brien was found after a six-day search.

The hunt had been extended to cover all of Malaga Province, with relatives in the UK contacted after he vanished from his family home in Alhaurin el Grande.

Investigators believe that he may have committed suicide, according to reports.

A Guardia Civil police helicopter was last Thursday seen combing the area inland from the coast.

He was eventually located around 9pm close to the Casa del Guardamontes, a well-known hiking spot in the mountain foothills behind the town.

Psychologists are reportedly talking to his class-



HEARTBREAKING: The Casa del Guardamontes and (inset) Kieran O'Brien.

mates in the wake of his discovery.

Family friend Sandie Ashing told the *Euro Weekly News*: "Reports that a body has been found on the mountain are true.

"We were praying it wasn't him."

"But his dad just messaged me and confirmed.

"I have no words."

She added: "As I am sure you can imagine his family and friends are devastated.

"They thank everyone for sharing the posts, and searching in person.

"Thank you to all media who have been very supportive.

"Please give his family and friends time to grieve. RIP Kieran."

Manada rape verdict rejected

FIVE men who gang-raped an 18-year-old girl during the Pamplona bull-running fiestas in 2016 received nine-year prison terms.

The sentence prompted spontaneous demonstrations in support of the victim throughout Spain, many of them in Alicante Province where women of all ages in Benidorm, Alfaz, Torrevieja and other Costa Blanca municipalities rejected a verdict regarded as misogynist and judgemental.

The sentences from a Navarra tribunal fell far short of the Public Prosecutor's 22-year recommendation and aroused public fury because the male judges found the self-styled Manada (herd) guilty of sexual abuse, not rape.

As there was no proof the five men used violence or intimidated their victim, their offence could not be considered rape they decided, while one of the tribunal judges was in favour of acquitting all five.

The young student, whom many felt was put on trial herself during the hearing, admitted that she did not put up resistance precisely because she was intimidated and feared violence from the five men who raped and abused her in a deserted doorway.

Alfaz was one of the local towns that called for a tougher sentence and showed support for the victim with a silent protest outside the town hall.

"Although we must accept any resolution from a court of law, we wanted to express our most profound rejection of this verdict," said the town hall spokesman Toni Such.

Brexit and pension transfers. A window of opportunity?

Last year the UK began to impose a 25% tax on transfers to overseas pension schemes, including QROPS. This currently excludes individuals and QROPS where both are resident in a European Economic Area (including Gibraltar) country, but who knows what will happen after Brexit? If you wish to move your pension overseas, it may be better to do so now, under known rules, rather than wait and see what happens. Pension transfers can take months, so don't risk leaving it too late.

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Although different to the cruise ferry experience associated with Brittany Ferries in Ireland, the ship will offer comfortable en-suite cabins, lounges, self-service dining, shopping and a café/bar.

A ship, the MV Connemara,

has been chartered for the new service, and she will follow the successful 'économique' model that Brittany Ferries has established on services from the UK to France and Spain.

Brittany Ferries said in a statement: "If you're looking for value and a simpler service direct to Spain, and are content to travel without the premium experience offered by our

cruise ferries, the Connemara économique service between Cork and Santander could be just right for you."

Crossings will take approximately 26 hours, with departures from Cork on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The 120 cabins on the ship will feature beds for up to four passengers, and some will be pet-friendly.

The Connemara will carry around 500 passengers with space for 195 cars, and the

company expects a 50/50 split between passengers and freight carried.

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Madeleine McCann claim

Dad 'saved daughters from abduction suspect'

by Matt Ford

A SPANISH dad claims he saved his daughters from a man matching e-fits released by UK police in the wake of Madeleine McCann's disappearance.

Speaking to local newspaper *La Voz de Galicia*, the 45-year-old - named only as Andres - said an individual resembling the suspected kidnapper en-

tered a hotel bedroom while his daughters, aged five and 13, slept during a 2001 holiday.

And when the e-fit images were released internationally 12 years later, he immediately recognised the man pictured.

"I don't know if that man kidnapped Madeleine, but for me he is the man who tried to take my daughters," he said.

Madeleine McCann was three when she vanished from her holiday apartment bed in Praia da Luz on Portugal's Algarve

while her parents Gerry and Kate were out for dinner on May 3, 2007.

Her whereabouts remain unknown and an 11-year

probe remains ongoing.

Andres recalled how his family had been driving through Portugal and decided to stay the night at a

small hotel in the central town of Prades.

He said that a man in his mid-40's complemented him and his wife on their 'beautiful daughters' as they checked in.

The girls were sleeping in a separate room, and he believes the man was the only other guest.

In the middle of the night, his eldest called her father to ask if he had just been inside their room.

He had not, but decided to stay in the girls' room to reassure them, and he says the man returned a few minutes later, replying that "he had come to check on the children" when confronted.

"Even today, I don't know how he managed to escape, he was slippery like an eel," he added.

And when he complained to reception he was told that the man was "a regular guest who likes children but doesn't hurt them."

He also claims he was quizzed by investigators from Spain's National Police and the UK's Scotland Yard, but that they never came back to him.



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ONGOING PROBE: Madeleine McCann and (inset) e-fits of her alleged kidnapper.



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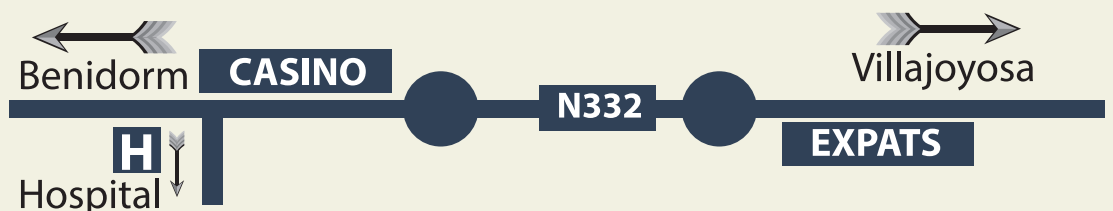
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ALL SMILES: Simon Manley receives his award in Malaga.

Going for gold

Brit Ambassador receives medal

By Karl Smallman

SIMON MANLEY, the British Ambassador to Spain, was awarded a medal to recognise his work as a 'great promoter of relations' between the UK and Spain.

He was presented with the golden shield by the provincial government of Malaga to mark the 'Day of the Province' in a glittering ceremony.

A 50-year-old father of three, Mr Manley became Ambassador to Spain in October 2013.

He joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1990 before working his way up through the ranks.

Malaga's provincial council also recognised the work of other individuals, businesses and charities for their contribution to causes in the province.

Brit death twist

Drug claim sparks legal bid

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker killed after a violent Canary Islands brawl was given a drugs overdose by medics, pathologists say.

Father-of-two Daryl Bhandal was allegedly attacked and beaten while celebrating his birthday at a four-star hotel in Santiago, Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

The construction firm director suffered head and facial injuries, and became agitated as medics tried to take X-rays at the island's Hospital del Sur, leading them to inject him with 20mg of anaesthesia and sedation drug Midazolam.

But pathologists' reports say that rather than calming him down, the dosage knocked him unconscious, leading staff to administer a



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HOLIDAY HORROR: Santa Cruz de Tenerife, where Daryl Bhandal (inset) died.

specialised stimulant - Flumazenil - to reverse the effect around 10 minutes later.

He then suffered a heart attack and was pronounced dead after a 50-minute battle

to resuscitate him.

It was initially believed he was killed due to injuries sustained during a fight with fellow Briton John Vout and his girlfriend Michelle Petersen,

both 27.

The two men are said to have come to blows after a verbal row escalated when Miss Petersen hurled a cleaner's wet floor sign at Mr Bhandal.

The couple were quizzed by Spanish investigators but released on bail before flying back to the UK after the incident on February 10, 2017 and it has still not been confirmed if they will face charges.

A post mortem examination at the time indicated that Daryl could have died from a combination of alcohol and blows received during the fight.

His family have launched a legal suit against the hospital in wake of the new information, according to UK reports.

Travel lawyer Kieran Mitchell, who is representing them, told UK media: "Daryl's death was tragic, and avoidable. Whilst his initial injuries were caused by him being assaulted, those injuries should not have killed him.

"His treating doctors had a duty of care to provide the best medical intervention possible but according to pathology reports in Spain, and expert evidence we have obtained, it appears that was simply not the case."

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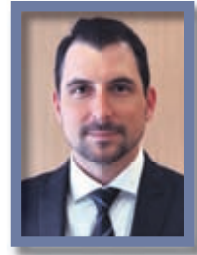


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Some important dates for your diary.

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

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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

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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:

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9th May 4.00pm
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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.

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Air scare Pilot sparks passenger exit

THE captain of a plane bound for Spain gave passengers the chance to leave the flight after an aborted take-off and three hours of technical problems.

The plane returned to its stand after aborting the initial take-off run while engineers checked the aircraft over.

The flight crew declared there were some 'slight electrical problems' and then an hour later they discovered there was a new computer failure.

Once that was fixed the pilot announced over the public address system that the plane was 'apparently normal' but said anyone who wanted to disembark would be allowed to.

It is claimed that around 20 people decided to leave the aircraft, which delayed the flight further as their luggage was off-loaded before the aircraft's departure from the Canary Islands.



PLANE SAILING: The Vueling flight eventually landed at Vitoria airport after hours of delays.

The incident happened on a Vueling flight from Gran Canaria to Bilbao in northern Spain and the pilot reportedly said: "We cannot force anyone to stay on board if they don't feel safe."

The flight was originally scheduled for a 6.45pm departure, although it didn't finally

take off for another three hours.

And once it did it was then diverted from its destination airport due to the Bilbao runway being closed for repairs.

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By Matt Ford

THE former King of Spain's cousin is locked in a bitter legal battle with his reality TV star daughter over the sale of a legendary Leonardo da Vinci painting.

Polish-Spanish aristocrat Prince Adam Karol Czartoryski, 78, who was born in Spain where he grew up with maternal first cousin King Juan Carlos I, received an estimated €97.6 million in a bargain fire sale of the family's private art collection.

But his British-born daughter and former model Princess Tamara Czartoryska, 40, claims she was asked to sign paperwork allowing him to liquidate a foundation responsible for the artworks to the Polish state at a knock-down price.

Battle royale!

Reality star princess in €97.6m war with dad



CUT-PRICE DEAL: Prince Czartoryski, left, and Polish deputy PM Piotr Glinski on the day that the private art collection was sold.



GLOVES ARE OFF: Former model Princess Tamara appeared on a number of TV shows, including a charity boxing match in 2005.

The body's board reportedly resigned in protest at the deal and the princess says her father later transferred the proceeds of the sale to a private Swiss bank account. She moves in the same social circle as Princes William and Harry and appeared on a number of reality TV shows in the mid-2000s - including Channel 4's *The Games* and Sky



GOLDEN EGG: Da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine* is one of only four known paintings of women by the Renaissance artist.

One's *Cirque de Celebrité* - while appearing as the face of tanning products firm Fake Bake. And she has now instructed lawyers to challenge the liquidation of the Czartoryski Foundation, formed by her ancestor Princess Izabela in 1801.

The collection, worth an estimated €2.3 billion, included a library of 250,000 manuscripts, with letters by Casanova and music by Chopin among them, plus 86,000 artworks of which the most famous was Leonardo da Vinci's *Lady with an Ermine*.

Polish deputy prime minister Piotr Glinski said at the time of the sale that the €97.6 million his government paid was "way below the market price" and that it should be viewed as a "donation."

The money now lies in a private Swiss account belonging to a new private institution, the Le Jour Viendra Foundation, which is registered in Liechtenstein.

The princess told *The Daily Mail*: "The Leonardo was the golden egg but the whole collection was incredible."

"It was in a family museum [in Krakow] which was opened to the public. It was meant to be saved for future generations. Legally it shouldn't have been sold."

"There is no valid record in the Czartoryski Foundation's books of any Council resolution approving the transfer of funds to any foreign or national Foundation."

"Never have I participated in any meeting for negotiation of the sale of the Art Collection of the Czartoryski Foundation whether with individuals or public authorities."

She claims that she only found about the sale by reading a New York Times article, and is now trying to have the money transferred back to Poland as the bitter feud goes on.

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NEWS EXTRA**Work project**

ALFAZ received a €199,830 grant from the local government for the second phase of its Et Formem programme which provides training and work for residents experiencing difficulties in finding work and those from vulnerable collectives.

Sell-out

LOCAL fans of popular recording artist, Sergio Dalma, appearing at the Teulada-Moraira Auditorium on May 20, are already disappointed as tickets for the concert sold out more than three weeks beforehand.

Burning issue

THE new furnace for Benissa's municipal swimming pool cost €121,020, less a €45,212 grant from IVACE, although savings will be made as it will be fuelled by recycled biomass produced by municipally-owned Benissa Impulsa.

More trains

THE Public Works ministry is spending €15 million on the new Alicante-Villena local line which use the conventional track that has been unused since the AVE high speed Alicante-Madrid connection was inaugurated in June 2013.

Good dog!

MORE than 1,300 people watched as 11 dogs from the Valencian community, Cataluña and the Basque region competed in the sixth edition of the Agres sheepdog trials, which was won by the Catalañ farmer, Armand Flaujat and his sheepdog, Bam.

No change

A BARCELONA specialist firm found that despite measures introduced at the Les Canyades landfill site in Campello, there had been practically no reduction in the bad smell it produced since it opened seven years ago.

PROTESTS following Marearock prompted San Vicente Town Hall to reconsider authorising more pop concerts in the university car park.

Complaints continue to arrive and two residents started a petition calling on the town hall to ban future concerts at the same venue.

The two-day Marearock weekend event last month was attended by 6,000 people of whom the majority attended on the Saturday.

Rock festival hit a wrong note

building entrances while the children's

Complaints began to arrive the following Monday as residents protested about the noise. Some of the homes adjoining the car park were only 60 metres from the stage, closer than many of the members of public attending the event, they pointed out.

There were further complaints about vomit and urine and even faeces in doorways and apartment

playgrounds were full of people drinking alcohol.

Students going in to class after the weekend were no happier as they were unable to use the car park until the stage had been dismantled.

Faced with so many complaints, San Vicente's mayor Jesus Villar later acknowledged the need to analyse the location of future rock concerts with other town hall departments.

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NEWS EXTRA**Speaking out**

THE Marina Alta PSPV party publicly reprimanded Alcalaí councillor, Bernardo Ferrer for claiming that the Trobada d'Escoles en Valencia held in the town and promotes the use of Valenciano in schools was 'pro-Catalanista.'

Out-of-work

ALICANTE Province has 729,000 people in work but more than 12,000 lost jobs in the first three months of the year, despite an early Easter, the unemployment rate rose to 18.3 per cent.

Park-life

STUDENTS from the Centelles employment workshop in Oliva have sown 20,000 seeds and planted 167 varieties of trees and shrubs in the restored Hort de la Bosca park in the town centre.

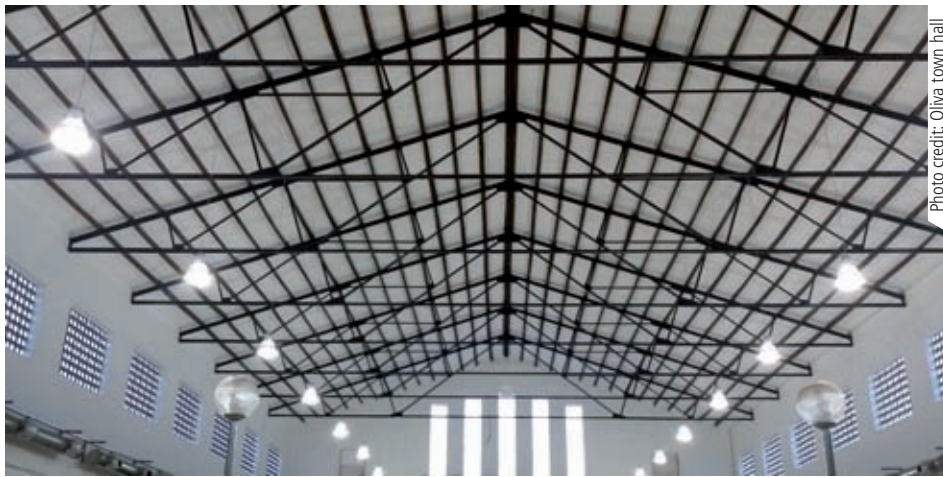


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OLIVA MARKET: Roof dates from 1949.

Market recaptures its original look

RENOVATING Oliva's municipal food market has concluded with the addition of new lighting.

Illumination is better inside the building and gives a better view of the newly-restored roof that was originally built in 1949, said Commerce, Markets and Consumer Affairs councillor Pepe Salazar.

"The project was very nec-

essary," Salazar explained. "More necessary, in fact, than we, at first believed, but now we can all take pride in a safe building with guaranteed security for clients as well as stallholders."

Salazar pointed out that few towns possessed a traditional municipal market 'as unusual, attractive and well-cared for' as Oliva's.

The principal part of the

renovations centred on restoring the original wooden roof.

"This is a considerable aesthetic improvement for the market itself and the town's heritage," Salazar continued.

The town hall's one aim was to continue working to improve life for the local population while conserving Oliva's heritage, he said.

Four accused of rape

A 19-YEAR-OLD who claims she was raped by four men, emerged in tears from an Alicante court after a 90-minute interrogation.

She had confirmed her earlier statement to the National Police, maintaining that she agreed to accompany a 34-Algerian to an apartment in Alicante City but once there he and three friends raped her.

All were identified by the police and three were detained. The whereabouts of the fourth man is unknown although a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The man who took the girl back to the apartment he shared with three friends was remanded in Fontcalet prison after he was intercepted at Alicante airport, preparing to return to Algeria.

His DNA profile is being compared with samples tak-

en at the hospital where his alleged victim was treated after the attack. The investigating judge has also ordered DNA samples to be taken from the released men.

During her interrogation by the judge, assigned to the case, the young woman revealed that she had been the victim of sexual aggression in Spain as well as Ecuador.

According to sources close to the case, there are inconsistencies between her original statement to the police and the later testimony to the judge. Investigators also found that at the time of the alleged attack she sent several messages to her partner.

She admitted that, after he decided he did not want to go out that night, she warned her partner that if she went out alone and was attacked, it would be his fault.

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Nisperos put in their annual appearance

THE nispero season has arrived 10 days late in Callosa, owing to lower temperatures than usual.

Despite the delay, growers expect to produce between 10 and 12 million kilos although they predict the fruit could be slightly smaller owing to the colder weather.

Recent gale-force winds could also have an adverse effect on the largest, top-quality fruit. This is usually destined for export and must be unflawed, explained Andres Llorca who manages the Ruchey agricultural cooperative.

Between 85 and 95 per cent of Callosa's nisperos are exported to Europe, he said, principally to the UK, the Netherlands, Italy and Germany although some will go to the US and Canada.

Callosa mayor Josep Saval, who visited the cooperative



Photo credit: Callosa town hall

HELPING HAND: Josep Saval helps to grade nisperos.

as packing and grading got into full swing, again called for an income tax break for growers.

Although lowering the tax index applied to nisperos has taken off some of the pressure, the concession has not met ex-

pectations, Saval said.

"The nispero is a specialised and labour-intensive artisan crop with high production costs," the mayor added. "Any tax reduction should be permanent and not need to be reviewed each year."

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Decision over Roman remains

CALPE mayor Cesar Sanchez suggested that a local referendum could decide the future of the Baños de la Reina.

At present three options are on the table for the important Roman remains.

The Ministry of Culture could take over the project, using the "Cultural 1 per cent" although the Baños would first have to be declared a protected Asset of Cultural Interest (BIC).

This depends on the regional government and Calpe Town Hall is still waiting for a reply from the Generalitat's Culture department.

The second option would allow the site's owners to build, respecting the ruins and turning the ground floor of any future buildings into museums to be open to the public.

A third option would transfer the owners' right to build in the El Saladar area although the owners have shown little enthusiasm for this proposal owing to plan-

ning permission complexities.

Sanchez, who is also president of the Diputacion provincial council called on the council's opposition parties to show a sense of responsibility, now that the Supreme Court has recognised the right of the owners to build at the Baños de la Reina site.

If neither political nor municipal consensus can be

reached Sanchez said he would ask permission to hold a referendum enabling the local population to decide the Baños' future.

"This is not a problem that concerns only the present town hall," he argued.

"Anyone hoping to govern tomorrow will find that the stones they throw upwards today could fall on them tomorrow."



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Shell shock

HOLIDAYMAKERS staying at a hotel in Xabia reportedly got food poisoning after eating mussels from Galicia, Spain's Aecosan food safety agency has said.

Two of the 39 tourists who fell ill after eating the cooked frozen food at the hotel on Arenal beach were taken to hospital in Denia.

One was there for two days while another was discharged a few hours after being treated in the Emergency Department, according to reports.

The mussels are believed to be from the Estrella Polar brand and are known by their label super shell half mussel. Aecosan said anyone who had bought the seafood from the brand should avoid eating it.

NEWS EXTRA**Lowdown
blow**

THE High Court rejected an Alicante man's appeal against a six-month prison sentence for breaking a restraining order, threatening to kill a neighbour and grabbing a policeman by the testicles while resisting arrest.

Union protest

THE Comisiones Obreras (CCOO) union demonstrated outside the Villajoyosa crematorium following the dismissal of an employee. Sackings and sanctions were not the route to follow, CCOO said.

Web scams

ALCOYS'S crime rate rose by 7 per cent last year, owing to an increase in credit card and internet fraud, accounting for 95 of 104 punishable offences.

Overspend details will go to Public Prosecutor

THE committee investigating the Cases del Batlle budget overrun in Benissa is sending its findings to the Public Prosecutor.

Councillor Manuel Juan who headed the committee said it was now up to the Prosecution department to determine whether or not the overspend was deliberate.

The Batlle case emerged during the Taula operation which uncovered corruption cases involving local governments in Alicante, Valencia and Castellon and the arrests of 24 politicians, all from the Partido Popular.

"This committee was set up in 2016 and worked intensely over 17 sessions," said Juan who is also the local PSOE spokesman.

The Casas del Batlle, also known as Casas de la Purisima, house Benissa's Museum of Contemporary Art and the Municipal library, and the contract for their restoration was awarded by the current local government's predecessors to companies named in the Taula investigation.

"The committee recommended passing their findings to the Public Prosecutor, although the issue does not end here and it is



Photo credit: Benissa town hall

CASES BATLLE: Restoration could have cost more than it should.

now up to Fiscalia to continue if it sees fit," Juan said.

Fernando Lopez Corsi, who represented Reiniciem Benissa on the committee pointed out that the investigation has influenced the way that the town hall now awards contracts.

"We saw how legal services were contracted in a totally irregular manner for so many years," he said. "There were bills for almost €300,000, an unthinkable amount today, without contracts or agreements and why did they go to one lawyer and not another?"

Removals men of a different kind

FIREMEN from the Gandia brigade won the region's 11th vehicle extrication meeting that was held recently in Valencia.

They will now represent Valencia Province's Consortium of Fire Brigades during the forthcoming national championship in Alcañiz (Teruel).

The six men not only rescued a hypothetical victim trapped in a vehicle in record time, beating 26 other teams, but also received the highest marks in the leadership and technical equipment categories.

Second place went to a team from Sagunto (Valencia) who will also be going to the national finals.

Consortium president, Josep Bort, said that the vehicle extrication meetings were essential for fire brigades both to learn and interchange their knowledge.

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Lord love a duck

CANALS (Valencia) Town Hall is putting the ducks in one of its parks up for adoption.

There are dozens of them in the Gorg de l'Omet park and the town hall's Environment department maintains that they have become a health risk and a danger to the ecosystem.

Overfed by visitors, they are making the water 'unmeasurably dirty' and are reproducing uncontrollably, said Environment councillor Andreu Lluch who is asking residents to adopt them.

There are only two conditions: no-one may take more than four ducks and they must guarantee that they will be well looked after and not end up as a meal.

Each application will be carefully examined and ducks allocated on the living conditions offered. "Here in town we know who has a corral or smallholding and would be able to look after them well," Lluch said.



TUNNEL MEETING: Ximo Puig and steering committee members

Tunnel ahead of schedule

THE Serra Grossa TRAM tunnel outside Alicante City should be finished by October, three months earlier than announced.

Work is progressing ahead of schedule and TRAMS bound for Albufera, Playa de San Juan, Campello and Benidorm should be using the tunnel by the end of this year.

There will be two tracks so that trains can cross, and journeys will be shorter than at present.

Generalitat president Ximo Puig and the steering committee from the region's Department of Territorial and Urban Planning met recently at the

former trenet terminus, La Marina.

Alicante's priority status in Generalitat policies was reflected in the resumption of this and other halted projects, Puig declared: "That is how it was in the past and will be in the future."

The Serra Grossa tunnel, a vital project abandoned by the former regional government, has cost €9 million, Puig said.

"The Generalitat is making a huge economic and technical effort to modernise Line 9," he added.

Years of neglect by previous governments has required an outlay of

€120 million during the present legislature to guarantee the FGV rail network's standards and ensure that Line 9 would be entirely operational in 2019, Puig said.

Referring to the century-old Quisi bridge in Benissa, which FGV intends to replace and the town hall wishes to protect as an Asset of Local Relevance, Puig emphasised that the Generalitat would not ignore people's wishes.

Instead the regional government would do everything possible to find a solution while protecting the area's patrimony.

NEWS EXTRA

Smash hits

A SPANISH woman and her Moroccan boyfriend, both drunk, who kicked and broke the wing mirrors on a dozen parked cars in Gandia late at night, were arrested after outraged residents called the National Police.

Fair shares

TEXLIMCA, which collects clothing and footwear for recycling in Denia, donated €6,468 to the town hall to be divided equally between the Red Cross, Caritas, the Salvation Army and Ex-tiende tu mano.

Marsh fire

FIREMEN from Denia and Benissa took just over an hour to extinguish a blaze that broke out for reasons which are under investigation on abandoned agricultural land in Pego's Marjales district.



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MADRID MEETING: Vicent Grimalt, Javier Scotto and Jose Antonio Nieto.

Ministry promises help

THE Ministry of the Interior regards a new National Police station for Denia as a priority.

The town's mayor, Vicent Grimalt, accompanied by Public Safety councillor Javier Scotto, recently travelled to Madrid for a meeting with junior minister, Jose Antonio Nieto.

They discussed the present situation in Denia where unions representing National Police officers have complained that the existing building in the port is no longer adequate for the public's needs.

Even Jose Miguel Saval, the national government's sub-delegate to Alicante Province

has recognised the station's 'lamentable' state in the past.

Grimalt, Scotto and Nieto have now discussed the procedures that would first need to be completed before construction of a new station can begin on municipally-owned land adjoining the court house in the Torrecremada area.

Not only was the new station a priority for the Ministry of the Interior, Nieto assured Grimalt and Nieto, but he was committed to doing everything possible to speed up procedures so that the projected could be drafted without delay.

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Schools project

ALFAZ Council voted in favour of carrying out improvements at the town's three state schools that will cost an estimated €1.178 million. This will be made available under the Edificant plan where the regional government provides the necessary cash and the town hall deals with all permits, paperwork and red tape.

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A FLOWMETER and by-pass have been connected to the Montahud water deposit in Altea.

The first phase of the new treatment plant has now begun, explained the councillor responsible for Altea's domestic supply, Roque Ferrer.

The project had to be

funded by the town hall, he said, after the provincial council and the Marina Baja Water Consortium announced that paying for the purifying plant was Altea's responsibility and not theirs.

Once the second and third

phases have been completed, the entire town will have a guaranteed supply of good-quality filtered water that

will not be affected by the cloudiness which is often linked to winter storms, Ferrer said.

Supply of purified water

A convenient project

WORK has begun on building public conveniences in Alfaz's Plaza de les Escoles Velles.

With separate areas for men and women, which are entirely accessible for those with disabilities as well as passers-by or members of the public attending Escoles Velles events, said Town Planning councillor, Toni Such.

The €55,180 installation, which should be finished before the summer, completes the town hall's plans to provide another leisure and recreation area which began with the demolition of an unused municipal property last year.

Overhead telephone and electricity cables were channelled underground and ramps and steps were built, linking the new plaza with Calle Murcia, at a total cost of €346,309.

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Teulada Moraira

NEWS

Get to know Social Services

TEULADA-MORAIRA'S Social Services department recently held an open house day for the general public.

The event is organised with the cooperation of the regional government's department of equality and inclusive policies.

The open house was a great way of introducing local residents to the municipality's primary care programme, said Social Services councillor Nieves Rodriguez.

It also provided an opportunity to meet the experts who provide the ser-



Photo credit: Teulada-Moraira town hall

vices available, Rodriguez added.

She also emphasised that her department provided resources, activities and support to help individuals and social groups solve problems and surmount obstacles while creating and acquiring resources to improve quality of life and facilitate integration.

TEULADA-MORAIRA:
Opportunity to learn more about Social Services.

Footie funds

THE Alicante Down Syndrome Association (AASD) received a €1,000 donation raised from the sale of entrance tickets for the MiBalon International Cup 2018 football tournament held in Teulada-Moraira over Easter. MiBalon, committed to inculcating human values through football and team activities, is backed by the La Caixa and the Alicante Diputacion.

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Teulada- Moraira offers its best

AS it has done every year in late April, Teulada-Moraira held the Vive Teulada-Moraira trade fair on the Moraira esplanade.

Organised by the town hall and the AECCO business-owners association Vive Teulada-Moraira has showcased local shops and restaurants, consolidating their image and introducing new products as well as offering their best dishes for residents and visitors. There were also workshops for the children, all kinds of exhibitions and live music.

The Vive Teulada-Moraira's principal objective was to boost local commerce and improve competitiveness, councillor Nieves Rodriguez explained.

It was for this reason that the trade fair is traditionally located in one of Moraira's most idyllic spots, with spectacular views of the Castillo and the sea, she said.

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Villa overlooking the sea in Moraira facing South / East. The property has two floors, the main floor consists of entrance, lounge room.

€945.000

JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

Tall order

A YOUNG man scaled Javea's tallest palm, the 25-metre tree in Plaza del Portal del Clot, barefoot and without a safety harness. He climbed to the top 'like a monkey' according to witnesses who saw him descending with a branch of dates, probably proof that he had won a bet.

A question of Mediterranean identity

JAVEA hopes to become a sub-site for the Museum of Mediterranean Identity.

With the exception of the Partido Popular and non-aligned Oscar Anton and Juan Luis Cardona, the council voted to pass on the proposal to the regional government, Valencia City Hall and Consorcio Valencia 2007.

The town is linked to sculptor Mariano Benlliure and the Swiss-French artist and engraver Andre Lambert Jordan but above all to the Spanish impressionist, Joaquin Sorolla who so often painted his wife Clotilde and daughter Elena against a recognisable background of Javea's cliffs and beaches.

The town hall also plans to approach the Diputacion provincial council for a grant that would cover the cost of



PLENARY SESSION: Council votes in favour of sub-site proposal.

drafting plans to convert the municipally-owned Casa Candelaria into the proposed sub-site museum.

Local business owners and members of the Xabia Historia association have maintained for some time that rehabilitating this building as an art museum dedicated to Sorolla would attract more visitors and help to revitalise Javea's Old Quarter.

Although the Museum of Mediterranean Identity diverges from their original idea, it would still house Sorolla's works as well as other artists linked to Javea, the town hall pointed out.

SOROLLA: On the rocks, Javea 1905.



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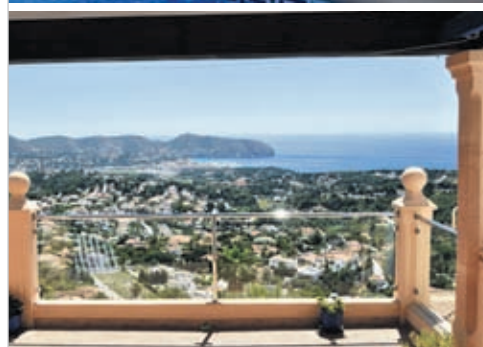


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Spiny subject

ALL parties on Javea's town council voted in favour of a Partido Popular initiative that proposes to ask the regional government to modify the existing stringent laws on collecting sea urchins. Councillors unanimously agreed that this should be allowed in Javea so long as traditional methods were allowed.

Spring clean for the coastline

JAVEA'S Tourism department is organising a Coastal Clear-up this Sunday.

This will be the second edition of the Jornada Popular de Limpieza that is carried out not only to protect the environment and promote sustainable tourism but also seeks to involve society and raise awareness with tangible activities that benefit the ecosystem.

Carol Cholbi from the town hall's Tourism department explained that the coastline from the Cova Tallada as far as Granadella has been divided into zones.

Each will be allotted to the associations, clubs and schools that either on land or aboard boats, kayaks and even underwater will be taking part in this weekend's clean-up operation.

SPANISH *Vogue*'s online edition recently ran a feature entitled 'Forget the Caribbean. Everything that matters is in Javea.'

Unfortunately the effect was spoilt by the accompanying photograph which showed a sultry young woman on a beach that bore no resemblance to any in Javea.

The mistake was spotted by Moises Jorge Naranjo, head of the Fuerteventura Tourist Board in the Canary Islands.

"Unless my eyes are deceiving me, that's Carralejo in Fuerteventura, am I right or am I right?" he commented on his Facebook page.

Following his complaint *Vogue* immediately replaced the photo and apologised for the confusion, Naranjo revealed in a follow-up Facebook comment.

Out of place



A MIRAGE: Beautiful maybe, but Carralejo is not Javea.



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Professional negligence an overview

IN today's article we want to undertake a general review of the professional responsibility that lawyers, advisers, accountants, etc have in Spain.

Contractual responsibility

and liability

It can be said that, as a general rule, this type of professional responsibility will normally be of a contractual form as it is normally born from a relation-

ship between the advisors or accountant and client, which is created by way of a service contract.

The deadline to claim for this type of professional responsibility or liability has been modified recently and reduced to five years from the previous 15 years.

As we have pointed out in previous articles, the professional responsibility of accountants, advisers, lawyers, etc is normally an obligation of means.

This means that there is no obligation for a lawyer to win a case since it is quite normal in court cases for one side to win and the other to lose without any suggestion of negligence in the losing case.

Sometimes, and depending on the type of advice or service, there could be a clear obligation of result, that is, a result can be demanded and must be

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achieved by a professional, in those services related to presentation of tax forms, bookkeeping, accounting advice.

Professional diligence (lex artis)

These professionals are required to act in good faith, honestly and diligently. The most common cases for which lawyers, advisers, accountants, etc are claimed against are related to:

Prior to providing the service:

There may be responsibility for lack of information over the actions to be taken, possible costs, possibility of success, possible consequences, case law or court

precedents on the matter, criteria of the fiscal authority (tax advisors), etc.

During the service:

During the time where the service is provided, it is important that the advice and work be done diligently according to adjective or procedural rules, knowledge of formalities and regulations. Information must be provided to the client, access of the client to the documents, etc.

Termination of service:

After the service, the client should be informed of the possible consequences, possibility of tax revision of inspections, etc.

Examples of professional responsibility of advisers, lawyers, managers, etc:

There are numerous examples in Spanish court precedents, relating to these type of claims so it can be seen in which cases, it has been understood by the

judges and courts that there is a professional responsibility.

These examples of precedents include:

Presentation of documents, tax returns, or legal claims after the deadline.

Lack of information regarding the possible consequences of a fiscal revision or the effects in case of losing a judicial proceeding, etc.

Lack of information about the possibility of appeal to a court decision or tax authority decision.

Tax returns and other accounting errors.

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Spittle bugs blamed for 'tree ebola'

AS tree killer *Xylella fastidiosa* continues its deadly advance, experts maintain that destroying trees adjoining hosts is not the solution.

Thousands of olives in Italy have been destroyed since the bacterium entered Italy from the west coast of the US in 2013.

It reached Balears in November 2016 and travelled in a straight line to attack almond trees near Guadalest in June 2017.

So far 2,250 almond trees on 46 plots of land in 45 municipalities have been de-

stroyed in the Marina Alta, Marina Baja and El Comtat to the dismay of municipalities that depend more on tourism than almond production.

To date the regional government has obeyed European Union directives requiring the destruction of all vegetation within a 100-metre radius and stringent fumigation measures beyond that.

Experts in agricultural plague control have now discovered hundreds of spittle bugs (*Philaenus spumarius*) which transmit the *Xylella* bacterium, in



Photo credit: Werner Wilmes

XYLELLA FEARS: Tourism outstrips Alicante almond production.

Segorbe (Castellon).

This is more than 100 kilometres north of the regional government-imposed quarantine zone and indicates that massive felling is not the most effective way of combatting the plague, said Kris-

tell Santander.

"The more we learn about the carriers, the easier it will be to control them and prevent the plague from spreading," she said.

Weeds are the spittle bug's favourite habitat where it re-

mains until late spring when it moves to the trees and distributes the bacteria.

"Knowing when it is most vulnerable will help to formulate an adequate product and strategy to combat the plague," Santander said.

Looking for a punch-up

ALCOY police seized 1,200 airguns, replica guns, razors, knuckledusters and fireworks during the Moors and Christians fiestas.

Most of the items were confiscated in Passeig Ovidi Montllor, which links the city centre where the principal fiestas events were held, and the fair-ground.

They were sold by unauthorised street vendors targeting the under-18's who spent much of their time between both locations, according to the Local Police.

Police started legal proceedings on 35 occasions for unauthorised street trading although the National Police arrested only three people during the fiestas, two of them pick-pockets accused of 18 robberies.

VILLAJYOYOSA had to celebrate the anniversary of its town charter in a different location this year.

For the 10th consecutive year the civic procession, which included representatives from La Vila's groups and associations, wound through the streets of the old town.

New venue, no problem

This year saw some differences as the procession did not set out from the Finca Barbera park but instead ended there for the enactment of the moment when Admiral Bernat de Sarria handed over the

town charter on behalf of Jaume II.

Until now this has taken place at the La Asuncion church but the parish priest refused to allow the enactment, maintaining that the building may now be used only for

religious services and events.

Despite the change hundreds of Villa-

joyosa residents and visitors joined in the celebrations and thanks to Finca Barbera's spacious grounds, there was room for the Muixeranga d'Alacant to form one of their spectacular human towers.

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A Guide for tourists who want to stop being one Denia's seafood treasures

THE 'Red Prawns of Denia' are amongst the most well-known, there are other great bounties that really must be appreciated, so many in fact it is often difficult to choose. Fresh cuttlefish (sepia) is a truly delicious plate, it has to be eaten very fresh though. Nothing at all to do with commercial cuttlefish that receives chemical treatments to detach the skin rather than labouring manually to remove it.

Crayfish (Cigalas), have a delightful flavour, again it is very important that they be freshly caught and be treated well. The bay fish is another monument for the palate, a type of red mullet with intense red colours and a whitefish seafood flavour. Similar to flatfish, they are fish that live on the sand and are known as 'la palaya Mediteranea,' the varieties change seasonally.

These are just a couple of the more internationally known tapas and dishes that produce so much enthusiasm among diners. The base of the treasures is really local fresh seafood, expertly caught and treated by local fishermen in their daily fishing trips in the bay, and sold in the daily auction in Denia's very own fish market.

Buche of tuna with onion (Bull amb ceba).. a very old and exquisite dish

The Mediterranean cuisine of the Marina Alta is characterised by the use of local resources and especially fish and seafood. For example, 'Bull amb ceba' is made with tuna stomach and onion, it is a stew that is made only in the regions of La Safor, Marina Alta and in the province of Alicante. Its strong flavour is the closest thing to the food called Garum made thousands of years ago by the Romans in Hispania and once exported to the whole Mediterranean in amphoras from our territories.

The 'bull' are the viscera (esophageal skin and stomach), although budellet (part of the intestine or duodenum) and heart are also used, all conveniently dried and salted, from bluefin or yellowfin tuna. Its consumption is not extended to other areas of the Iberian Peninsula that produce salted fish and thus really very typical of our coast. This recipe comes from the mists of time, and it is a real privilege to taste flavours that in ancient Rome were considered a delicacy. Prepare yourself for an intense flavour that should be handled with bread and a good wine.

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This puts Benidorm amongst the Valencian Community municipalities with most charging points, said the town's Environment councillor Jose Ramon Gonzalez de Zarate.

"Little by little we are creating a network of

charging points," he continued. "They are free because we hope to encourage the use of electric vehicles amongst residents and tourists to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help us meet our Sustainable Energy targets."

Installing the charging points has cost the town hall €21,590, of which €8,921 was covered by a grant from the Valencian Institute of Business Competitiveness (IVACE).

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Jaguars galore

MEMBERS of the Jaguar Enthusiasts Club of Costa Blanca recently drove their 25 big jaguar cats, happily purring away, to the Vega Bajo del Segura area of Alicante to meet and display their Jaguars.

The JEC had been given permission to park in the town square of Daya Vieja, arriving there through the streets by police escort. Once parked in the square, owners opened their bonnets to take part in the best under bonnet competition. This was won by Mr Arthur Willies who was presented his prize along with a certificate by the club's president Mr Michael Brook.

Following this, a total of 53 members made their way to the Restaurant Casa Campisano where they sat down to a delicious meal overlooking the town square and the display of parked Jaguars.

JEC members also generously raised €350 in sponsorship money for Diana Cotterill in aid of Cancer Research UK.



PURRING JAGS: Bonnets raised for inspection in the town square.

Diana has volunteered to have her lovely hair shaved off, her husband and Dennis Wilson will have their hair and beard dyed pink for the same cause.

This hair-razing event will take place at Hondon de las Frailes tomorrow (Friday).



FIRST PLACE: Arthur Willies was awarded first place.

As proud as punch

SAM KELLY, the Managing Partner of Costa Blanca based Chorus Financial, ran the recent London Marathon alongside his friend Andrew Wakely. Andrew is a serving police officer, father of Harry and Summer, and suffers from Multiple Sclerosis.

The condition causes foot drop and severe numbness in his right leg and foot, meaning Andrew can only run short distances, and with the support of a leg brace.

Sam said after the race, "When I discovered that Andy had signed up to this challenge alone, I contacted the MS Society to see if they could get me a last minute charity place. Completing 26.2 miles on the hottest day of the London Marathon's history was an immense challenge, and I couldn't be more proud of him.



FOREVER FRIENDS: Sam and Andrew successfully completed the recent London Marathon.

He's a seriously determined guy and it was great to get over that finish line together."

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SPECSAVERS OPTICAS in Javea or Calpe are asking readers to donate glasses to the Formación Senegal charity. This charity provides schools and vocational training for African children and young people in the Louga region of Senegal, a rural area of the African Sahel with difficult geo-social conditions. They build, coordinate and support educational projects and any initiatives related to training.

However, to contribute to the education and learning development of these African children and young people, it is often necessary to correct problems with their sight. Specsavers Opticas in Javea

and Calpe has been doing its bit towards this cause since 2016. So far, they have donated approximately 600 pairs of glasses as part of the 'Empresas con Corazón' initiative.

Mike Stone, Director of Specsavers Opticas in Javea and Calpe said: "It will be great to see and hear first-hand, the results of how our customers' kind donations will help people in Senegal."

If you would like to donate glasses for this project, please visit Specsavers Opticas in Javea or Calpe, or visit www.specsavers.es. To learn more about Formación Senegal, visit their website www.formacionsenegal.org.

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Festivals and visits

THE Mark and Royal Ark Freemason Lodges recently held their combined Ladies' Festival at Salones Canor in Teulada. Nearly 100 guests from Marina Alta and a contingent from the Torrevieja area attended.

The District Grand Master Barrie Mansell welcomed the crowd and Brenda Russell received the toast on behalf of the ladies, given both in words and in song! Over €700 was raised in the raffle for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Also recently, members of the Oliva La Safor Lodge visited the Franciscan Men's Refuge in Palma de Gandia. The visit allowed the members to see for themselves how the refuge is run and how the money and gifts raised by the lodge are being spent and distributed.

The Masons took the opportunity on the day to donate bags of food, clothing and shoes, all of which were sorely needed by the refuge.



Credit: Freemasons



Credit: Freemasons

MASONS: And their guests raised over €700 for the Mark Benevolent Fund.

FRIENDLY FRANCISCANS: The Masons received a warm welcome to the refuge.

The Franciscan Refuge provides a home and nursing care for around 55 homeless men, many of whom suffer from mental or physical illness. They are always chronically short of funds to meet the

€5,000 needed every month to cover basic expenses.

For more information about the Freemasons in general, please send an email to sec@glpvalencia.com. If you would like to donate any clothes, food or money to the refuge, please contact Stephen or Linda Carden by email at cardenstephen@yahoo.co.uk.

Blues, gospel and soul music

THE Teulada Moraira Lions recently held their tribute to Aretha Franklin.

The sell-out show was a great success with Shondell Mims performing classic hits by the famous soul diva as well as some great gospel songs. With a terrific support performance by local lad Sam Cox, 'The little guy with the Big Voice'.

Lion President, Brian Clarke, thanked all involved in producing such a great event, especially the local town hall and the generous audiences who supported their fundraising efforts.

The Lion's final show this spring will be held on Sunday May 13 at 4.30pm in Espai La Senieta, Moraira. This show will

feature the ever-popular Blues Brothers and Sister Act tributes.

This will be a high-energy event featuring all the hits from the famous 'Blues Brothers' film and the Whoopie Goldberg 'Sister Act' films.

It's not just a show but a party! Tickets are €15 and there is a complimentary bar. They advise anyone wishing to attend to book early, as the show is already beginning to sell quickly.

For information or to purchase tickets, please call 966 499 954 or email peter_john1@hotmail.com. For information about the Teulada Moraira Lions Club go to www.tmlions.com.



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Mighty oaks from tiny acorns

MOFTAG will be holding their Spring Fayre on Saturday May 12 at the Pub Delfin in Calpe.

The fayre will begin at 10.30am and there will be a selection of home-made cakes, sausage rolls, pickles, chutneys, jams and marmalades on sale.

There will also be competitions and a raffle, with super prizes to be won.

All proceeds from the day will go to local charities, such as the Gargasindi School, the Red Cross, the Food Bank and the Maite Boronat Centre.

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Credit: Marcia's Dance Centre and Stage School

JAZZ HANDS: Some of the Jetting Through Time cast.

Journey to Broadway

REHEARSALS are in full swing at Marcia's Dance Centre and Stage School. Students are busy learning new routines whilst family, friends and volunteers prepare costumes, props and scenery.

Their latest production, Jetting Through Time, will be performed at the Casa de Cultura in Calpe on Wednesday at 8pm. The centre is well-known in Calpe for its annual charity

show and this year it will be supporting the Calpe and Benissa Lions Club.

The audience will be treated to an evening of dance and song by the multinational students.

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

Cubs to perform the Lion King

CARELINE Performing Arts and Dance Academy will be performing the Lion King Jr on Saturday.

Directed by Candida Wright and Suzanna Mace, the show is a stage adaption of the Disney movie and includes the wonderful musical numbers by Elton John and Tim Rice, including *The Circle of Life*, *Can You Feel The Love Tonight* and the great fun number *Hakuna Matata*.

Set in the Pride Lands of Africa, this is the story of the young lion Simba, son of Mufasa and his childhood friend Nala who, along with Zazu the hornbill, Pumba the warthog and Timon the meerkat, take on the evil lion Scar who wants to rule the land for himself.

Apart from a few adults, this is a junior performance of the heart-warming story of good triumphing over evil. It can be enjoyed by young and old alike.

There will be two perfor-

mances at the Careline Theatre in Alcalali on Saturday, at 3pm and 8pm.

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WHAT A BUNCH: Wine enthusiasts gathered at the recent event.

Wine tasting and will making event

A SMALL group of Vall del Pop U3A wine tasters joined other ardent wine enthusiasts at a wine tasting event held recently at Casa del Vino in Javea.

This event was to celebrate the 10th birthday of Casa del Vino where they had arranged a special tasting with each of their team presenting their own favourite wines.

A full range of wines were presented from dry Valencian whites to smooth Spanish reds, all reasonably priced. By the end of this knowledgeable and humorous presentation, the members left with their arms full of summer wines for dinner parties or for enjoying beside the pool.

U3A Vall del Pop would also like to thank Elaine Horton for the presentation she gave at their recent meeting. Her talk was about planning for health needs and retirement whilst in Spain and covered issues such as making a will and making funeral arrangements.

If you missed this talk but would like information concerning these, please contact Elaine through the Jalon Valley Helpline on 659 624 643. Alternatively, call in to any of their charity shops and ask for a copy of their personal information proforma. Elaine and her team will be pleased to help anyone to complete this essential document.

The U3A is all about enjoyment and learning, and this is particularly evident in the U3A Vall del Pop, whose members meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Centre Polivalent in Murla, and have a diverse range of groups for the interest of the members.

Don't forget that U3A are holding their Extraordinary General Meeting today (Thursday) at 10.00am.

Mike Rendell's talk about the golden age of piracy has been postponed to a later date.

For further information on U3A Vall del Pop visit their website on www.u3avallpop.com.

Red Cross presentation

HELP of Denia and Marina Alta, in conjunction with the Cruz Roja, would like to invite you to the Cruz Roja presentation on their extended services to the existing remote assistance

personal alarms for people with Alzheimer's and dementia, including the new mobile phone application and health monitor.

The event will be in English and will be held in the Auditori-

um of the Hospital Marina Salud in Denia on May 18 at 11.30am.

For more information, please call 686 320 435 or email pres.helpofdenia@gmail.com.

Mexican-themed May fayre

JALON VALLEY HELP will hold their May fayre this Sunday from 10am to 2pm in the Rastro/Car Park in Jalon.

There will be a Mexican theme at the Fayre and lots of stalls, refreshments and

other attractions to keep you busy and entertained.

Proceeds will go towards their fundraising to support people in need in the community.

Rotary host Charity Dinner

ROTARY DENIA CLUB will host their charity dinner this Saturday at 9pm at Jardines el Poblet in Denia. Tickets cost €35 and are on sale in Optica Perez Buigues, Calle Temple Sant Telm 17 in Denia.

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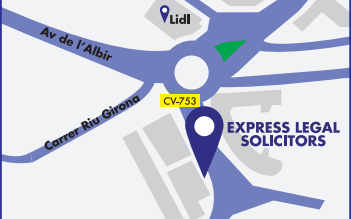
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FRANCE

French kiss

PRESIDENT MACRON visited President Trump on his first state visit to the US last week, mixing climate change and Iran nuclear deal talks with an array of kisses and caresses, report media.

Border block

FAR-RIGHT French activists have tried to stop migrants crossing the snowy Col de l'Echelle pass near the Italian border, leading interior minister - Gérard Collomb - to pledge to reinforce security.

Mayor abroad

FRANCE'S ex-Prime Minister Manuel



LOVESTRUCK: President Trump and President Macron have shown a strong bond since they first met.

Valls - whose father is Catalan - is considering running for Barcelona mayor as a candidate for centre-right Ciudadanos, who also scorn Catalan independence, reports suggest.

Frosty welcome

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY has passed a tough new measure to imprison illegal immigrants for a year and shorten asylum applications, revealing splits in President Emmanuel Macron's young centrist party.

GERMANY

Billion-aid

FOREIGN MINISTER Heiko Mass reminded the world '13 million Syrians rely on humanitarian aid,' after Berlin stepped up support with a further €1 billion to Syria and refugee host countries.

Must cross

THE Bavaria's government has ordered crosses in all state buildings as

Premier Markus Söder said they mark a 'clear avowal of our Bavarian identity and Christian values,' ahead of elections.

Music off

GERMANY'S biggest music prize 'Echo' is being axed after its brand was 'badly damaged' by awarding an allegedly anti-Semitic rap-duo its top

prize, said the Music Industry Association (BVMi).

German glee

A SURVEY from the European Union health commission revealed that 90 per cent of Germans consider themselves 'happy people,' making its population one of the Europe's merriest.

NETHERLANDS

Cyclists down

MORE cyclists than motorists were killed in traffic accidents for the first time in 2017, which may be due to an e-bike craze among pensioners, it was reported.

'Fake' attack

RUSSIA wants 17 healthy Syrians filmed dying in an apparent gas-attack in Douma to visit the Netherlands to prove the gassing was a sham, said Russia's chemical weapons council ambassador.

Cyber bust

A FIVE-COUNTRY Dutch and British-led operation shut down a website reportedly behind four million cyber-attacks - including of major banks - by raiding addresses and seizing servers, Britain's National Crime Agency said.

Quids-in

ALMOST all regions saw economic growth last year, the best performers were Eindhoven and Almere which grew 4.9 per cent year-on-year thanks to business services success.

BELGIUM

Salah jailed

BELGIUM'S highest court has sentenced Salah Abdeslam - the last surviving suspect of the 2015 Paris attacks - to 20 years in prison for attempted murder of a Brussels policemen in March 2016.

Speedy bin

GAUME district police have deployed a €50,000 speed camera disguised as a dustbin and are expecting a 'large increase' in offences along roads near the French border.

Rest in peace

BELGIAN cyclist Michael Goolaerts' funeral was held in his home-town - Heist-Op-Den-Berg - last week after he died from a heart attack in the classic Paris-Roubaix race on April 8 aged 23.

Happy pills

A COUPLE in Baton Rouge, Louisiana have been arrested after receiving a package filled with 991 doses of ecstasy from an unknown Belgian address, said the Sheriff's office.

SWEDEN

Adios Avicci

AVICCI - one of the decade's biggest music artists - has died aged-28 in Oman this week but royal police said there was "no criminal suspicion" behind the death.

Mystery massacre

SCIENCE journal Antiquity has revealed a 1,500-year-old mass grave with scores of massacred villagers whose riches were left 'untouched' on Sandby Borg, an island-fort off Sweden's south-east coast.

Thanks Sweden

EXPERTS say Sweden will be a key go-between during Trump's upcoming visit to North Korea given that the US has no diplomatic links with the communist regime.

E-road first

SWEDISH firm ERoadArlanda has built the world's first vehicle charging 'smart road' which runs for two kilometres outside Stockholm and aims to avoid worsening climate change and pollution, said media.

NORWAY

Inspiring Sky

A SKY news documentary showing how plastic waste killed a whale has inspired 150 people to clean a stretch of the country's 60,000-mile coastline near Bergen in Norway's south-west.

Last bastion

NORWAY has topped this year's World Press Freedom Index for the second year running confirming Scandinavia's success in bucking a global trend which is shrinking journalists' breathing space.

Immigrant cool

LAST year saw the largest-ever proportional fall in immigration with 8,600 fewer people entering and followed a dip in Syrian arrivals, according to the country's official Statistics agency.

Private paradise

OVER a hundred international investors have bought plots in a new private city near Kristianstad called Liberstad, whose founders tweeted 'taxation is theft' and demand its residents enshrine private property.

DENMARK

Free Green

GREENLAND has elected Kim Kielsen as Prime Minister bringing it closer to independence from Denmark, which would make it one of Europe's poorest nations, alongside San Marino, media reports.

Killer jailed

DANISH inventor Peter Madsen - who mutilated and murdered 30-year-old Swedish journalist Kim Wall during a short voyage on his home-made submarine - has been handed a life-sentence by Copenhagen City Court.

Cut continues

DENMARK'S ruling liberal party overturned a proposal to ban young boys' circumcision which reportedly scared Jews and Muslims and was led by Lena Nyhus, chair of anti-circumcision group Intact Denmark.

Alerts up

CHILD'S rights charity Borns Vilkar are happy with a new report showing an increase in child violence reports as it underlines the importance of 'alerting the authorities.'

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PROTESTS: The Left Front is set to demonstrate against Putin.

Leftist anti-Putin rally gets go ahead

MOSCOW authorities have given permission for an anti-Kremlin group to demonstrate on President Vladimir Putin's inauguration day on May 6. Approval for the Left Front's protest comes as an anti-Putin rally request from opposition leader Alexei Navalny was rejected due to clashes with Victory Day rehearsals. Alternative arrangements were being sought.

Guards 'beat' prisoners

AUTHORITIES are investigating a Siberian prison after footage emerged which appeared to show two unidentified officers beating detainees. The 14-minute YouTube video reportedly features prisoners being lined up before being punched by guards in the shower room while Richard Wagner's Ride of The Valkyries is played. The footage suggests the beatings were due to disputes over a prison exercise.

Libel bill becomes law

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has signed off legislation giving authorities powers to shut down

websites suspected of defaming public figures. The Internet Libel Bill grants courts the power to order websites be blocked which discredit the 'honour, dignity or business reputation' of a Russian citizen.

Attack fakery 'proof'

STATE-RUN television channels have used stills reportedly from a Syrian director's 2016 film shoot as evidence claims of a chemical attack by government forces in the country are false. A Channel One news anchor said Western politicians and media were ignoring "proof" the attacks in Douma were staged. Russia and Syria deny claims the Assad regime was behind the strike.

'No revolt' in Armenia

A KREMLIN spokesperson has said civil unrest in Armenia does not amount to a Ukraine-style revolution. Dmitry Peskov's comments come as the Russia ally's Prime Minister Serzh Sargsyan resigned following two weeks of protests. Peskov added Moscow was satisfied the situation currently appeared stable.

History uncovered

MORE than 15,000 archaeological items unearthed during construction work at Moscow's Zaryadye Park have gone on display, its director said. Ancient weapons, coins, statuettes, boots and clay toys were among the items found, as well as a piece of a 16th century wall now on display in the park's museum. The finds, uncovered from the 1940's onwards, are being exhibited in the park's museum.

UNEARTHED: Excavations at Zaryadye Park began in the 1940's.



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Goal for Messi in logo conflict

BARCELONA'S Lionel Messi has won a landmark case to register himself as a trademark.

The European court ruling comes in the wake of a seven-year battle after his original request to use his name on sporting goods was challenged by Spanish cycling firm Massi.

But the EU General Court concluded that the Argentinian star - who recently overtook Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo to become football's highest-earning player with annual revenue of €126 million - is too famous to create confusion between the brands.

€7 EU visa fee announced

by Matt Ford

BRITISH holidaymakers could have to pay a €7 fee to travel to the European Union (EU) in the wake of Brexit.

Plans drawn up by EU ambassadors and signed off this week reveal that visas will remain valid for three years once issued, or until the passport used to register expires.

Travellers will be required to provide personal information and details about their recent movements to enter the bloc, as well as answer questions regarding criminal records.

The proposed scheme forms part of the EU's European Travel Information

and Authorisation System - designed to track down criminals and slash illegal immigration - and will apply to people visiting all 26 Schengen-zone nations from countries that do not currently require a visa.

And Britain is expected to be included unless the government is able to secure an exemption, which they will hope to do during the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

Should they fail to do so, Britons would have to apply for the document online with background checks per-

formed prior to approval under a system similar to the ESTA procedure currently employed by the United States.

UK Prime Minister Theresa May has not yet said how the government plans to manage EU nationals travelling to Britain.

It comes as ministers have reportedly been left furious after the EU said the UK's role in the €10.3 billion Galileo satellite-navigation system would be downgraded post-Brexit.

The UK has spent €1.4 billion on the project, and is now considering plans to launch its own rival.

Last orders for teen boozers?

PARENTS of underage drinkers could be fined under a new Spanish law.

The move, proposed in a report by the Mixed Committee on Drug Problems, is among a raft of measures to combat the problem of young people drinking on the streets, commonly dubbed botellon.

According to the study, new penalties should be 'geared toward education,' but if parents are negligent and there exists 'evident risk to the minor' then additional sanctions could be applied.



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Quote of the Week

It does not register in the human head that a person who has fled can be president of Catalonia from so far away." Spanish government spokesperson Iñigo Mendez de Vigo dismisses exiled Carles Puigdemont's new leadership bid.



Madrid leader out of job over scandal



Photo credit: YouTube

SHAMED: Cristina Cifuentes during her resignation press conference and (inset) a still from the damning video.

MADRID'S regional president, Cristina Cifuentes, has quit amid shoplifting allegations.

Already under fire for allegedly faking her Master's degree, the conservative Popular Party (PP) politician said she was bringing forward her resignation.

She said: "As a consequence of today's news I decided to advance my decision to leave the Madrid Community Presidency."

It follows the emergence of

damning security camera footage from 2011 which appears to show her handing over items worth €40, including an anti-ageing cream, to a supermarket security guard.

Police allegedly did not take the incident further after recognising her. Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy is waiting for the latest scandal to hit his party to 'settle' before appointing a replacement by the second week in May, according to government sources.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Life in the fast lane

SPANISH infrastructure multinational Ferrovial has announced an additional €236m investment in the M8 service contract operated by subsidiary Amey, which is embroiled in a long-running legal dispute with Birmingham City Council over the quality of maintenance work.

Pump jump

THE price of fuel in Spain has rocketed to its highest level since 2014 - with unleaded at €1.26 per litre and diesel €1.17 - due to a global increase in the cost of crude oil, and is expected to rise even further in the near future, industry experts say.

Winging it

SPAIN'S flag-carrier airline Iberia is to reduce prices of its 'basic' long-haul fares - those that do not include check-in baggage or a seat selection service - by at least €40 per ticket to compete with new low-cost rivals.

Utilities' row goes public

SPANISH public electricity firm Iberdrola is embroiled in a spat with Italian rival Enel.

The firms locked horns as they bid to gain control of Brazil's Eletropaulo, the South American nation's biggest power company.

And in a letter to the European Commission, Iberdrola claimed Enel - 23.6 per cent of which is state-owned - is creating unfair competition.

"It is critical that the European Commission... prevents any member state from passing legislation, adopting policies and taking measures that favour state-controlled companies and... distort the level playing field," it said.

Enel - which eight years ago seized control of Spanish utility Endesa in a €39 billion deal - described the claims as 'quite surprising.'

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,642.50	-56.70	-3.34	23,529.85
Associated British Foods	2,657.50	-42.50	-1.57	20,852.70
Admiral Group	1,872.75	-122.75	-6.15	5,760.58
Ashtead Group	2,060.00	5.00	0.24	9,883.78
Antofagasta	923.00	-31.00	-3.25	9,464.22
Aviva	524.50	-0.50	-0.10	21,018.25
AstraZeneca	5,000.50	-82.50	-1.62	63,215.49
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,564.94
Barclays	210.50	1.55	0.74	36,426.25
British American Tobacco	4,050.00	19.50	0.48	88,305.57
Barratt Developments	554.50	-7.50	-1.33	5,583.16
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,957.50	-107.50	-2.64	5,364.93
British Land Co	662.50	-9.50	-1.41	6,492.96
BHP Billiton	1,527.50	-7.10	-0.46	32,394.96
Bunzl	2,548.50	450.50	21.47	6,953.89
BP	529.70	-7.70	-1.43	104,579.93
Burberry Group	1,787.50	-34.50	-1.89	7,363.73
BT Group	242.50	-5.50	-2.22	23,718.31
Coca-Cola HBC	2,539.00	60.00	2.42	8,983.42
Carnival	4,675.00	-57.00	-1.20	9,679.14
Centrica	150.00	-2.85	-1.86	8,244.89
Compass Group	1,422.50	-132.00	-8.49	23,682.96
Croda International	4,493.00	-7.00	-0.16	5,842.32
CRH	2,571.00	0.00	0.00	21,392.48
DCC	6,900.00	-100.00	-1.43	5,968.95
Diageo	2,518.50	-39.50	-1.54	60,695.41
Direct Line Insurance Group	382.00	8.20	2.19	5,152.13
Evraz	432.50	-21.10	-4.65	6,036.11
Experian	1,642.00	-26.00	-1.56	14,880.21
easyJet	1,598.00	-8.50	-0.53	6,275.89
Ferguson	5,590.00	-26.00	-0.46	13,754.48
Fresnillo	1,269.00	-12.50	-0.98	9,410.13
G4S	237.50	-24.10	-9.21	3,944.15
Glencore	367.50	-1.50	-0.41	54,410.12
GlaxoSmithKline	1,444.10	-21.10	-1.44	70,030.47
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,775.50	0.00	0.00	8,203.34
Halma	1,222.00	0.00	0.00	4,555.70
HSBC Holdings	715.50	-4.10	-0.57	143,018.11
International Consoltd Air Gr	649.00	18.80	2.98	12,761.65
InterContinental Hotels Gr	4,470.00	-107.00	-2.34	8,406.64
3i Group	937.50	-5.50	-0.58	8,911.74
Imperial Brands	2,540.00	-74.50	-2.85	23,576.38
Informa	736.80	0.00	0.00	6,035.01
Intertek Group	4,823.00	-75.00	-1.53	7,682.31
ITV	155.50	5.90	3.94	5,830.81
Just Eat	727.00	-39.00	-5.09	4,994.36
Johnson Matthey	3,250.00	-51.00	-1.54	6,191.13
Kingfisher	299.50	-2.50	-0.83	6,487.93
Land Securities Group	975.00	-11.40	-1.16	7,161.02
Legal & General Group	268.00	-0.40	-0.15	16,589.12

CLOSING PRICES APRIL 30				
COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.10	0.31	0.48	46,821.05
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,346.50	28.50	0.66	14,816.06
Micro Focus International	1,305.00	31.00	2.43	5,564.45
Mediclinic International	686.80	12.80	1.90	4,886.45
Marks & Spencer Group	287.00	0.40	0.14	4,607.81
Mondi	2,040.00	10.00	0.49	7,432.95
Melrose	230.00	2.40	1.05	9,524.89
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	242.00	2.00	0.83	5,515.05
National Grid	840.00	-1.70	-0.20	27,036.23
NMC Health	3,488.00	-112.00	-3.11	7,282.68
Next	5,245.00	15.00	0.29	7,356.37
Old Mutual Group	245.00	-9.70	-3.81	12,243.15
Paddy Power Betfair	7,115.00	-0.57	-0.01	5,881.07
Prudential	1,832.50	-32.50	-1.74	48,050.85
Persimmon	2,840.00	110.00	4.03	8,386.32
Pearson	815.00	-7.20	-0.88	6,217.13
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,540.00	-118.00	-2.09	38,689.02
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.00	-3.40	-1.27	32,776.74
Royal Dutch Shell	2,470.00	-61.50	-2.43	116,238.59
Royal Dutch Shell	2,530.00	-66.00	-2.54	96,933.20
RELX	1,538.50	-15.00	-0.97	16,302.97
Rio Tinto	3,900.00	-78.00	-1.96	52,435.36
Royal Mail	521.70	-61.30	-10.51	5,812.00
Rolls-Royce Group	840.00	0.60	0.07	15,671.08
Randgold Resources	5,800.00	-114.00	-1.93	5,419.86
RSA Insurance Group	654.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,650.08
Rentokil Initial	258.80	-47.70	-15.56	5,382.53
Sainsbury (J)	268.00	-1.80	-0.67	5,856.20
Schroders	3,497.50	208.50	6.34	7,332.17
Sage Group (The)	641.00	2.17	0.34	6,799.77
Segro	647.00	0.00	0.00	6,306.40
Shire	3,875.00	-19.00	-0.49	34,849.55
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,050.00	-48.00	-1.55	7,139.05
Sky	1,317.50	-55.00	-4.01	23,361.44
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.75	9.95	2.73	10,865.30
Smith (DS)	525.40	0.00	0.00	5,494.77
Smiths Group	1,590.00	-11.00	-0.69	6,276.63
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	477.50	2.90	0.61	6,370.72
Smith & Nephew	1,375.00	-17.00	-1.22	11,941.57
SSE	1,339.00	-44.50	-3.22	13,577.63
Standard Chartered	739.15	-22.55	-2.96	24,847.75
St James's Place	1,090.75	-40.25	-3.56	5,910.05
Severn Trent	1,905.00	-55.50	-2.83	4,417.14
Tesco	237.75	-0.35	-0.15	23,380.54
TUI AG	1,639.50	0.00	0.00	9,498.05
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	3.60	1.86	6,318.56
Unilever	3,997.50	-53.50	-1.32	48,408.45
United Utilities Group	722.50	-26.30	-3.51	4,874.14
Vodafone Group	209.25	-1.30	-0.62	55,765.69
WPP Group	1,137.50	-11.00	-0.96	14,136.13
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APPLE	162,320	-1,16%	-1,900	823,664,53
BOEING CO	340,880	-0,56%	-1,910	200,225,91
CATERPILLAR	144,720	-1,09%	-1,590	86,524,26
CHEVRON	126,62	+1,93%	2,40	241,984,86
CISCO SYSTEMS	44,710	+1,13%	0,500	215,391,19
COCA-COLA	43,31	+1,31%	0,56	184,631,51
DOWDUPONT	64,32	+0,44%	0,28	149,674,57
EXXON MOBIL	77,79	-3,80%	-3,07	329,713,97
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,3800	+0,00%	0,0000	124,912,32
GOLDMAN SACHS	239,80	-0,12%	-0,29	92,907,72
HOME DEPOT	186,4600	+0,40%	0,7400	214,849,14
IBM	146,48	-0,16%	-0,24	134,408,92
INTEL CORP	52,7300	-0,60%	-0,3200	246,190,32
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	109,4000	-0,64%	-0,7000	372,553,22
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	128,2700	+0,20%	0,2600	344,182,67
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,3000	-0,38%	-0,6000	124,508,40
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,47	+0,10%	0,06	160,176,14
MICROSOFT	95,820	+1,65%	1,560	737,794,17
NIKE	69,56	+2,22%	1,51	89,224,17
PFIZER	37,0000	+0,41%	0,1500	220,216,65
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,810	+0,08%	0,060	183,163,43
TRAVELERS CIES	133,19	+0,18%	0,24	36,009,62
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	122,46	-0,29%	-0,36	98,010,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	240,18	+1,33%	3,15	230,889,09
VERIZON COMMS	51,57	+3,64%	1,81	213,231,90
VISA	126,01	-0,84%	-1,07	227,328,99
WAL-MART STORES	87,2900	-0,74%	-0,6500	257,884,24
WALT DISNEY CO	99,2300	-0,61%	-0,6100	149,179,64
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NASDAQ

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
DMC Global Inc.	\$ 39.35	7.70 ▲ 24.33%
InVivo Therapeutics Holdings Corp.	\$ 7.84	1.44 ▲ 22.50%
SVB Financial Group	\$ 305.61	48.24 ▲ 18.74%
Celyad SA	\$ 34.70	4.71 ▲ 15.71%
Brightcove Inc.	\$ 9.25	1.25 ▲ 15.63%
eHealth, Inc.	\$ 18.26	2.19 ▲ 13.63%
BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	\$ 56.20	6.65 ▲ 13.42%
Cytokinetics, Incorporated	\$ 8.65	0.95 ▲ 12.34%
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 5.85	0.60 ▲ 11.43%
Digimarc Corporation	\$ 28.70	2.90 ▲ 11.24%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 8.84	0.84 ▲ 10.50%
Most Declined		
Flex Ltd.	\$ 13.03	3.61 ▼ 21.69%
National Instruments Corporation	\$ 39.45	9.93 ▼ 20.11%
FormFactor, Inc.	\$ 11.55	2.20 ▼ 16%
CalAmp Corp.	\$ 19.76	3.42 ▼ 14.75%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.25	11.80 ▼ 14.56%
Liberty Broadband Corporation	\$ 69.82	11.56 ▼ 14.20%
Teligent, Inc.	\$ 3.11	0.45 ▼ 12.64%
Charter Communications, Inc.	\$ 263.325	34.825 ▼ 11.68%
athenahealth, Inc.	\$ 127.45	15.57 ▼ 10.89%
Forrester Research, Inc.	\$ 40.95	4.90 ▼ 10.69%
A V Homes, Inc.	\$ 17.20	2.05 ▼ 10.65%

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Euro

EUR/GBP: Unmoved at £0.87

EUR/USD: Up from \$1.23 to \$1.21

The European Central Bank (ECB) was once again a key driver in euro movement over the last few weeks as markets sought to learn more about the bank's plans to wind down its stimulus programme.

This saw the euro move lower against most of its peers as the ECB voted to leave monetary policy unaltered again in April.

Some disappointing inflation figures also weighed on the single currency this month, as they signalled the ECB's current path is unlikely to change for some time to come.

The focus for EUR investors over the coming month is likely to be an expected dip in the Eurozone's first quarter GDP and whether the latest economic data points to a further moderation in growth during the second quarter.



EURO MOVEMENT: The European Central Bank was once again a key driver.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.13 to €1.14

GBP/USD: Down from \$1.41 to \$1.39

The pound skyrocketed at the start of April as it was buoyed by expectations that the Bank of England (BoE) was gearing up to raise interest rates in May.

However, Sterling was brought crashing back

down to earth in the second half of the month as it appeared this speculation may have been a little overblown.

Investors fled the pound in droves as some weaker-than-expected inflation figures and BoE Governor Mark Carney's comments that he was 'conscious of other meetings later in the year' caused many analysts to revise their

forecasts of a May rate hike.

Looking ahead, next month's BoE meeting is likely to be a flash point for GBP, with the bank's decision on whether to raise interest rates likely to dictate the underlying strength of the pound over the coming months.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.70 to £0.71

USD/EUR: Down from €0.80 to €0.82

The US dollar was seen in a negative light at the start of this month, with many investors shunning USD as Donald Trump traded barbs with Moscow over an alleged chemical weapons attack in Syria.

The US dollar didn't stay down for long however, with the US currency enjoying a major resurgence towards the end of April as rising inflation helped to bolster expectations of a more aggressive path of monetary tightening from the Federal Reserve.

This, in turn, helped US treasury yields break past 3 per cent and prompted investors to flock back to USD.

There is potential for the US dollar to continue to push higher in May should the Fed chose to strike a more bullish tone in its upcoming policy meeting.

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Adventures with 'Rick the Roo Boy'

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GREAT excitement is now building in the Leaps residence. In less than three weeks time the ol' boy's musical is finally being workshopped in Australia.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend personally, but my extremely talented co-writer is there and will oversee the whole thing, including a video, so I shall certainly be party to the next best thing. The presentation is semi-biographical and, along with my books, will we hope, finally put a cork in the mouths of those nasty individuals who think they have somehow gained a major scoop by gleefully 'revealing' that I once received a custodial sentence in the courts.

Something that has been well and truly in the public domain for the last 45 years! Somewhat ironical that my debut offering should be in a country founded by convicts!

I actually have some great memories from this glorious 'down under' country. My two record releases, which reached number one and number five respectively, allowed me to enjoy two separate tours of this magnificent land.

One of my funniest experiences occurred on



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one of these memorable visits. I had been in the country for only a short time, when I was invited on a local radio show. During the programme I stated, somewhat humorously, that I had been in the country over a week and hadn't yet seen one kangaroo!

The next minute the phone rang in the studio. A broad, heavily-accented Australian voice, then proceeded to inform us that he was, 'Rick the

Roo Boy' and could show me 'all the kangaroos I wanted'. Midst much banter and laughter; a vague (as I thought) arrangement was made for us to meet at some time in the future.

Cut now to the hotel we were appearing in. The band and I had been given a suite and four separate bedrooms in the same hotel! At this point, I think the high jinks that subsequently ensued can be confidently left to

everyone's imagination!

A couple of weeks later, after a particularly marathon session, we had all collapsed at somewhere around 6am. As my extremely 'weary' head hit the pillow there came a loud banging on the door. Groaningly I hauled myself up and staggered to the 'spyhole.' I simply couldn't believe my eyes.

Standing in the corridor was the manifestation of every ethnic cartoon character of an Aussie you could possibly imagine. A sinewy deeply suntanned figure, clad from head to foot in leather and tassels and topped by (and I kid you not) your classic Stetson surround by actual dangling corks! Gleefully enthusiastic he was holding up some sort of bewhiskered rat to the spyhole.

"Hi there," he shouted, no doubt seeing my shadow. "I'm Rick the Roo Boy, are you ready?"

Oh my God! I simply couldn't believe it. Was I ready? Frankly I have never been less ready for anything in my life. With a mouth as arid as an Arabian desert and a tongue of recently cured leather I somehow managed to croak out a mumbled request for him to 'hold on'. And that's where I'm afraid I have to leave it. Did I make it? Tune in next week. Meantime.

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Advertising Feature

Good news for holidaymakers

Until the introduction of the holiday rental licence laws in various regions of Spain, the unregulated industry was like the Wild West

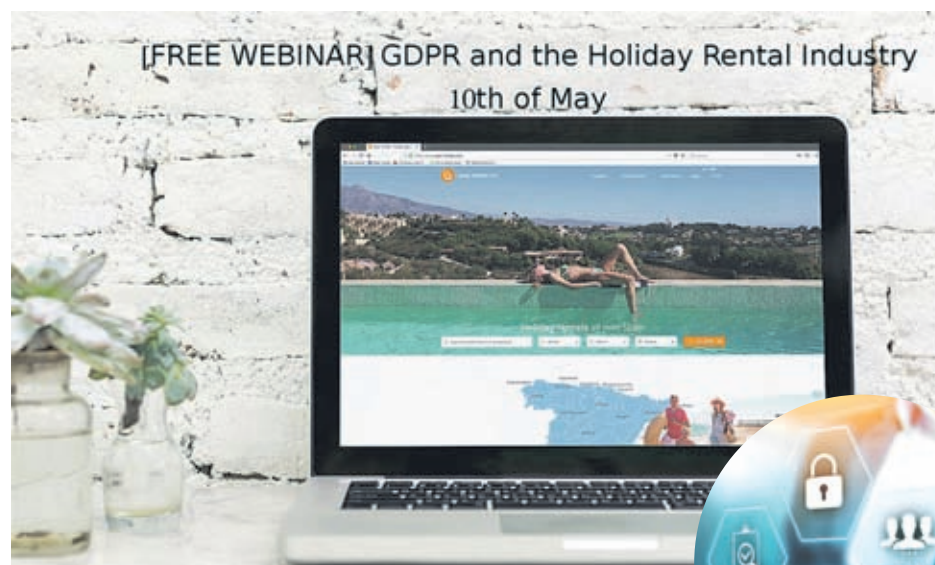
by Nicola Erlich

SINCE 2015, all holiday rental properties in the Comunidad Valenciana must be fully licensed according to the rental licensing laws.

The government is clamping down and issuing fines to owners of unlicensed properties that are rented out to holidaymakers, as well as advertising channels that market them.

In order to obtain a licence, the rental property must meet the technical requirements and standards based on whether the property is categorised as Standard, Primary or Superior with features such as air conditioning, swimming pool, parking and internet access amongst the requirements for the Primary and Superior categories.

The licensing law in Valencia, which differs from other regions in Spain, aims to regularise the holiday rental industry which has grown in popularity with both domestic and international tourists over the years. Holidaymakers can now expect their accommodation to meet a standard of quality, size and fittings as well as regulation safety measures such as a fitted smoke alarm,



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evacuation plan and emergency contact numbers.

Spain-Holiday.com is the leading holiday rental website in Spain with nearly 3,000 holiday

rental homes available on the Costa Blanca.

Earlier this year, Spain-Holiday.com made the decision to remove properties that had not obtained a licence with the Valencian government and now offers 100 per cent fully licensed properties in the Valencia region and the Costa Blanca as well as Cataluña.

Jannich Petersen, CEO of Spain-Holiday.com explains the decision.

“Ensuring that our home owners are fully compliant with the various differing licensing laws in Spain is challenging but over the long term we welcome the regularisation of the holiday rental industry so that holidaymakers know that when they book accommodation in Spain they can expect to stay in quality accommodation and have a memorable holiday in Spain.”

Spain-Holiday.com offers support and help to its homeowners in order to obtain their holiday rental licence. All properties marketed on the website have passed stringent quality and security checks and must have a licence registration number which is displayed on the advert.



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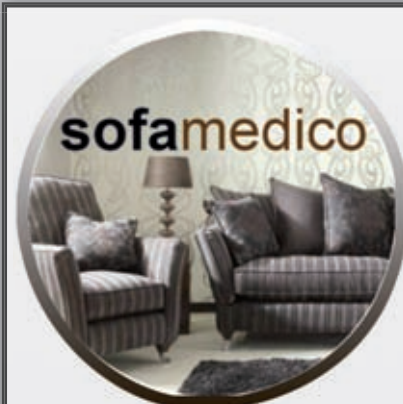


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Is the EU purposely weaponising the Irish border issue?

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Breaking Views

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THE EU's made it patently clear that it's not interested in a mutually beneficial relationship with the UK. Repeated reassurances by British ministers that they intend to be the EU's closest friend have been rebuffed.

Brexit negotiations had seemed to be progressing well enough. Officials had apparently finally come to terms regarding outstanding liabilities, the status of each other's citizens



and the rolling over of a number of technical accords. But the outright rejection by unelected EU bureaucrats of Britain's proposals for the Northern Irish border is nauseating.

In fact, their suggestion the only way to achieve a frictionless border is for Britain to remain in the customs union - even though Theresa May has made it absolutely clear this isn't an option - leads many to

conclude the EU is weaponising the Irish border solely in order to scupper any Brexit agreement.

So ingrained is the EU in its 'project' it's simply unable to consider sensible, rational suggestions to settle the issue. Moreover, it simply isn't acceptable for the EU to reject Britain's proposals without offering viable alternatives.

As the military strategist

Sun Tzu pointed out centuries ago, the best way to win a battle is for the enemy to decide not to fight because he believes that you are too strong and the best way to lose is to appear weak.

Why does Theresa May seem hell-bent on proving Sun Tzu's views correct? At every turn in these Brexit negotiations she's appeared weak and undecided, inviting all and sundry in the EU to take pot-shots at the UK.

We don't respond in strength and lose every negotiating battle, fighting from the back foot. We have many strengths but won't use them.

To the EU, we must look like a beaten spouse - no matter how hard they punch and kick and threaten, dinner will still be on the table when they get back from the pub.

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Is May being held back by the Northern Irish border?

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Q. My wife and I have lived in Spain for 15 years. We receive a joint old age pension of about €1,300 a month plus two tiny pensions that total less than €1,000 a year, which are taxed at source in the UK. For this reason we have not registered for tax in Spain. I am 80 years old and my wife is 76. We intend to sell our property, which is valued at about €130,000. According to your recent EWN article it appears that we should have registered. Is that correct?

J.S. (Costa Blanca)

A. Yes, you should have obtained the S1 form and changed your tax residency to Spain. Even if you now hold the Certificate of Residence of an EU Citizen in Spain, you are not a tax resident. This is against the rules and it also means that you will be liable for Spanish capital gains tax when you sell your home. If you are tax resident for three years and over 65 years of age, you can be free of capital gains when you sell your principal residence in Spain.

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8:30pm	Sounds Like Friday Night
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Home from Home
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show

BBC TWO

7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
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10:00am	BBC Newsroom Live
11:00am	Snooker
1:00pm	Election 2018
2:00pm	Snooker
4:00pm	Election 2018
5:30pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Britain in Bloom
8:00pm	Snooker
10:00pm	Syria: The World's War
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Front Row Late
12:35am	World Championship Snooker Highlights
1:25am	Easy Money
3:20am	Panorama
3:50am	Civilisations
4:50am	The Assassination of Gianni Versace - American Crime Story
5:45am	This is BBC Two Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.

BBC FOUR

4:55am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018
10:00pm	The Jazz Ambassadors
11:30pm	Latin Music USA
12:30am	Kings of Rock and Roll <i>A journey back to the 1950s for a look at the wildest pop music of all time in a film that tells the stories of Bill Haley, Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Buddy Holly, giants from an era when pop music really was mad, bad and dangerous to know.</i>
1:30am	Stunning Soloists at the BBC
2:30am	Latin Music USA
3:30am	Kings of Rock and Roll
4:30am	This is BBC Four

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9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
11:00pm	Inside Strangeways
12:05am	Meet Mick Philpott: Psychopath
1:00am	Super Casino

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12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
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3:20am	First Dates
4:15am	Rude Tube
5:10am	2 Broke Girls
5:30am	2 Broke Girls
5:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me

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11:30am	Rugby Gold
11:40am	Rugby Union <i>Chiefs take on Jaguares at Rotorua International Stadium in Rotorua in Super Rugby.</i>
1:30pm	Live PGA Tour <i>Featured Groups The featured groups from day two of the 2018 Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow Golf Club</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Kings XI Punjab take on Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League.</i>
8:30pm	Football <i>Brighton and Hove Albion take on Manchester United at the Amex Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
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10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
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7:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship Live
10:00pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
11:00pm	The Bourne Identity
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	The Bourne Identity
1:25am	The Americans
2:25am	Ax Men
3:20am	The Protectors
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

11:00am	Birth of the Dragon
12:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:00pm	The Mummy
3:00pm	Ghost in the Shell
5:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:15pm	Monster Trucks
7:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
9:00pm	The Mummy
11:00pm	Desperado
1:00am	Ghost in the Shell

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:30am	How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days
12:30pm	Table 19
2:05pm	Fist Fight
3:50pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
5:35pm	The Back-Up Plan
7:25pm	Table 19
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
12:25am	Superbad
2:25am	Road Trip: Beer Pong
4:05am	Death at a Funeral

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Austin Found
9:00am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
10:35am	Where's the Money <i>Out to recover a stash of stolen money, LA slacker Del attempts to become the first African-American member of an all-white fraternity.</i>
12:05pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
1:45pm	Dunkirk
3:40pm	Girls Trip
5:50pm	Where's the Money
7:25pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
9:00pm	Dunkirk
10:50pm	Girls Trip
12:55am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
3:10am	Austin Found
5:00am	After the Storm

sky sports football

11:00am	La Liga Show
11:30am	EFL Matters
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	La Liga Show
1:30pm	EFL Matters
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:30pm	EFL Matters
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
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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	Bargain Hunt
3:15pm	Snooker
5:10pm	BBC News
5:20pm	Regional News
5:25pm	Weather
5:30pm	Final Score
6:10pm	Women's FA Cup Final
8:40pm	Pointless
9:30pm	Who Dares Wins
10:15pm	Casualty
11:05pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Weather
11:25pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	The Button
1:15am	When in Rome
2:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:45am	BBC News

BBC TWO

5:45am	This is BBC Two
7:15am	David Attenbrough's Natural Curiosities
7:40am	Naomi's Nightmares of Nature
8:10am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Monster Builds
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Snooker
2:10pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
3:10pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
4:10pm	Love in the Countryside
5:10pm	Snooker
7:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
8:00pm	Dad's Army
8:30pm	Snooker
11:00pm	Kajaki - The True Story
12:40am	Michael Palin: A Life on Screen
1:40am	Easy Money II: Hard to Kill
3:15am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Nature's Epic Journeys
9:00pm	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom <i>The story of a race against time to help preserve the untouched forests of Burma</i>
10:00pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
10:45pm	Salamander: Blood Diamonds
11:35pm	Land of the Lost Wolves
12:35am	Top of the Pops <i>Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985</i>
1:05am	An Evening with Glen Campbell
2:25am	Nature's Epic Journeys
3:25am	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	King of Queens
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:25pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
4:25pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:30pm	Collection Hunters
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	Zolander 2
12:00am	Ride Along
1:50am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:40am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
4:50am	Come Dine with Me
5:45am	Gok's Fill Your House for Free

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:40am	The Gadget Show
12:30pm	Police Interceptors
1:25pm	Police Interceptors
2:25pm	Police Interceptors
3:25pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:20pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:20pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:20pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
7:15pm	5 News
7:20pm	Rich House, Poor House
8:20pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
10:15pm	Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures
11:10pm	The Great Rameses: New Evidence Revealed
12:10am	Football on 5

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7:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Made in Chelsea
10:00am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
11:00am	Animals United
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:30pm	The Goldbergs
3:00pm	The Goldbergs
3:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
4:00pm	Young Sheldon
4:30pm	Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
6:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Transporter
11:50pm	Gogglebox
12:55am	The Inbetweeners
1:30am	The Inbetweeners
2:00am	Tattoo Fixers
3:05am	Rude Tube
4:05am	Gogglebox
5:00am	How I Met Your Mother

sky sports main event

7:00am	Rugby Union <i>Waratahs take on Blues at the Allianz Stadium in Super Rugby.</i>
8:50am	Rugby Shorts <i>Relive a classic match from the 2017 British and Irish Lions tour to New Zealand.</i>
9:00am	Info not available
10:00am	Info not available
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Football <i>Stoke City meet Crystal Palace at the bet365 Stadium in the Premier League.</i>
4:15pm	Pro 14 Play-Offs <i>A match from the Guinness Pro14 Play-offs.</i>
6:30pm	Live League One Final Day
9:00pm	Football <i>Los Angeles FC take on FC Dallas at the Banc of California Stadium in Major League Soccer.</i>
9:55pm	Football

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8:00am	Lego Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures
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	Invitation to a Royal Wedding
1:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:30pm	This Time Next Year
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
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	To be Announced
11:20pm	ITV News
11:35pm	Sex and the City 2

itv2

7:15am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:35pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:35pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:40pm	Babe
3:40pm	FYI Daily
3:45pm	Babe
4:30pm	Twister
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	Twister
6:40pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
7:40pm	FYI Daily
7:45pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!
2:30am	Plebs
2:55am	Celebrability
3:40am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records

itv3

5:55am	Judge Judy
6:15am	Judge Judy
6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:50am	The Railway Children <i>British drama film based on the novel of the same name by E Nesbit.</i>
12:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple <i>When Gwenda Halliday moves in to the home of her dreams, she begins to see ghostly apparitions.</i>
2:00pm	Columbo
4:00pm	Casablanca
6:00pm	Midsomer Murders
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:05am	Vera
2:05am	Stephen Fry's Key to the City
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest: Bobby Charlton
7:15am	Minder
8:05am	Motorsport UK
8:55am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Pawn Stars
12:20pm	Cycling
12:55pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
2:00pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:00pm	The Motorbike Show
9:00pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
10:00pm	Heartbreak Ridge
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Heartbreak Ridge
12:45am	The Fugitive
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	The Fugitive
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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2:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
4:30pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:45pm	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
6:45pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
9:00pm	Alien: Covenant
11:15pm	Fast and Furious 8
1:35am	Beverly Hills Cop

sky CINEMA COMEDY

8:15am	Uncle Buck
10:00am	Brewster's Millions
11:45am	Clue
1:30pm	Snatched
3:10pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:30pm	The Other Guys
5:25pm	Made of Honour
7:15pm	Clue
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	The Other Guys
12:40am	Sausage Party
2:15am	Eurotrip
3:55am	48 Hrs

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:00am	After the Storm
7:00am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
8:35am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
10:10am	Girls Trip
12:15pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
	<i>Youngster Greg hatches a plot to reroute a family road trip towards a videogame convention.</i>
1:50pm	Dunkirk
3:40pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
5:15pm	Girls Trip
7:20pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
9:00pm	Dunkirk
11:00pm	Brawl in Cell Block 99
1:15am	Where's the Money
2:50am	Austin Found
4:50am	After the Storm

sky sports football

6:00am	Football's Greatest
6:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
7:00am	Championship Season Reviews
8:00am	Championship Season Reviews
9:00am	Championship Season Reviews
10:00am	Championship Season Reviews
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Football
3:30pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Live League One Final Day
9:00pm	Football
9:55pm	Football
12:00am	Football's Greatest
12:30am	La Liga Icons
12:45am	La Liga Icons
1:00am	League
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns

I won't be giving up

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WHAT'S the point of round sliced bread? Anyone? I bet not one of you can explain the actual point of it. Let me explain where I'm coming from. Mercadona, one of the best Spanish supermarkets, sells a lot of different breads in all shapes and sizes.

The one I particularly like is the one I call 'Five Seedy Bread.' It's really tasty and I'm sure many of you have seen it or even buy it. The only problem is it's round so what happens is you get four to six decent size slices out of the fat bit in the middle, for your sandwiches, and then you get smaller sandwiches.

After maybe one more half decent round you then finish up with six or eight bits of, what's known in the bakery trade, as the 'endy' bits and you get more 'endy' bits than big bits. So I'm going to suggest to Mercadona that they make it a traditional bread shape so that I, we, get a consistent size sandwich.

Where it gets even worse is a restaurant that I like to go occasionally for breakfast serves it and sometimes they give me my

two slices and they are the 'endy' bits! Those are not big enough to go the distance with my full English. See my dilemma?

How long should good quality things last? I purchased a very expensive Samsonite 'man' bag for use on flights. It was not for everyday use - just occasional - and even then I don't use it on every trip.

It's made out of leather and fabric. I've had it a couple of years and now the leather is flaking off. So, is it reasonable of me to think that's not right? Should something that costs over a €100 and is only used occasionally start to just fall to pieces?

This has happened to quite a few things recently - not all of them as expensive. The amount of phone cases I have had for the same phone is crazy. They usually cost €10 or €15 but they just fall to pieces. We unfortunately live in a disposable age.

A pair of wireless headphones stopped charging and the store I bought them from were not interested. They just told me to send them back to the manufacturer which is no easy job either. In both instances I emailed the manufacturer. I have had no reply from the headphone people and I have to send the bag back to a place in Madrid.

As usual I won't be giving up.

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DRAMATIC: The Roman amphitheatre in Cartagena is one of the largest in Spain.

Historic harbour

BOASTING one of the most strategic ports in the Mediterranean, the city of Cartagena was once the threshold for every empire that invaded Spain and has inherited an impressive collection of cultural landmarks as a result.

Located in the region of Murcia, this important naval city was founded in around 220 B.C. by the Carthaginians but didn't become the thriving metropolis it is known as today

until it was conquered by the Romans. It is still possible to see mosaics and murals that date back to this era in several of the city's protected buildings.

The city is home to an impressive array of ruins, such as the Roman amphitheatre, which is the second biggest on the Iberian Peninsula, and the Byzantine wall that was built to protect the city from invasions.

An easy way to get a grasp of just how many lives this city has lived is to take a trip up to Conception Castle which offers impressive views of the whole bay. Here you can see the Spanish warships anchored where Phoenician traders used to dock their boats, and the effortless blend of modernist buildings and ancient fortresses proves just how well the city has held onto its history as time has passed.

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11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Escape to the Country
3:15pm	Money for Nothing
3:45pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
4:45pm	Points of View
5:00pm	Songs of Praise
5:35pm	Britain's Best Home Cook
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	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
12:40am	Reggie Yates' Extreme UK

BBC TWO

7:05am	Coast
7:35am	Glorious Gardens
8:20am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
8:50am	Countryfile
9:45am	The Beechgrove Garden
10:15am	Saturday Kitchen
	Best Bites
11:45am	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
12:30pm	Lorraine Pascale: How to be a Better Cook
1:00pm	MOTD2 Extra
1:30pm	Equestrian
3:00pm	Snooker
6:30pm	Equestrian: Badminton Horse Trials - Showjumping
7:00pm	Athletics
8:00pm	Snooker
12:00am	Famalam
12:20am	Live at the Apollo
1:05am	Easy Money III: Life Deluxe
3:05am	Question Time
4:05am	Holby City
5:05am	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	Civilisations Stories <i>Treasure of the Bronze Age</i>
9:00pm	Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet
10:00pm	Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth Macmillan
11:00pm	Michael Clark's to a Simple, Rock 'N' Roll... Song.
11:55pm	Duet
12:00am	Rich Hall's California Stars
1:30am	Science and Islam
2:30am	Dancing in the Blitz: How WW2 Made British Ballet
3:30am	Ballet's Dark Knight - Sir Kenneth Macmillan

CHANNEL 4

8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Eat the Week with Iceland
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	Megamind
5:25pm	Location, Location, Location
6:30pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Escape to the Chateau
8:00pm	The Crystal Maze
9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
10:00pm	Homeland
11:15pm	Tabula Rasa
12:15am	Transporter 3
2:10am	Rustom
4:40am	Mobil 1 the Grid
5:05am	Gillette World Sport
5:35am	Kirstie's Vintage Gems
5:50am	Gok's Fill Your House for Free

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	Nick's Quest
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Great Birmingham Run 2018
1:00pm	Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:30pm	Ace Ventura: Pet Detective
3:05pm	Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
4:05pm	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:05pm	Greatest Celebrity Wind-Ups Ever!
6:05pm	5 News
6:10pm	The Adele Story
7:30pm	Britain's Favourite Abba Songs
9:00pm	Eurovision's Greatest Hits
10:00pm	When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong
12:55am	Football on 5
1:50am	Criminals Caught on Camera
2:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Yorkshire Vet
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble

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7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	Evolution
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Young Sheldon
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	Magic Mike
2:25am	The Big Bang Theory
2:55am	The Big Bang Theory
3:25am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.

sky sports main event

10:30am	The Sunday Supplement <i>Neil Ashton hosts a discussion on the week's major football stories, joined by leading football journalists to give their opinion on all the latest news.</i>
12:00pm	Info not available
1:00pm	Live Championship Final Day
3:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Champions Manchester City take on Huddersfield Town at the Etihad in the Premier League.</i>
4:30pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>Chelsea meet Liverpool at Stamford Bridge in the Premier League</i>
8:00pm	World Cup Watch
8:30pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
11:00pm	Football
11:30pm	Football

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8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	The Haunted Hathaways
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Sunday
10:25am	Love Your Garden
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:15pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Newmarket
5:00pm	Ninja Warrior UK
6:00pm	The Chase
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	Info not available
11:05pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	The Royal Wives of Windsor
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Motorsport UK

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7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:10am	Totally Bonkers
	Guinness World Records
7:35am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:10am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:00pm	You've Been Framed!
2:00pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
3:05pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
4:05pm	FYI Daily
4:10pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
4:55pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:10pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:10pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
8:10pm	FYI Daily
8:15pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
11:00pm	Family Guy
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

8:45am	Heartbeat
9:50am	Heartbeat
10:50am	Columbo <i>Classic murder mystery with the ever-dishevelled detective.</i>
12:50pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
2:55pm	Agatha Christie's Marple <i>Agatha Christie's crime thrillers featuring the author's spinster sleuth Miss Jane Marple.</i>
4:55pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	Sunday Night at the Palladium
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Wire in the Blood
1:05am	Wire in the Blood
2:10am	Blue Murder
3:25am	Liverpool 1
4:20am	Road to Avonlea
5:05am	Road to Avonlea
5:55am	George and Mildred

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest
7:15am	The Protectors
7:40am	Minder
8:30am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
9:55am	BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights
10:55am	The Big Fish Off
11:55am	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
1:00pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Live
6:30pm	Pawn Stars
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:25pm	Pawn Stars
7:55pm	Mr. Bean
8:25pm	Mr. Bean
9:00pm	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
10:00pm	Jaws 3
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Jaws 3
12:05am	The Bank Job
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	The Bank Job
2:20am	BRDC Formula 3

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

8:45am	Anaconda
10:20am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
12:35pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
2:45pm	The Hurricane Heist
4:35pm	The Accountant
6:45pm	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them
9:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
11:15pm	The Hurricane Heist

sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:55am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
12:10pm	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
1:50pm	Roxanne
3:45pm	Going in Style
5:30pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
7:15pm	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
9:00pm	Roxanne
11:00pm	Going in Style
12:40am	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:50am	After the Storm
7:00am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
8:40am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
10:15am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
12:00pm	Dunkirk
1:50pm	My Cousin Rachel
3:40pm	Girls Trip
5:45pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
7:20pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
9:00pm	Dunkirk
10:50pm	My Cousin Rachel
12:45am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
	<i>Gritty behind-bars thriller about a former boxer blackmailed into performing a prison hit by a ruthless drug kingpin.</i>
3:05am	Where's the Money
4:35am	Austin Found

sky sports football

8:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
8:30am	EFL Greatest Games
8:45am	EFL Greatest Games
9:00am	Championship Season Reviews
10:00am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Info not available
1:00pm	Live Championship Final Day
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
8:30pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
11:00pm	Football
1:05am	EFL Goals: Championship
1:35am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
2:05am	One2eleven
2:15am	One2eleven
2:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
3:00am	EFL Goals: Championship

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BBC one

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
2:15pm	Regional News
2:25pm	Weather
2:30pm	800 Words
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:15pm	Garden Rescue
5:00pm	Flipping Profit
5:45pm	Flog It!
6:45pm	Pointless
7:30pm	BBC News
7:45pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Would I Lie to You?
10:00pm	The Woman in White
11:00pm	Peter Kay's Car Share Unscripted
11:30pm	BBC News
11:50pm	Regional News
11:55pm	Weather

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	Nature's Weirdest Events
10:00am	Tinker Bell and the Kung Fu Panda: The Kaboom of Doom
11:10am	Jungle Animal
12:30pm	Hospital: Natural World
1:30pm	Plan it, Build it
2:00pm	Britain's Biggest War Ship
3:00pm	Snooker
7:00pm	Great British Railway Journeys
7:30pm	Eggheads
8:00pm	Snooker
12:00am	Papillon
2:25am	Stephen: The Murder That Changed a Nation
3:25am	Countryfile
4:20am	Murder, Mystery and My Family
5:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Danceworks
9:00pm	Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies
10:00pm	The Road to Palmyra
11:00pm	Storyville
12:15am	Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra
1:15am	Jet! When Britain Ruled the Skies
2:15am	Top of the Pops
2:45am	Top of the Pops
3:20am	Danceworks
3:50am	The Road to Palmyra

CHANNEL 4

8:20am	Step Up 4: Miami Heat
10:05am	The Big Bang Theory
10:35am	The Big Bang Theory
11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11:55am	The Simpsons
12:25pm	The Simpsons
12:50pm	The Simpsons
1:20pm	The Princess Bride
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:30pm	Britain's Benefits
9:00pm	Holidays Unpacked
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	Genderquake
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	Kiss Me First
1:00am	999: What's Your Emergency?
2:00am	The Secret Life of the Zoo
2:55am	The Supervet

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	Nick's Quest
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Open Season
4:55pm	Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Cocaine: Teen Dealers
12:00am	Layer Cake
2:05am	Super Casino
4:10am	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
4:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	First Dates
2:10am	Tattoo Fixers
3:10am	Made in Chelsea
4:05am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
4:55am	2 Broke Girls
5:20am	How I Met Your Mother

sky sports main event

8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Info not available
11:00am	Info not available
12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid
11:30pm	Info not available
12:00am	Info not available
1:00am	Info not available
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:45pm	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	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
7:30pm	Regional News and Weather
7:45pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
11:45pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor
12:45am	Info not available

itv2

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
10:25am	You've Been Framed!
11:25am	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
12:25pm	FYI Daily
12:30pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
1:00pm	Emmerdale
1:35pm	Coronation Street
2:30pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:50pm	Despicable Me
6:50pm	FYI Daily
6:55pm	Despicable Me
7:55pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
8:55pm	FYI Daily
9:00pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
10:00pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Plebs
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	American Dad!

itv3

6:45am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:30am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	Casablanca
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	Midsomer Murders
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:10am	Scott and Bailey
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	World Cup Rivalries: Brazil v Italy
7:15am	The Chase
8:05am	Cash Cowboys
9:00am	Ironsides
10:00am	Cycling: Tour De Yorkshire Highlights
11:00am	Pawn Stars
11:30am	Lawman
12:30pm	FYI Daily
2:35pm	Lawman
1:30pm	Tobruk
2:35pm	FYI Daily
2:40pm	Tobruk
3:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship Live
6:00pm	Football's Foreign Legion
7:00pm	Pawn Stars
7:30pm	For Your Eyes Only
8:40pm	FYI Daily
8:45pm	For Your Eyes Only
10:00pm	The Bourne Identity
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Bourne Identity
12:20am	Renegades
1:20am	FYI Daily
1:25am	Renegades
2:30am	Motorsport UK
3:35am	ITV4 Nightscreen

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7:00am	Tarzan
9:00am	Kong: Skull Island
11:10am	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
1:20pm	Willow
3:30pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
5:50pm	Tarzan
7:50pm	Kong: Skull Island
10:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
12:15am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:00am	Whisky Galore!
7:45am	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
9:30am	School of Rock
11:25am	Look Who's Talking
1:10pm	Girls Trip
3:20pm	Baywatch
5:25pm	Police Academy
7:05pm	School of Rock
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	Baywatch
1:20am	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
3:10am	Date Night

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am	Austin Found
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	My Cousin Rachel
9:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
9:15am	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
10:50am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
12:30pm	Everything, Everything
2:15pm	Dunkirk
4:05pm	Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
5:40pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
7:20pm	Everything, Everything
9:00pm	Dunkirk
10:50pm	My Cousin Rachel
12:45am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
3:00am	Austin Found
4:55am	Where's the Money

sky sports football

9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	Ronaldo
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga 2017/18
3:10pm	La Liga 2017/18
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	La Liga Icons
7:15pm	La Liga Icons
7:30pm	Ronaldo
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	La Liga Icons
8:55pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
12:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
12:30am	MLS Round Up Show
1:00am	Soccer A.M. - The Best Bits

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

IF ratings are anything to go by, *Coronation Street* (ITV) is going from strength to strength with over nine million of us currently tuning in to watch Phelan and Eileen doing what they do.

As far as I am concerned the impossible-to-bump-off Phelan is only one reason to venture over the cobbles. Recent storylines have been grippingly hard hitting, with David's rape and Bethany being groomed to name just two. The show has a new star in Kayla Westbrook (played by Mollie Winard) who has started work as a waiter at Speed Daal and who delivers 'the shock of the Soaps' when Zeedan tells Kayla that he thinks his all too distant wife might still have feelings for him. #weallsawthatcoming. Kayla is apparently going to cause trouble for Craig and Bethany. I can't wait.

Channel 5 checked us in to British Airways on Tuesday evening with a look back at the last 100 years of passenger flying. Don't write in, but I think the forerunners of BA first took

Have you got that Phelan feeling?



Photo credit: ITV/BBC

THE GRAHAM NORTON SHOW: This week's shameless pluggers included (l-r) Orlando Bloom, Tamsin Greig, Stephen Merchant and SuRie.

to the air in 1919. Guess looking back at the last 99 years doesn't have the same ring as a centenary though; this was a factual look back at the early days of passenger air travel when passengers were a much more hardy breed than the social media obsessed travellers of today who tweet about their world falling apart if their flight

is delayed by a few minutes or if there isn't a chicken or fish choice on the in-flight menu. Back then there weren't any onboard toilets. Tweet that. Concorde fans will want to catch the final part of this two-part documentary on Tuesday on Channel 5.

Graham Norton continues to attract big name stars to his *BBC1* Friday



EILEEN AND PAT: Just one of Corrie's hard-hitting storylines.

night show. Last week Orlando Bloom was granted an audience with Graham to shamelessly plug his West End play, comedian Stephen Merchant blatantly plugged his voice over of the new *Sherlock Gnomes* animation and SuRie plugged (sang) the UK entry in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Publicising yourself on prime-time TV, nice work if you can get it. This week Graham plays host (by which I mean provides a self-serving publicity platform) to funny man Stephen Man-

gan, who is plugging his new black comedy *Hang Ups* and Hollywood star Amy Schumer who talks endlessly about her new movie. At least there is only a small risk of anything Eurovision this week.

Tricks of the Restaurant Trade returned to Channel 4 on Monday. I'm new to this show so pictured dirty kitchens, small portions and low quality ingredients. You can imagine my delight when Simon Rimmer met the squeaky clean researchers from a well-known coffee chain and Adam Pearson waded around non-descript High Streets with lovely, clean, bottled water. Although I'm pleased there were no dirty kitchens, I'm not sure I'm hooked. I guess my question about the show is - why? We all know chain coffee shops are a corporate machine and bottled water is just, well, 'agua en una botella' and probably doesn't merit a key slot in the schedule, even on a Monday, on Channel 4.

In shock *Britain's Got Talent* news, David Walliams has a different chair to the other judges because of a back injury, thank goodness for the clarification *ITV*. Happy Viewing.

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

CIUDADANOS have invited a former French prime minister to be their candidate for Barcelona mayoral elections next May.

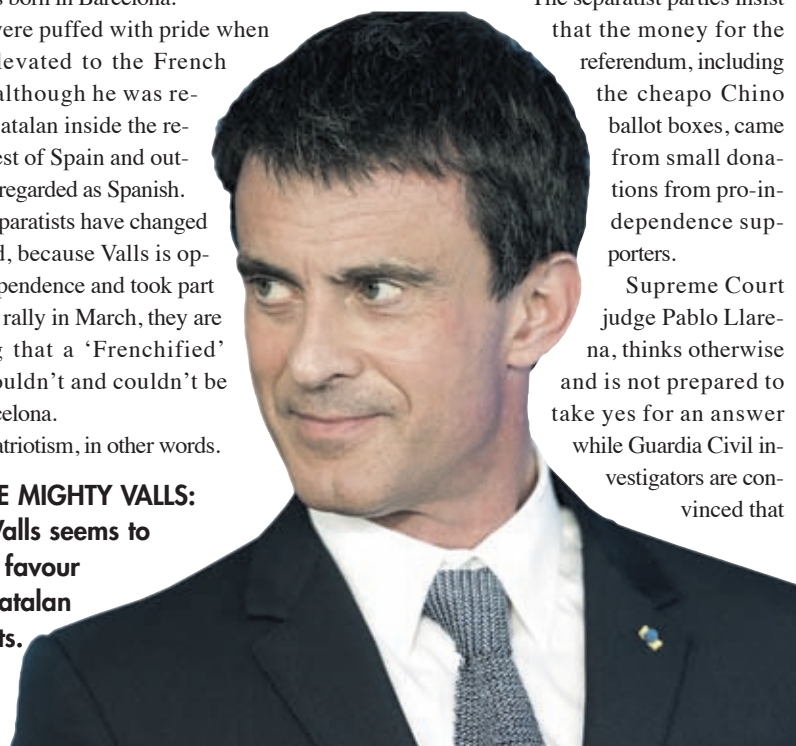
The separatists, needless to say, can't see the funny side of it although Manuel Valls, prime minister between 2014 and 2016 has a Catalan father and was born in Barcelona.

Catalans were puffed with pride when Valls was elevated to the French heights but although he was referred to as Catalan inside the region, in the rest of Spain and outside it he was regarded as Spanish.

Now the separatists have changed their tune and, because Valls is opposed to independence and took part in a pro-unity rally in March, they are complaining that a 'Frenchified' Spaniard shouldn't and couldn't be mayor of Barcelona.

Selective patriotism, in other words.

HOW THE MIGHTY VALLS: Manuel Valls seems to have lost favour among Catalan separatists.



Selective patriotism

No numbers to crunch

CRISTOBAL MONTORO, Spain's minister of finance and Hacienda's taxman, found no evidence that public money was used to organise Cataluña's unauthorised October 1 independence referendum.

The separatist parties insist that the money for the referendum, including the cheapo Chino ballot boxes, came from small donations from pro-independence supporters.

Supreme Court judge Pablo Llarena, thinks otherwise and is not prepared to take yes for an answer while Guardia Civil investigators are convinced that

the ERC-PDeCat coalition then in power hived off around €1.9 million.

Madrid was supervising Cataluña's account books long before then and took over the regional government's outgoings in September last year, so if Montoro can't find the misappropriated funds then they're not there.

He has been getting blood out of a stone since the Partido Popular took over in 2011, and this is the minister who with admirable honesty once said that he didn't go into politics to make people happy. Or, presumably, judges and governments.

A question of judgement

XAVIER DOMENECH is the leader of the Cataluña en Comun-Podemos tandem and has to tread a careful path through a minefield of pro-independence ambivalence. In other words keeping Catalan voters happy while not alienating Podemos voters outside the region.

He recently told an interviewer that plunging Cataluña into more elections would not help the pro-independence cause and also said neither should the ERC and PDeCat wait to see what happens with former regional president Carles Puigdemont, now bailed in Germany while the courts decide whether or not to extradite him.

Recovering Cataluña's autonomy and putting an end to judicialisation of regional politics should not depend on a German judge, he said. Or a Spanish one.

Interesting that judicialisation is now an everyday word needing no explanation in Spain. But that, of course, is because it only happens in Spain where, it should be mentioned in passing, it does not get results.

Given the putsch

IT had to happen sooner or later, given the tensions inside the Podemos party. Sidelined founder member Carolina Bescansa suggested to equally sidelined Iñigo Errejón that they should give party supremo Pablo Iglesias the push. Or preferably the putsch.

An ill wind

POST-BREXIT, the EU's operational HQ in Northwood will move to Spain's Rota naval base. Relocating will involve a €1.5 million investment and half of the 95 staff members will be Spanish. Comforting to know that Brexit will at least bring benefits to some.

BBC one

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
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6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	The Split
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Back to School with Mum and Dad
12:40am	Prince Harry and Meghan Markle - The Engagement Interview

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Flipping Profit
9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	The Super League Show
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back, Giving Back
4:15pm	Digging for Britain
5:15pm	Tudor Monastery Farm
6:15pm	Money for Nothing
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00pm	Secret Agent Selection : WW2
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Danceworks
9:00pm	Street to Stage.
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals
11:00pm	Extinct!
12:00am	Penny Blacks and Twopenny Blues: How Britain Got Stuck on Stamps
1:00am	Crash Test Dummy <i>Engineer Jem Stansfield investigates how the crash test dummy has become an icon for safety.</i>
2:00am	Top of the Pops <i>Peter Powell, Tommy Vance, Richard Skinner, Gary Davies and Adrian John present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 29 December 1983.</i>
2:30am	Top of the Pops
3:05am	Danceworks
3:35am	Street to Stage.
	Extinct!

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
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9:00pm	The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
10:00pm	Genderquake
11:00pm	Genderquake
12:00am	Flight Hs13: Walter Presents
1:00am	First Dates
2:00am	One Born Every Minute
2:55am	Our Wildest Dreams

CHANNEL 5

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12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:15pm	Snatched at Birth
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	British Airways Circus Kids: Our Secret World
11:00pm	Gypsy Kids
12:05am	Celeb Trolls: We're Coming to Get You
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2:00am	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
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5:00am	Tribal Teens... Here Comes Trouble
5:45am	House Doctor

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11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid <i>The second day of the Mutau Madrid Open. A Masters 1000 event, Rafael Nadal has won five titles at this tournament.</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Rajasthan Royals take on Kings XI Punjab at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur in the VIVO IPL.</i>
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live <i>Catch up on all the latest news and talking points from around the world of football with this nightly debate show, as the panel discuss the hottest topics from the sport.</i>

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops
9:00pm	This Time Next Year
10:00pm	To be Announced
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Info not available
12:15am	Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings...
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women
4:45am	ITV Nightscreen

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7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Hot Fuzz
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7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	The Street
2:20am	The Street
3:25am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	Tommy Cooper
7:25am	The Chase
8:10am	Pawn Stars <i>Reality series. The team examines an antique barbecue built in the shape of a pig, a tortoise-shell guitar and a uniform worn by a former king of England's royal guard.</i>
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
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8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Executive Decision
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Executive Decision
12:45am	Swordfish
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Swordfish
2:40am	Ax Men

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

5:25am	Volcano: Fire on the Mountain
7:00am	The Hunter's Prayer
8:40am	Robin Hood
11:05am	Saving Private Ryan
2:00pm	Operation Chromite
4:00pm	Battle for Moscow
6:05pm	Saving Private Ryan
9:00pm	Robin Hood
11:30pm	Species
1:30am	12 Rounds
3:25am	Cyborg 009

sky CINEMA COMEDY

4:45am	Police Academy
6:30am	Turner and Hooch
8:15am	Get a Job
9:45am	Pretty in Pink
11:30am	Look Who's Talking Too
1:00pm	The Longest Yard
3:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
5:10pm	White Chicks
7:10pm	Big
9:00pm	The Longest Yard
11:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
1:10am	White Chicks
3:10am	The Benchwarmers
4:45am	Happy Gilmore

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Happy Birthday, Toby Simpson
8:35am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
10:15am	Everything, Everything
11:55am	Girl Flu
1:40pm	Dunkirk
3:30pm	My Cousin Rachel
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	<i>Youngster Greg hatches a plot to reroute a family road trip towards a videogame convention.</i>
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9:00pm	Dunkirk
10:50pm	Girl Flu
	<i>Charming coming-of-age tale about a precocious youngster dealing with puberty, school bullies and her flaky, immature mum.</i>
12:30am	My Cousin Rachel
2:20am	Brawl in Cell Block 99
4:35am	Austin Found

sky sports football

10:30am	Eredivisie
11:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
1:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
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	EFL Rivalries
8:00pm	EFL Rivalries
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	La Liga World

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



THIS week at Goodwood, Sussex, home of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and of the bespoke collective of the manufacturer, saw the reveal of the ADAMAS collection. A limited edition Black Badge collection of 40 Wraiths and 30 Dawns.

Drawing its inspiration from the name, the collective celebrates the darker side; weaving a melancholic aesthetic of carbon structures into just 40 Black Badge 'Wraiths' and 30 Black Badge 'Dawns'. Carbon fibres and compounds of carbon crafted to express a mesmeric sinister lustrous beauty.

Torsten Müller-Ötvös, CEO, commented: "Adamas is a collection that fuses the extraordinary competence of our bespoke craftspeople from the home of Rolls-Royce in Goodwood, West Sussex with the rebellious spirit of Black Badge.

"The result is a motor car for those who seek more than the definitive of engineered luxury conveyance. This is the motor car for the risk-taker who is not afraid to embrace the bold and progressive statement of true and modern luxury, in its darkest form."

Stepping inside the car one's eye is drawn to the clock, encrusted with black diamonds and the symbol of infinity.

A total of 88 laboratory-grown diamonds, carbon in its most adamantine form, are



TWIN PEAKS: Black Badge Wraith Adamas, left, and Black Badge Dawn Adamas.

mounted on a carbon fibre backplate. The black diamonds are perfectly engineered to deliver clarity and colour. The face of the clock is embellished with machined aluminium chaplets and a polished aluminium bezel, adding

drama to a contrasting white face.

One of the most dramatic explorations of the diamond carbon theme is the starlight headliner of the Wraith Adamas, 1,340 individual carbon fibre optic lights are arranged as though forming

the molecular structure of carbon as it becomes a diamond. A motif that runs as a spine through the interior of the cabin.

The exteriors of the Adamas Dawn and the Adamas Wraith draw their inspiration from the original interior colour schemes of mandarin orange and cobalt blue, transformed and darkened into sinister and hypnotic iridescent hues. Select customers may specify either hue for their Black Badge Adamas.

The Rolls-Royce grill vanes do not elude the Black Badge treatment being black. Nor yet the Spirit of Ecstasy who finds herself formed for the first time in her history machined from carbon fibre then fixed to a titanium base, vapour blasted to a darkened aesthetic and bearing the words 'Black Badge Adamas' and the infinity logo.

Limited in number, rare in spirit, untamed in nature, the Black Badge Adamas is clearly aimed at the celebration of the edgier side of luxury automotive craftsmanship.

Prices have not yet been specified, but with the 'standard' Wraith Black Badge starting at €327,000, the sky is the limit.

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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	8:15am	Flipping Profit	9:00pm	George III - The Genius of The Mad King	9:30am	Frasier	7:00am	Milkshake!	10:00am	New Girl		<i>Mutua Madrid</i>
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4:00pm	Escape to the Country	4:15pm	Digging for Britain			5:00pm	The £100k Drop	3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet	6:00pm	The Goldbergs		<i>Mumbai Indians at</i>
4:45pm	Flipping Profit	5:15pm	Tudor Monastery Farm			6:00pm	Four in a Bed	4:15pm	Casebook	7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory		<i>Eden Gardens in the</i>
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9:00pm	Watchdog Live	10:00pm	Love in the Countryside			10:00pm	One Born Every Minute	9:00pm	Police Interceptors	11:00pm	Timeless		<i>talking points from</i>
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Costa Blanca North - motorhomes' friend or foe?

I HAVE just read the article about respectable motorhome owners by Dave Turre.

We unfortunately support David and Sally's complaint about 'free campers.'

I said unfortunate because we used to have a motorhome but are sadly also becoming less tolerant with the amount of motorhomes lining the street.

Noticeably taking up available space in car parks. They line the beaches and stand on already eroding seashore land.

How do we know? Because we have them parked every winter outside our window.

Where do they all put their rubbish? Most of the time in the 'basura' street containers, where do they discharge their dirty water? Into the town's sewerage. Can we remind these people that it is the residents who have to pay Suma for these services?

I do agree with Dave on 'Why do the Spanish town halls not create a designated service area?'

Only then can they enjoy their 'new found freedom in retirement' and not at the expense of other retirees who have

Brexit blues the pros and cons

HAVE read the letter from David Warboys and I am slightly confused. He says that 'What is relevant is that a majority in the UK now favour Remain.'

Have I missed another referendum on the subject or has he interviewed the whole of the UK to come up with this statement?

Can he deny that the reasons for the Brexit Leave vote are still there eg the public's loss of faith with the bloated bureaucracy; the shameful waste of public money in having two Parliaments; the fact of unau-

purchased legally in Spain.

There is little chance of parking anywhere overnight in the UK so why



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PUBLIC MONEY: One of two costly EU Parliament buildings.

dited accounts for 12 years; the egotistical behaviour of the so-called officials paid huge amounts of salary but who exist on their outrageous expenses; the abusive power of the ECJ; oh and control of our own borders and fishing areas?

Despite that, I am sure that if the public had known we were going to field rank amateurs to negotiate

with the powerful EU band of professional negotiators, then they would have kept the status quo and voted remain. I do not have a particular axe to grind on this, just a deep concern about the abilities of politicians to ever be able to work on behalf of the populace and have any real credibility.

John Price, Javea

should they 'freebie' it here? Dave states how much investment they have paid for their vans in the UK!

Maybe Dave thinks because he buys a drink or an occasional meal that this is sufficient, No! They are not the ones

who have to live with the vans in view everywhere.

This may read as 'angry' but believe me as a past motorhome owner I put both sides of the story.

A Mitchell, Costa Blanca

Leapy Lee

YOU may be my new hero - I've recently discovered your weekly contributions to the *Euro Weekly News*. I love the fact that you tell it like it is - it's so refreshing - particularly liked the April 12 article about knife crime in the UK and the latest one about Cliff Richards.

I'll definitely be following your articles online now - until we're back in Spain in the next few weeks and can pick up a copy of the EWN. Keep up the good work!

Lorraine, UK

Correos bureaucracy!!

I READ with interest your letter in this week's *Euroweekly* regarding non-delivery of mail. We have experienced this for the past four years in Mil Palmeras, and yes, sometimes mail gets returned to sender if not collected but more often than not it is just binned!

Despite the fact that the postman is here every day and passes my house at the same time every day, they refuse to deliver to the houses, so we decided to get mailboxes for those who requested them.

After fighting for four years the Owners Association managed, at long last to get a wall big enough to take over 100 boxes and the town hall put these in place for us. All boxes were numbered and photos taken and the relevant form filled in and delivered to the Correos Sorting Office in Pilar de la Horadada.

The Correos have now decided that they do not like the boxes numbered as we have them and they wish them to be numbered down rather than across. It looks like they will not budge on this despite assuring them that the next lot of boxes will be numbered as they request.

Is this bureaucracy or just bloody mindedness?

Louise A Innes, Mil Palmeras

HAVE YOUR SAY

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First ever Ireland to Spain ferry launches

Love travelling by ferry rather than flying! Out ye go.

Leisure Club

Is fighting against the Bay of Biscaya / Atlantic Ocean better than flying??

Johan Sjöberg

No Johan. I hated flying and didn't for 13 years, but a return ferry trip to the UK at Xmas finished me with the Bay of Biscaya. Twenty-six hours of torturous seas both ways. Last week I flew to the UK. Three hours! Headphones, duty free mag and a coffee! No comparison. I'm back to aircraft.

Maria Mojito

Brits could face €7 post-Brexit travel fee

I don't see a problem with this, if you want to travel abroad then pay for the visa. If you go to the States or Canada you need a visa, Turkey you have to put a tenner in your passport to get in.

Karon Coates

As long as the UK reciprocates the charge! Bit hypocritical considering some areas of Spain impose a tourist (eco) tax.

Ray Moody

What did they expect? Do they want to be in Europe or not??

Carol Raines

Comments from EWN online

Cycling copper with 'back problem' caught out

This is hilarious, in America we were famous for having people get caught on camera at sporting events they attended while supposedly sick etc or worse yet, being seen on TV with someone other than your spouse.

Erik Robinson

This is nothing but basic fraud - should lose pension and should pay back unearned salary.

Eddie Stanton

Expats' squatter ordeal goes on

What an utter shame that this country leaves you completely alone in this matter, running back and forth between the offices until it is too late. Incredible being totally helpless and these leeches just walk away.

Peter Sauer

What a shame for this couple it's a sad day when you go for a holiday and scumbags think they have the right to move in and then steal all you're stuff and the law almost helps them get away with it, makes me mad.

Mary Maxwell

Mallorca city to ban tourist lets in flats

Absolutely not biting the hand that feeds. It's about time the tourist hordes were regulated a bit. The prices of rentals are getting outrageous and landlords are getting greedy and turning people out that live and work in Spain over the summer. I wish they would do it in the Costa Del Sol.

Leigh Hobson

I wish they'd do that here in Malaga! My landlady has told me my rent will go up 100 euros a month as of November so now I'm struggling to find somewhere else to move to. Most places here in Torremolinos are holiday rentals and my boyfriend doesn't want to leave as this is his town and his teenage sister is buried here.

Zara Mária

There are plenty of hotels and Airbnbs for the tourists! If there is no accommodation for the locals there is no one to serve the tourists!

Rhea Rouw

Who predicted predictive text?

The future ain't what it used to be, says Terence Kennedy

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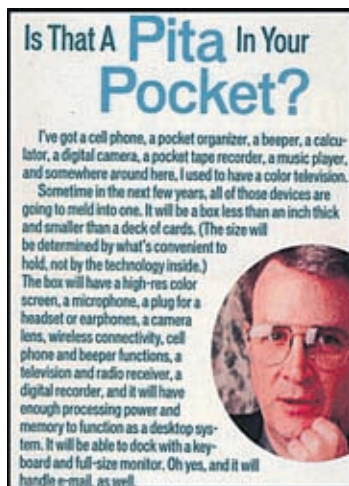


AN IBM chairman uttered the IT industry's most hopeless prediction ever in the 1940's: 'I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.' Oops.

Movie mogul Darryl Zanuck thought television was a passing fad. An *InfoWorld* columnist believed the internet would fizzle out by 1996, a Microsoft executive said Apple was as good as dead in 1997, and Bill Gates insisted we would solve spam by 2006.

Prediction is notoriously difficult, especially if it's about the future. I can't even predict what socks I'm going to wear.

We may not be jet-packing to work (yet), nor commuting to other planets as so many 20th century pundits thought we would by now. But an old tech article re-



POCKET PITA: Predicting the smartphone.

cently went viral given the uncanny prescience of its predictions.

American science fiction writer David Gerrold actually foresaw smartphones, exactly how they would work, and even how annoying we'd eventually find them.

In a 1999 interview he forecast that his phone would be merged with 'a pocket organiser, a beeper, a calculator, a digital camera, a pocket tape recorder, a music player and a colour television, all fitting in a box smaller than a deck of cards.'

He went on to predict how it would connect wirelessly and function as a desktop system connecting to full-sized screens, with speech recognition, email, finding restaurants and booking hotels.

Like Douglas Adams' fictional Babelfish, Gerrold's future wonder could actually translate the world's languages. With one pioneering exception today's smartphone doesn't connect to a keyboard and monitor and hey-presto it's a desktop computer as he predicted, but give it a few years.

Remember that Gerrold's visionary view was delivered a full eight years before the iPhone launched the smartphone era en-

gulfing us today. And yes, he saw its downsides too.

'I would call this device a Personal Information Telecommunications Agent, or Pita for short,' he said. 'The acronym can also stand for Pain In The Ass, which it's equally likely to be, because having all that connectivity is going to destroy what's left of everyone's privacy.'

No, really?

While Gerrold could reveal the future without either a crystal ball nor his palm being crossed with silver, it's astonishing just how many people at the very top of the industry show less prescience than a haddock.

Pride of place in the Prediction Hall of Shame absolutely has to go to Digital Equipment Corporation's chairman Ken Olsen. His spectacularly foolish 1977 prediction: 'There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.' Yeah, right.

Testing Tesla

WHEN it comes to predictions, Serbian visionary Nikola Tesla takes the trophy.

Amazingly, he said this nearly a century ago (1926):

'When wireless is perfectly applied the whole earth will be converted into a huge brain, which in fact it is, all things being particles of a real and rhythmic whole. We shall be able to communicate with one another instantly, irrespective of distance.'

'Not only this, but through television and telephony we shall see and hear one another as perfectly as though we were face to face, despite intervening distances of thousands of miles; and the instruments through which we shall be able to do this will be amazingly simple compared with our present telephone.'

'A man will be able to carry one in his vest pocket.'

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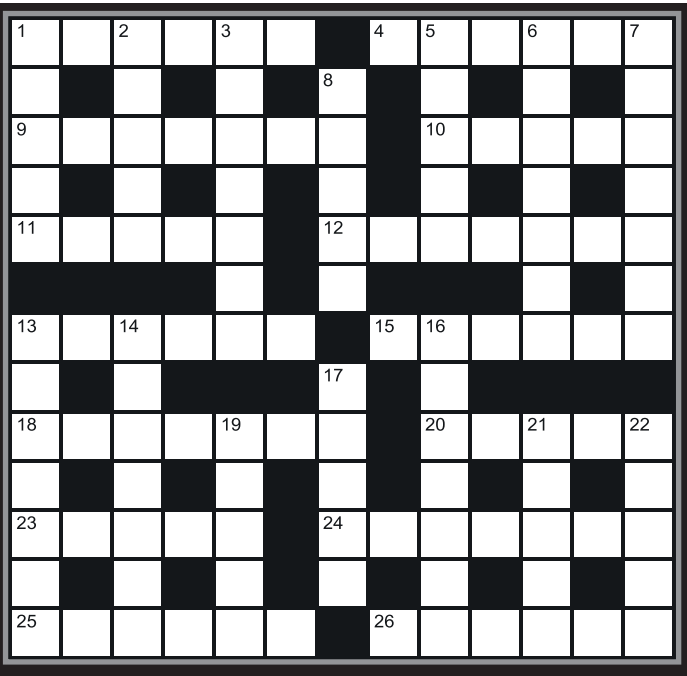
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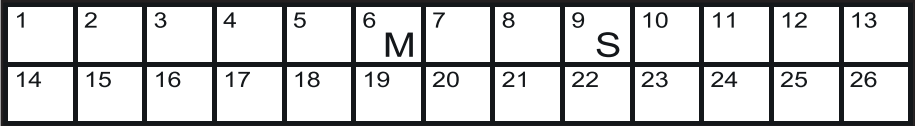
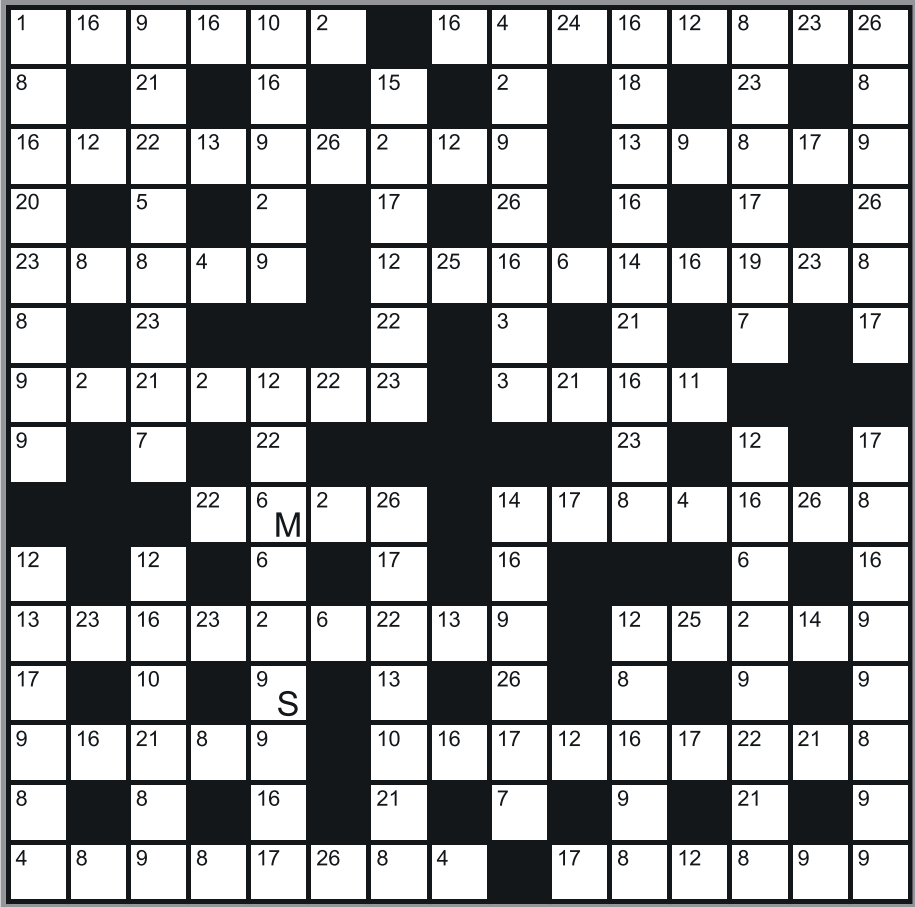
- Across**
- 1 A right row about list of prices (6)
 - 4 Attempts to contain British social divisions (6)
 - 9 Approve red nose design (7)
 - 10 Cares about farmer's fields (5)
 - 11 Singular stuff? Beat it! (5)
 - 12 Holiest organisation has become unfriendly (7)
 - 13 Logs on differently to say goodbye (2,4)
 - 15 Didn't see fog, it's said (6)
 - 18 Get Ivan to change time of origin (7)
 - 20 Divided country in New York or Eastern seaboard area (5)
 - 23 It concerns Adam's wife and a local official (5)
 - 24 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
 - 25 Some real and authentic component of a carriage (6)
 - 26 Cabinet has to finish on time (6)



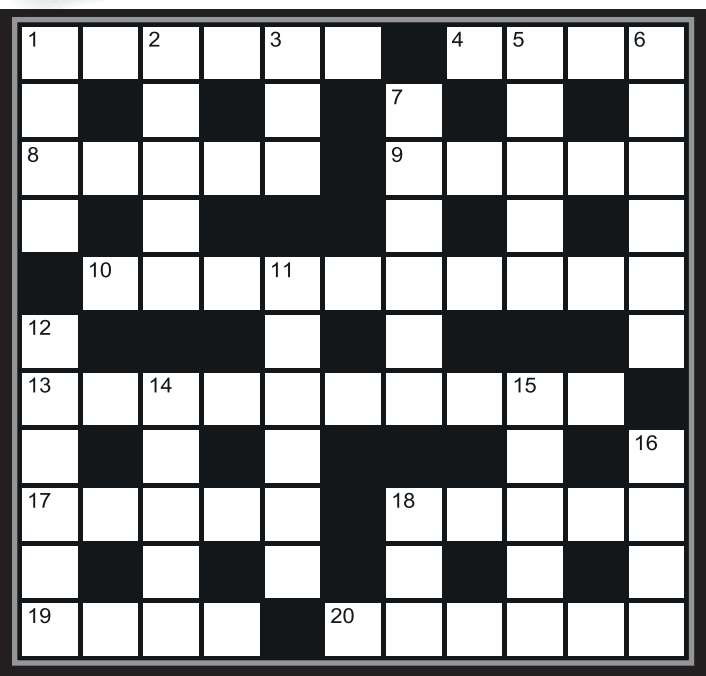
- Down**
- 1 Heard crying in several rows (5)
 - 2 Haggard equestrian? (5)
 - 3 Namer of new supervisor (7)
 - 5 Sounds of approval and pride (5)
 - 6 Chuck and Halle provide fruits (7)
 - 7 Put off temporary school bar (7)
 - 8 Spirit encountered in front of empty houses (5)
 - 13 Reveals a mistake to quite a few (7)
 - 14 New leader learnt about the light (7)
 - 16 Where an old writer may take a dip (7)
 - 17 Young girl hid in Halesowen churchyard (5)
 - 19 Leader of Cub Scouts from Lakeland (5)
 - 21 Ran Kansas classes (5)
 - 22 Proficient in a small department (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 6 represents M and 9 represents S, so fill in M every time the figure 6 appears and S every time the figure 9 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



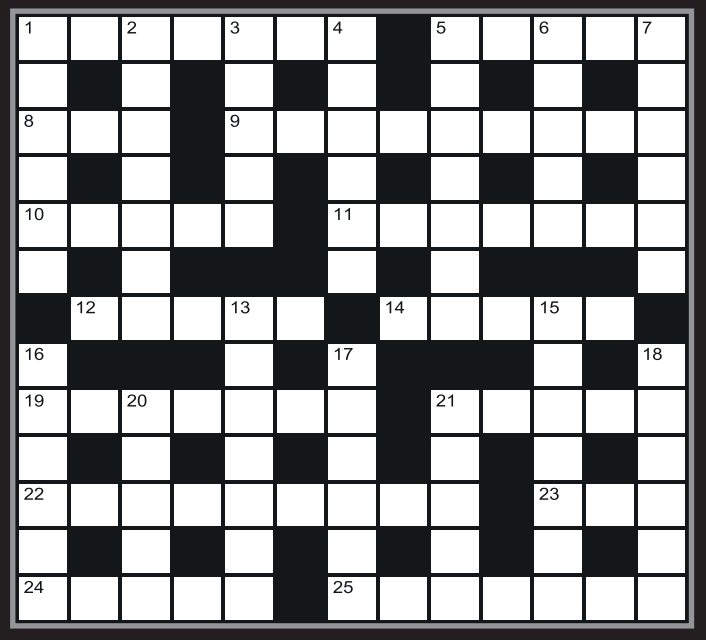
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- Across**
- 1 Take something offered (6)
 - 4 Supervise the publication of (4)
 - 8 Join in wedlock (5)
 - 9 Once more (5)
 - 10 Lower the value of something (10)
 - 13 Make younger or more youthful (10)
 - 17 South American mountain range (5)
 - 18 Pursue (5)
 - 19 Level (4)
 - 20 Unwilling to spend (6)
- Down**
- 1 Money or goods contributed to the poor (4)
 - 2 Utter obscenities or profanities (5)
 - 3/18 Act of reducing a salary (3,3)
 - 5 Play (5)
 - 6 Easily chewed, not tough (6)
 - 7 Diurnal bird of prey (6)
 - 11 Examine and correct (6)
 - 12 Bring into existence (6)
 - 14 Form a critical opinion of (5)
 - 15 Teach (5)
 - 16 Resist or confront with resistance (4)
 - 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Every time (4,3)
 - 5 Broad beans (5)
 - 8 Remo (3)
 - 9 Stationer's (9)
 - 10 Ira (de persona) (5)
 - 11 Renacuajo (7)
 - 12 Weapons (5)
 - 14 Neumáticos (de ruedas) (5)
 - 19 To put to bed (7)
 - 21 Agitar (5)
 - 22 Seguro (9)
 - 23 Foot (3)
 - 24 Hornos (5)
 - 25 Hermanas (7)
- Down**
- 1 To crash (cars, trains) (6)
 - 2 To manage (business) (7)
 - 3 Steam (5)
 - 4 Shoe (6)
 - 5 Vacaciones (7)
 - 6 Donkey (5)
 - 7 Asustado (6)
 - 13 Authors (7)
 - 15 Ejemplo (7)
 - 16 Pale (person or complexion) (6)
 - 17 Spiders (6)
 - 18 Joyas (6)
 - 20 Western (side, part) (5)
 - 21 Semillas (5)

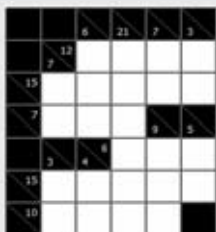
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Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

aced acid acme acre calm came card care carl cede cedi cell cere dad clam cram cred dace dice iced lace laic lice mace marc mica mice race rice rice aced acrid amice arced cadre camel cared cedar cered ceria cider claim clear clime cream creed creel cried crime decal dicer erica laced lacer macer macle medic riced relic riced amerce calmed calmer cardie celled cereal cradle decile deicer dermic edair lacier malice marcel raceme amerced claimed claimer cleared creamed creedal decimal declaim declare medical miracle radicle reclaim DISCLAIMER RECLAIMED

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

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

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Bulb, 3 Brothers, 9 Orchard, 10 Recto, 11 Snail, 12 Screen, 14 Oscuro, 16 Urraca, 19 Potato, 21 Cabra, 24 Arena, 25 Earlier, 26 Sostener, 27 Mats.

Down:

- 1 Bookshop, 2 Lucha, 4 Radish, 5 Tirar, 6 Escuela, 7 Soon, 8 Tailor, 13 Palabras, 15 Cookers, 17 Record, 18 Cohete, 20 Awake, 22 Boina, 23 Saws.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Bold, 3 Prisoner, 9 Custard, 10 Began, 11 Shred, 12 Natter, 14 Impure, 16 Pastor, 19 Strain, 21 Casks, 24 Atone, 25 Harbour, 26 Treasure, 27 Blue.

Down:

- 1 Buckskin, 2 Loser, 4 Rodent, 5 Sabot, 6 Neglect, 7 Rent, 8 Raider, 13 Preserve, 15 Pothole, 17 Accord, 18 Anchor, 20 Abets, 22 Scowl, 23 Halt.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Shrine, 4 Duet, 8 Buttercup, 9 Tend, 10 Stress, 13 Repeat, 15 Boar, 18 Operation, 19 Fade, 20 Caress.

Down:

- 1 Shelter, 2 Robin, 3 Note, 5 Uncle, 6/18 Tip off, 7 Petty, 11 Serious, 12 Nasal, 14 Plead, 16 Ounce, 17 Lira.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

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AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)

This is a time to consider finances and keep your options open. Someone who tries to get a fast decision out of you by pushing you into a corner is doing you no favours. You will decide what (if anything) needs to be done when you are good and ready.



PISCES

(February 20 - March 20)

Keep things simple. Getting involved in other people's problems is not for you at the moment. It may be necessary to delay a decision to give yourself time to think. Could you manage a few days away somewhere? Maybe you could stay with a friend or relative. You need some peace and quiet on your own.



ARIES

(March 21 - April 20)

Although things are going pretty well, there are some things that could be just a little better organised. The time and money that this saves could be small, but it's the ongoing positive attitude that counts. There have been times recently when you have wondered if your progress on a certain matter would ever start up again.



TAURUS

(April 21 - May 21)

It is better if you don't get involved in any high profile, high risk business deals. Success is definitely not assured. This is a time for financial consolidation. Count your pennies and see the pounds collecting in the future. On a cold winter's night it can give a pleasant glow to realise that your action during the hotter months is keeping you warm.



GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Partnerships see you leap ahead on something that was a bit stuck in the mud. A leap in your bank balance follows. Some quick decisions may be called for so it is better to share responsibilities, whatever the outcome. You have a chance to show just how clever you can be, but do it because it gives you personal satisfaction rather than to impress.



CANCER

(June 22 - July 23)

After a hectic start to the week, things seem to have slowed down. Look carefully at what has happened, but remember that there is no point in worrying over something that you cannot change. Sitting tight and waiting for this period to pass could be the best

solution. Certainly, it will prove less stressful than fighting a losing corner.



LEO

(July 24 - August 23)

Money is good and this can make you over-confident. Beware bank managers offering loans in large amounts. Nothing is for free and you need to look carefully at interest rates right now. Another, more personal, investment also needs looking at right now.



VIRGO

(August 24 - September 23)

Aim a bit higher than usual and you may be surprised at your success. When seeing the bigger picture, you realise that it is not so daunting after all. If one person can do it, then so can another. It is a matter of how you approach it. What you have to ask yourself this week is why you should accept the minimum when the maximum is so close by.



LIBRA

(September 24 - October 23)

This should be a great time for your finances. Any glitch is likely to be because you have overspent. Even if things still need close attention, you can win if you concentrate. A bit of plotting and planning can work wonders at the moment. Most of your big expenses are behind you and if you can just tighten that belt a wee bit more.



SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 22)

Although things seem fine, this is not a time to overstretch your finances. Spending a lot this week without thought is problematic later. This is a week of shifting and changing and that certainly means your finances. The other area is your social circle, where people come and go, sometimes without warning.



SAGITTARIUS

(November 23 - December 21)

This is not a particularly lucky week for you, so I would certainly advise caution. Gambling is not recommended. Being clever with money is as much about not spending it as about how you spend it.



CAPRICORN

(December 22 - January 20)

Look at the long-term picture when considering money matters. What seems like a good deal now may not be so a few years down the line. Someone who appears to be telling a lie may simply have either misunderstood or have the wrong information.

QUIZ: IT'S A MAD, MAD WORLD

Answers:

- Antananarivo is the capital of which island in the Indian Ocean off the south-eastern coast of Africa, the fourth largest island in the world?
- By what name was the Indian city of Chennai known until 1995?
- From the Arabic for 'school, college', what name is given to a college for Islamic instruction?
- Graham McPherson is the real name of the frontman/lead singer of which English ska band from Camden Town, north London, who formed in 1976?
- Wanda Metropolitano (also known as La Peineta and the Estadio Metropolitano) is the home ground of which Spanish professional football club?
- What is the name of the American former financier and admitted fraudster who operated the largest Ponzi scheme in world history and the largest financial fraud in US history? Prosecutors

- estimated the size of his fraud to be \$64.8 billion.
 - What name is given to an unaccompanied song in several parts in counterpoint?
 - Which mountain system in Mexico, extends from the border with the US in the north to the southern border with Guatemala?
 - Which singer/actress starred as Susan Thomas in the 1985 American comedy-drama film *Desperately Seeking Susan*?
 - Who was the fourth president of the USA?
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If you want a more subtle look, then line the interior of your clothes with this print. A brief Marilyn Monroe breeze will show off your animalistic side, allowing you to purr like a pussycat or roar like a lioness in public.

And don't restrict yourself to just clothes. Cover your cushions in lion print or, if you're feeling particularly courageous, lay down some zebra print carpets or rugs.

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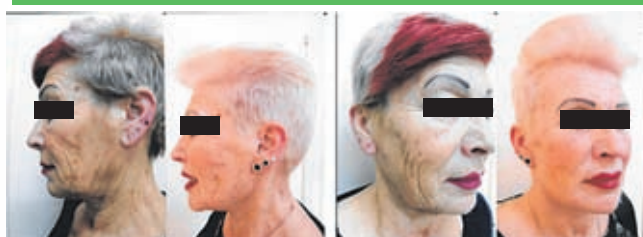
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A right royal recommendation

WITH the welcome news of the Duchess of Cambridge's new addition to the royal family, there is no better moment to take stock about what positive steps you can take to stay healthy during your own pregnancy.

The most important thing is your nutrition. During pregnancy, feeding must be more complete, varied and balanced to guarantee the health of you and your future baby. During this period, women must provide for the extra energy, proteins, vitamins, minerals and carbohydrates that the baby demands for its proper development. You should not drink alcohol when pregnant as this reaches the baby through the placenta and can cause damage to its physical and mental development. Studies have proven that babies from women who drink during pregnancy weigh less at birth, grow more slowly and present congenital problems.

During your pregnancy you must also eat less foods which are high in calories, such as sweets, pastries, sausages, fatty meats, sugary drinks, butter and margarine.

On the other hand, you should eat more vegetables, fruits, eggs, low-fat dairy,

bread, rice, pasta, fish and lean meats.

From the second half of your pregnancy, you will need to increase your energy intake by up to 300 extra calories per day.

Pregnant women must also drink more liquids, such as water, infusions, broths, unsweetened fruit juices and soft drinks.

If you follow these nutritional recommendations during pregnancy, in addition to taking



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Frictionless thighs on you

AS things steam up outside, now is the time of year to fold your tights away into the bottom drawer until autumn.

However, with the donning of summer dresses and the baring of legs, the heat of the sun can cause some unwelcome and unpleasant chaffing.

This rubbing of skin-on-skin is often unavoidable as most women's inner thighs do touch.

However, it can be painful so remedies must be found to alleviate any discomfort.

Some swear by Vaseline but a cheap and cheerful solution is to use roll-on de-

odorant.

Yes, the very same one you have at home and use for your underarms.

Of course, the fact that roll-on deodorant will stop you from sweating is no great news. But, this deodorant will also act as a lubricant, and will even continue to work once it's dry.

Save your tired legs from chaffing, allowing you to enjoy your fashion to the full.

NO SWEAT: Use some roll-on deodorant to lubricate your thighs.



Suitable swim shorts

REGARDLESS of your body shape you'll want to be body confident on the beach and feel comfortable in your swim shorts. So, whether you're a man who's tall and thin, short and stocky, or somewhere in between, this advice will help you choose the pair that's best suited for you.

Tall men should choose swim shorts that end right above the knee. This length of short will draw attention away from your height and keep things in proportion. For shorter men, select a mid-thigh length as they will make your legs look longer.

If you've been working out, now is the time to really show off those muscles. Don't be afraid to wear revealing shorts which are short and tight. After all, you didn't spend all those hours in the gym for nothing.

Men who carry a few extra pounds around their midriff can feel less confident about their legs. If this is the case, select a longer pair of shorts as these can offer you some cover-up. If you're more confident, go for a mid-thigh fit.

At the other end of the spectrum, less well-built gentleman should opt for a pair of shorts with about a six-inch inseam. Anything longer and you might look like you're drowning in them.

For men of an average build, go for a pair of shorts which feature a narrower cut and a shorter leg. Selecting a pair that has an adjustable waistline will let you hide any hint of your love handles.

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Denia dance for all

THE Denia Council in association with Fragiles Danza is organising the first Dansant a la Marina festival of contemporary dance to be performed in public spaces through the town.

The Municipal Market, the playground in Calle La Via, the Plaza de la Constitucion and the Calle Marques de Campo will be the venues of the festival, which will see seven companies performing on Saturday May 26, between 11am and 9pm.

The hope is to bring contemporary dance to the eyes of the public in Denia and Marina Alta as this is a discipline that is not always recognised or understood locally.

The council also wants to offer an opportunity for local residents to study dance and to interact with leading professional Valencian companies.

The five local dance schools were invited to participate in the Dansant a la Marina festival although on this occasion, only two have been able to join the initiative.

For its first year, the festival offers a varied programme that includes a show aimed at family audiences, flamenco,

contemporary ballet and contemporary dance of different styles.

The first performance will start at 11am at the Municipal Market with the company of Marta Sol Company and their flamenco show and at noon, the Enambar Danza group will present La Chica Caracol aimed at a family audience, at the La Via playground and afterwards there will be a body language workshop for attending children.

Next will see the spectacle of Contemporary Dance in the form of the Eva Bertomeu Group who will appear in the Plaza de la Constitucion at 1 pm.

This will be followed by dancers from Maria Carbonell's contemporary ballet group, and the morning programmes will be closed by the local dance school groups of Patricia Senti and M^a Angeles Signes.

In the afternoon, the festival moves to Calle Marques de Campo and from 6pm the company, Malarte will perform followed by another appearance by the Eva Bertomeu Company and the climax will feature Asun Noales and Sebastian Rowinsky, in a show choreographed by Otra Danza.

Take a journey to Broadway

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The centre is well-known in Calpe for its annual charity show and this year will be supporting El Club Internacional de Leones de Calpe y Benissa and proceeds will be donated to local charities.

The cast features around 65 members aged between 2½ and 80 and the students are a variety of nationalities including Spanish, English, Dutch, Danish, Norwe-



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gian, French, Ukrainian, Belgian, Russian and Taiwanese.

The show provides an opportunity for students of all levels of ability to showcase their talents in a variety of dance styles. So, if you are a fan of traditional ballet and tap, funky hip-hop or cheeky bur-

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Eat Well

to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



THIS week's recipe is more exotic than my previous ones, but still very easy to cook.

Tuna is plentiful in Spain and not too expensive. The dark red tuna has a very strong 'fishy' taste and is not to everyone's taste (including mine), but its paler cousins have a pleasant taste and texture.

Swordfish, hake and other white fish can be used instead of tuna, I would not recommend salmon though as the taste will overpower the other ingredients.

Cook according to taste, my preference is pink in the middle (the recipe has the ideal baking time for this) but if you like it slightly raw or well-cooked, deduct or add five minutes. Add more or

Japanese crusted tuna

less ginger and chilli according to your love (or lack of it) for spicy hot food.

Japanese Crusted Tuna with Spicy Noodles

Serves 2

250 grams tuna, skinned and boned, cut into strips two inches thick

2 teaspoons Sichimi spice powder

1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground

1 tablespoon Panko breadcrumbs

1 whole lemon juice

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

For the Spicy Noodles

1 whole red pepper, seeded and chopped

1 whole shallot, skinned and chopped

3 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped

1 piece (size to your taste) of fresh ginger, finely chopped

1 packet vacuum packed noodles
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1. Mix Sichimi spice powder with ground black peppercorns and Panko breadcrumbs and place in bowl.

2. Add lemon juice and oil to a second bowl.

3. Put tuna in oil/juice mix and then coat with spice powder mix.

4. Place in oven pre-heated to 200 Celsius for about 15 minutes, remove.

5. Add vegetable oil to a wok and bring up to heat.

6. Add onion, red pepper, ginger and garlic, stir-fry for 3-4 minutes until almost cooked.

Add noodles and continue to stir-fry until cooked through

7. Drizzle the noodle mixture with sesame seed oil.

8. Serve

Tip: FRESH fish can be frozen at home after purchase but it does impair its quality. Most of the fish caught at sea is frozen after being caught but because the process is carried out on a commercial basis (much colder and quicker than a domestic freezer) there is no deterioration in quality. Fish bought frozen from supermarkets and other sources use the same commercial techniques and provided it is allowed to defrost will keep well in a domestic freezer until it is to be used. Bacteria cannot grow in a domestic freezer at the recommended temperature of -18 Celsius, but the food will physically deteriorate. The best way to defrost fish (or anything else for that matter) is to place it in a sealable polythene food bag, fill the sink or a bowl with cold tap-water, put the bagged fish in the water and weight it down with a plate so it is submerged with the seal preferably being above the water. Thin food bags or cling film will allow water to diffuse through, contaminating the food.

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"Royalty, superstars and billionaires aplenty grace Puerto Banus with their presence each year, so we decided to build homes that were fit for royalty, hence Royal Banus Marbella."

The marina and high-end shopping complex of Puerto Banus was built in 1970 by local property developer, Jose Banus, and is now one of the glitziest destinations on the Costa del Sol.

Despite its exclusive image Puerto Banus does not have to cost the earth, either as a holiday choice or as a location for a second home.

Primera Air is launching a €35 budget route from Manchester to Malaga later this



ROYAL RESORT: The new exclusive complex will appeal to those who holiday in style.

year, having already launched routes there from London Stansted and Birmingham in March 2018.

Malaga has been the airline's most in demand destination, reflecting the area's ongoing appeal.

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It applies to all businesses, big and small, that handle personal data in the EU.

The travel industry will be particularly affected due to the large volume of personal and sensitive data it handles 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. It is also the industry that suffers the most cyber-attacks.

Due to public demand, registration for the sessions has been opened up to the public and they will run at various times on Thursday May 10, and Wednesday May 16.

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Property reigns in Spain

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Unlike GDP figures which are vulnerable to regular revisions, housing data acts as a leading indicator.

Between 1996 and 2007, house prices rose by 197 per cent, but the ensuing period of 2007 to 2015 saw prices fall by nearly 42 per cent.

Prior to the financial crisis, investment in Spain's housing sector amounted to around 7.5 per cent of GDP, and the construction industry was a key source of employment.

In fact, the performance of the nation's housing market is even more impressive when compared with neighbouring countries.

Between October and December 2017, Spain's house



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PREMIUM PRICE: Spain's housing market is going strong.

prices were 7 per cent higher than those of the same period in 2016.

Over the same three months, house prices actually contracted by 0.3 per cent in Italy, and were negligible in France, Cyprus and Malta.

Moreover, the fact that the

European Central Bank (ECB) has kept interest rates low has reduced the cost of mortgages, while Spain's unemployment figures are at a nine-year low.

An increasing number of mortgages are now based on fixed rates, making them less

vulnerable to a shift in ECB monetary policy.

While demand is forecast to be highest in Madrid and along the coastline, every one of Spain's autonomous regions is expected to see the value of their housing markets increase in 2018.

Catch me if you Catalan

PROPERTY investors are increasingly choosing Valencia over Barcelona, according to the Association of Property Registrars.

It is well-known that the political crisis in Cataluña has negatively impacted its economy, and while Spanish nationals continue to be drawn to the area, foreign investors are looking to pastures new.

The Association's figures indicate that demand in Valencia is currently growing twice as rapidly as Barcelona.

For the first time in five years, interest from foreign investors has declined in Barcelona, down from 9.5 per cent in 2016 to 9.24 per cent in 2017.

In Valencia, however, the outlook is much rosier, climbing from 8.59 per cent in 2016 to 10.24 per cent in 2017.

According to Rightmove, the budgets for residential property buyers in Valencia are considerably more modest than in Barcelona.

Apartments in Valencia average at €64,000 against Barcelona's €243,000, while houses come in at €119,000 and €573,000 respectively.

Despite Valencia trailing Barcelona in the tourism popularity stakes, the number of visitors has been growing by around 5 per cent over the past few years, drawn by the beaches, architecture, and lively variety of markets.

Will I pay any tax when I sell my property in Spain?

Real Estate Expert

by Adrian Barbudo



I HAVE received a question about this interesting and important issue. Thanks Lisa for your question and the answer is yes.

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My column will be published every Thursday to advise you on the real estate market in Spain and if you have any questions please send them to me at my email address hola@adrianbarbudo.com and I will reply to you directly.

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There's still time to start growing summer vegetables

Spain's best known expatriate gardening author

DICK HANDSCOMBE



ALTHOUGH for many expatriate gardeners April in Spain has been a mix of unseasonal hot and cold, and dry and wet spells, many have now enjoyed a couple of months of healthy young spring vegetables, especially those for salads. Now with rain likely in early May to dampen soils it is not too late to start off more in containers, raised beds, the open garden and even on apartment terraces.

If you have never done so there are good reasons for doing it.

Firstly it is difficult to buy a wide range of freshly harvested ecologically grown vegetables in most areas.

Secondly few commercial growers grow the tastiest varieties and harvest when still succulent. They need to go for size to maximise their



PLASTIC SEA: The Almería veggie factory.

incomes per acre of land.

Thirdly many Spanish vegetables are grown in an unnatural microclimate under plastic in Almería which in some areas stretch across what would have been a beach. They are mostly grown in artificial compost mixes with heavy watering of chemical feeds and sprays.

When we first saw this 21st century coastal landscape our reaction was 'Let's start to grow

all our own vegetables and experiment to make it possible for all'. Why don't you do likewise?

You don't have to have much space

As illustrated one can grow an amazing mix of vegetables with just three large tree tubs on the terrace outside the kitchen, or a collection of window boxes, a wooden trough, a growing table and an assortment of pots on a three-me-

tre square terrace of an apartment. In both cases vegetables could be harvested 24 hours a day for 12 months of the year with careful phases of planting new plantlets or sowing seeds.

The thing is to never leave any soil bare.

Fruit and vegetables often need more space to spread but the area required for their roots and plantlets is not great.

You can buy young plantlets at this time of year or sow seeds for pumpkins, squash and courgettes.

EFFICIENT USE OF SPACE:
On our kitchen terrace.

Which books would help you?

Unfortunately 'Growing Healthy Vegetables in Spain', the recognised bible is now out of print with the demise of the publisher, but 'Living Well From Our Garden Mediterranean Style' is still self-published and available from Amazon Books.

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Warm nights on the terrace

WITH long summer nights on the way, outdoor spaces are an ideal place to savour the warmer nights.

While Spain's retailers cater for all needs, there are some more inexpensive ways to decorate your terrace or garden.

In the garden, a more stylish alternative to cheap plastic seating is to use low cost concrete blocks topped off with a foam pad and some bright cushions. Likewise a similar configuration can be made to create dining tables with strips of decking as table tops.

Outdoor lights hung over the terrace, or wrapped around a pergola can create a much more convivial atmosphere for you

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Child attacks

WHEN a child is badly mauled by a dog, it is nearly always the dog that is blamed, but I never blame the dog. I blame owners, the parents, the breeders, the public and the vets. Why?

I blame the owners because they should never allow children to be left unsupervised with their dog. The owner will defend the dog with remarks such as 'He didn't mean it' or 'He's not dangerous' or 'He has never done anything like that before' or 'He is wonderful with our children.'

But this is no excuse.

The dog should have been confined, trained and castrated. Male dogs that are not castrated are more likely to escape seeking a partner and roam the streets. If approached they can be dangerous. And all large dogs should be muzzled.

I blame the parents because they should teach children to respect dogs and not antagonise them by pinching them, pulling their ears and tail and poking them in the eyes. And they should never be allowed to play with dogs without supervision.

Any large breeds like the Rottweiler, German Shepherd and Doberman are not suitable for homes where there are children.

The dog may be wonderful with the owner's children because they are part of the family pack. But the children of visitors can be regarded as intruders and if the children start playing rough with the dog, it can attack.

I blame the breeders because they as professionals are under an obligation to meet the highest possible standards. Sadly, some of them know little about canine behaviour. They carry out no tests to ensure the bitch and the mate are genetically sound.

Not surprisingly, the advice about rearing they give to the buyer, who usually takes their word as gospel, is unsound.

I blame members of the public because they should be better educated. So many still believe a dog should not be trained until six months old and so many do not even bother to attend training classes.

House-sitting assignment in the New Forest

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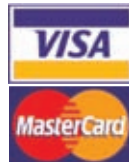
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A new generation

BMW unveil all-electric SUV

BMW has revealed its brand new concept all-electric SUV, the BMW iX3, which is set to directly rival new models released by Tesla, Audi and Jaguar.

The iX3, which was unveiled at the Beijing Motor Show, is set to be the brand's first all-electric vehicle and could hit showrooms as soon as 2020.

BMW have said that the iX3, closely based on the popular X3, will be capable of producing 249 miles of range on a single charge, while the 70kWh battery can be recharged in just 30 minutes on a fast charger.

The iX3 has very similar characteristics to the X3, with its instantly definable trademark front grille, but also contains new features such

as blue accents to highlight the electric power.

Its electric motor will produce 266bhp, but BMW claim they may increase that to an impressive 532bhp if it chooses to choose an all-wheel drive option.

BMW's first all-electric SUV is expected to directly rival electric model concepts released by competing car brands in recent months including the Jaguar I-Pace, the Tesla Model X and the Audi e-tron, which is set to be released later this year.

Mercedes is also expected to release their electric EQ in 2019.

The German car giants have also promised an all-electric 5 series, expected to have close to 400 miles of range, which will follow in 2021.



BMW: Revealed their iX3 concept at the Beijing Motor Show.

Credit: BMW Group

A real life transformer

INVENTORS for Japan-based Brave Robotics have reportedly created a 'real life transformer.'

Dubbed the J-deite RIDE, the robot/car can reportedly transform from a functioning sports car to a 3.6-metre (12-foot) robot in just 60 seconds.

When in car form, the invention can reportedly sit two passengers and allegedly reach a top speed of 40mph, while in robot form it is capable of walking just 100 metres per hour.

Kenji Ishida, Brave Robotics chief executive officer, said: "The robots I've seen in animation movies since childhood all had this kind of look and they transform into or combined with each other to become something else with people on board."

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Mercedes A-Class

ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

THE Mercedes-Benz A-Class has been a strong contender in the premium hatchback sector in recent years, and the all-new version is likely to further boost that success, offering sleeker styling and new benchmarks for quality and specification.

New A-Class is initially available in three trims: SE, Sport and AMG Line and with a choice of three engines, all with a seven-speed automatic gearbox.

Prices start from €29,447 (£25,800).

The entry-level SE features twin seven-inch displays including a central touchscreen with voice activation, alloy wheels, air-conditioning, DAB radio,

leather and fabric upholstery, Active Lane Keeping Assist, Speed Limit Assist and keyless entry and start.

The A180d uses a 116 hp 1.5-litre diesel engine, the A200 is powered by a 163 hp 1.4-litre turbo-petrol engine, and a 2.0-litre petrol engine is also available.

The new model is almost unrecognisable from its predecessor, with a more aerodynamic profile and running on a new platform which delivers a more comfortable ride and sharper handling.

With light steering and stable cornering, the car has a sportier feel and the auto gearbox is responsive and precise. On the motorway, new A-Class is impressively quiet and composed.

My featured car, an A200 with 1.4-litre petrol engine



TOP CLASS: Mercedes A-Class.

new A-Class has significant brand cachet and a luxury look and feel which rivals will find hard to match.

has a quick 0-100 kph time of eight seconds, top speed of 223 kph (139 mph) and returns 18.2 kpl (51.4 mpg), with emissions of 123 g/km. In mid-range Sport trim it costs €31,137 (£27,280), with added kit including LED headlights, larger alloy wheels and automatic climate control.

New A-Class has a premium-look cabin and digital dials, and with a longer wheelbase and more rear headroom impresses as a well-equipped practical daily-use vehicle.

The 340-litre boot is a good usable size and dropping the rear seats expands capacity to 1,157 litres.

Competition is intense in the premium hatchback sector, but

STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Mercedes A200 Sport
- **Engine:** 1.4 litre petrol
- **Transmission:** 7-speed manual
- **Performance:** 0-100kph 8 seconds, top speed 223kph (139mph)
- **Economy:** 18.2kpl (51.4mpg)
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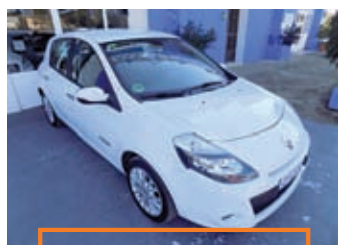


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A vision of excellence

Credit: Daimler

GERMAN carmakers Maybach have released their first ever all-electric SUV.

The German sub-brand of Mercedes-Benz officially unveiled the massive Vision Mercedes-Maybach Ultimate Luxury at the Beijing Motor Show last week.

It measures five metres in length and is two metres wide, but is still expected to be able to do 200 miles on a single charge.

The 750bhp motors mean it can hit a limited 249Km/h (155mph) but the Vision focuses more on the luxury components inside.

The interior has a number of features included in the Vision, with two 12.3-inch screens in the cockpits.

In addition to the rose gold and crystal white interior, the car's seats come with mandatory massage functions and there is also a heated tray with

complimentary teapot and cups with a selection of herbal teas.

In another revolutionary move, the Vision Mercedes-Maybach Ultimate Luxury will also operate as the owner's personal mobile butler.

It is capable of playing music to match the driver's mood, informing those inside of calendar meetings, plots the best route and even serves tea flavours which best suit the passenger.

"The Vision Mercedes-

Maybach Ultimate Luxury is a totally new archetype of a kind never seen before," said Gordon Wagener, Chief Design Officer at Daimler AG.

"Our concept combines the DNA of an SUV with that of a saloon to produce an ultra-modern SUV of three-box design.

"With sensuality and pure sophistication, we have created a timeless vehicle that underscores the position of Mercedes-Maybach as the ultimate luxury brand."



ONE OF A KIND: The giant Vision Mercedes-Maybach Ultimate Luxury was unveiled at the Beijing Motor show and has a built in tea set (inset).



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La Liga Preview

BARCELONA clinched the league title on Sunday with a Lionel Messi inspired 4-2 victory over Deportivo La Coruña.

The Argentine scored another stunning hat-trick at the Riazor, striking twice in the final 10 minutes to put Barca out of reach from the chasing pack while also relegating Deportivo.

The Catalans will host traditional rivals Real Madrid this Sunday, who have more to play for after a 2-1 win against Leganes on Saturday.

Gareth Bale struck his 15th goal of the season in a much-changed line up, before Borja Mayoral tapped in a second for the home side.

Darko Brasanac's strike for Leganes was in vain as Los Blancos moved a point behind

Real stay on Atletico's tail

second placed Atletico Madrid.

However, Atletico shrugged off the pressure against Alaves on Sunday to restore their four-point cushion, with a Kevin Gameiro penalty proving the difference between the sides.

Atletico will entertain Espanyol this Sunday with the latter having secured their La Liga status next season in a 1-1 home draw against relegated Las Palmas.

Elsewhere, Sevilla manager Vincenzo Montella has been

sacked for the second time this season after his side slumped to a 2-1 defeat to Levante.

Sevilla will host Real Sociedad this Friday and are without a win since knocking Manchester United out in the Champions League last-16, a run of nine games.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Valencia travel to Villarreal on Friday, Girona entertain Eibar on Saturday, while Las Palmas host Getafe and Alaves head to Malaga on Sunday.

Premier League preview

Blues keep European dream alive

CHELSEA moved to within two points of Tottenham and a Champions League spot after a 1-0 win at Swansea on Saturday.

Cesc Fabregas' 50th Premier League goal settled the contest and he is the third Spaniard to reach the landmark.

The Blues will host Liverpool on Sunday who are also fighting for a top-four finish, while Swansea are now only a point ahead of 18th placed Southampton in the battle for survival.

A Dusan Tadic inspired 2-1 home win against Bournemouth gave the Saints their first victory in five matches under Mark Hughes.

Tadic scored both goals either side of a Joshua King strike for the Cherries, and the Saints will travel to Everton looking to keep the pressure on those above them.

Manchester City reached 100 Premier league goals for the season with a 4-1 demolition of strugglers West Ham at the London stadium.

A string of defensive errors led to a Pablo Zabaleta own goal which saw City reach the landmark century.

Having earlier set up Leroy Sane, Raheem Sterling claimed a hat-trick of assists when he found Gabriel Jesus and Ferdinandinho inside the box, who

both fired home.

City will entertain Huddersfield Town on Sunday, who are mired in a relegation battle after a 2-0 reverse against Everton.

Arsene Wenger's final trip to Manchester United as Arsenal manager ended in a last-gasp 2-1 defeat after an injury time winner from Marouane Fellaini.

United had taken the lead when a header from former Arsenal favourite Alexis Sanchez was diverted into the post by Hector Bellerin, before Paul Pogba poached the rebound for

his third league goal in four games.

Henrikh Mkhitaryan replied for the Gunners after half time, before Fellaini, who is close to a new contract, stole it for United to secure Champions League football next season.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Brighton host West Ham on Friday, Tottenham travel to West Brom and Stoke entertain Crystal Palace on Saturday, and Arsenal face Burnley at the Emirates stadium on Sunday.



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End of an era

ANDRES INIESTA, one of the most decorated footballers in history, has confirmed that he will leave Barcelona at the end of the season.

The 33-year-old held a press conference on Friday where the Spain legend confirmed that this season would be his last

at the Nou Camp.

"A great deal of who I am, is down to Barca and La Masia. I am very thankful to them," he said in the tearful press con-

ference.

"I spoke to a lot of people - players, coaches - and I know what they want, but I tried to be honest with myself and

the club."

Barcelona have already secured their first trophy of the season, the Copa del Rey and are also on course to win La Liga, at the end of which Iniesta will bring down the curtain on a glittering 22-year career with the Catalan side.

"I want to be remembered as a great footballer and a great person," Iniesta continued.

"Because when our foot-



ball days are over, that's all we are - people."

The Spaniard has appeared 669 times for Barcelona over the course of 16 seasons with the first team, and has won 31 trophies with the side including four Champions League titles and eight La Liga's.

ADIOS: Iniesta had to fight back tears as he announced his departure.

He has been consistently linked with a move to the Chinese Super League but when asked where he was going to be playing next season, he refused to respond to speculation stating: "We will know that at the end of the season," he added.

"I said I was never going to play against Barcelona, so it will not be in Europe."

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