

# Gold rush

by Joe Gerrard

BETWEEN 8,000 and 10,000 archaeological pieces have been seized by the Guardia Civil, who said the haul was the most significant uncovered in Murcia to date.

Officers made an inspection of a villa in the Agriducle urbanisation, near the University of Murcia, after discovering evidence for the existence of the previously unknown artefacts.

They reportedly belonged to a farming entrepreneur living in the region whose hobby was undertaking private digs in Murcia, Castilla-La Mancha, Andalucía and Alicante from the 1960's onwards.

Miriam Guardiola, the Murcian authorities' culture spokesperson, said the find was a "historic" one.

"It is one of the most important operations of recent decades," she said.



**RECOVERED:** Bernabe (right) and Guardiola (centre, right) joined officials and officers for the presentation of the artefacts.

Operation Idolillo, as the probe was known, saw police seize more than €1 million-worth of archaeological items, according to estimates from authorities.

Luis Enrique de Miquel Santed, the director of the Archaeological Museum of Murcia, said the pieces would give historians a better understand-

ing of the region's history.

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## Just beachy!

SPAIN has maintained its status as the nation with the most blue flag beaches on the planet.

It comes after the Association for Environmental Education and the Consumer (ADEAC) handed the coveted award to 590 sandy strips across the country.

The Blue Flag is given to beaches meeting high standards of hygiene, sanitary conditions, safety, and accessibility.

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**Luggage theft suspects held**

TWO Cuban men aged 49 and 41 who allegedly stole baggage from travellers at Alicante-Elche airport were arrested by border guards after authorities received a number of complaints about the pair and two others also detained.

**Toilet access**

SANTA POLA Council has begun making public lavatories in the Varadero and Levante areas of the town accessible for the disabled, with refurbishments being undertaken to bring the facilities up to standards required by regulations.

**'Drugs' bust**

A 41-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly smuggled cocaine and hashish into a Murcia City music festival has been arrested, with the suspect taken to El Carmen police station and charged with drugs trafficking and public health crimes.

**Ferry call**

MURCIA'S Regional Assembly has unanimously passed a motion from the right-leaning Partido Popular (PP) calling for a regular ferry between Cartagena and the Balearic Islands to promote tourism.

# It's a fair cop

## UK's 'most-wanted' fugitive accepts fate

By Matt Ford

ONE of Britain's most wanted fugitives will not fight extradition after being held in Spain, it has been confirmed.

It comes after former Stephen Lawrence murder suspect Jamie Acourt was arrested as he ate lunch following a workout at Metropolitan Sagrada Familia Gym in Barcelona.

Reports suggest he tried to impersonate an Italian tourist but was unable to fool armed undercover officers who had spent days posing as fitness fanatics while keeping tabs on the 41-year-old from Eltham in South East London.

Acourt went on the run three years ago amid allegations that he was involved in a €4.5 million UK cannabis smuggling ring. Scotland Yard said in a statement he had been remanded in custody by Spanish police on a European Arrest Warrant at the close of an operation involving the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA).

Dramatic images released in the wake of the swoop show the handcuffed suspect in a Barcelona police station.

And a court appearance in Madrid has reportedly been cancelled after the Spanish High Court heard via video link that



**BARCELONA ARREST:** Jamie Acourt was held in the Catalan capital.

he will accept his extradition. Ian Cruyton, Head of International Operations for the NCA, said: "Acourt thought he could evade capture but as a result of an intelligence-led operation his days on the run have ended. "We were able to direct the Spanish authorities to his location in Barcelona. "Our ability to share information and work at speed with our international partners ensures there is no safe haven for fugi-

tives. We will never stop pursuing these individuals." A Crimestoppers appeal to find Acourt was launched in October 2016, when he was described as one of Britain's Top 10 fugitives. It is believed he regularly returned to the UK using a false passport to raise money for his life on the run. A Met Police statement said: "Spanish authorities arrested Jamie Acourt, 41, in Barcelona

on a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service. "The EAW was issued as part of the Met's efforts to trace Acourt in relation to an investigation into the unlawful supply of controlled substances. "This relates to an investigation launched in 2016 by detectives from the Serious and Organised Crime Command. "Extradition proceedings now await." Acourt's arrest follows recent reports that he had been spotted living a party lifestyle in glamorous Costa del Sol resort Marbella. He was alongside his brother Neil named among the five prime suspects in the Stephen Lawrence murder enquiry, but was not convicted and has always maintained his innocence. Stephen was aged 18 when he died on April 22, 1993 after a racially motivated attack at a London bus stop. Gary Dobson, now 42, and David Norris, 41, were found guilty of his murder and handed life prison sentences in 2012. Acourt is the 81st of 96 British fugitives to be traced by Operation Captura, a joint scheme between the NCA, Crimestoppers and Spanish authorities.

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## Employment up

APRIL unemployment is 3.34 per cent lower in Murcia compared to the month of March, according to state employment service (SEPE) data. There are now 104,976 unemployed people in the province, 3,622 fewer than in the preceding month. The worst hit are those over 45 years old, with 19,858 of males in this category without work.

## Dodgy distance

THE case of a high-range vehicle whose odometer was allegedly tampered with will now be heard in a San Javier courtroom after some confusion. A specialist mechanic noticed the car's true kilometres may have been reduced after the car broke down near the town of Pilar de la Horadada, Alicante.

## Shock accident

A 45-YEAR-OLD worker was taken to Elche's General Hospital after getting an electric shock in a footwear factory on the Carrus industrial estate. An ambulance arrived at the site to take the worker for medical attention, according to the area's Emergency Information and Co-ordination Centre.

## 'Robber' held

A 22-YEAR-OLD accused of being responsible for a spate of burglaries in Alicante has been arrested by the Guardia Civil and remanded in custody. A 67-year-old has also reportedly been placed under investigation for handling goods allegedly stolen in Santa Pola from houses and businesses before being sold on.

## Foreign bucks

MURCIA'S foreign tourist spending increased by 23 per cent - to €187.5 million - in this year's first quarter, compared to the same period in 2017, according to government data. A major factor behind the inflated figure is Easter week falling in March and not April, local media reports.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 13

GOING APE: The young primate unleashes an almighty yawn.

# Planet of the naps!

THIS is the adorable moment that a baby gorilla was captured on camera as it hung loose at a Spanish zoo.

The at-ease ape was snapped by Bosnian photographer Dusica Paripovic, 32, during a visit to Bioparc Valencia.

The zoo has maintained a population of critically endangered western gorillas since 2007, and the group started breeding in 2012.

Named Mbeli, the youngster pictured here will be a year old this summer.

Dusica said: "The baby gorillas are so adorable and expressive. They play with twigs or whatever they can find, they stumble and fall, they playfully wrestle with other gorillas."

"When you photograph animals, you never know if you are going to get any good photos. They will not

stand in the best light for you or give you the best angle.

"But when I saw this baby gorilla yawning, I knew there had to be at least one good photo there. I was excited."

She added: "Animals are my favourite subject to photograph - it's challenging and fun. They are unpredictable, fast, can't be posed and there's no need for retouching."

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## Raiders of the lost artefacts

"A temporary exhibition could be organised and permanent exhibitions enriched with all the material seized," he said.

Officers began their investigation after discovering evidence pieces existed that had not been catalogued by museums or heritage authorities during a separate probe.

Police found the suspect had lived in the Agridulce urbanisation but that he had already passed away. Relatives of the man contacted police to register his house after he died and in-

formed them of the pieces, meaning they will not be prosecuted.

Cultural heritage laws require people who own or acquire archaeological artefacts to register them with authorities.

Investigators said the items came from a variety of areas of ancient life. Household goods, weapons, coins, tools and jewellery were among the finds which came from the prehistoric, ancient Iberian, Roman and Visigothic eras, among others.

Guardia Civil officers presenting the find said more than 200 small idols which would have been placed as offerings in Iberian and Roman religious ceremonies were included in the haul. Each one is valued at between €2,500 and €3,000.

Francisco Bernabe, the Spanish government's delegate in Murcia, joined officers and officials for a presentation of the finds. He said police had done a "magnificent" job in finding the collection.

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**'WE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY THEY HAD CHOSEN US': A Nazi soldier among buildings destroyed during one of the attacks and (inset) survivor Angel Beltran in the film.**

# 80-year riddle

A MOVING new documentary film has revealed why four small villages in rural Valencia were targeted by Nazi bombers.

In May 1938, three Junkers 87-A dive-bombers, dubbed stukas by Nazi Germany's Condor Legion, dropped their payloads on the hamlets of Benassal, Albocasser, Ares del Maestre and Vilar de Cane in Castellon Province.

Many buildings were reduced to rubble and 38 people died.

"It was the first plane I saw in my life. It was like a great bird, but different," remembers Obdulia Mir in Experimento Stuka (Stuka Experiment), which this week opened at the Docs Valencia international documentary festival.

Entirely lacking strategic or military value to the Germans, locals for decades believed that the attacks were ordered by Republicans fighting for General Francisco Franco in the Spanish Civil War, which ended a year later.

Others blamed Franco's troops themselves, since some of the villages briefly fell within Republican territory.

"My father heard that the Reds [Republicans] had destroyed the village and the church," added

Angel Beltran, the son of a Republican militant.

But 80 years later, modern-day residents have finally learned the truth.

University physics professor Oscar Vives, who was born in Benassal, travelled to Freiburg in Germany to study local archives after finding a clue in a Spanish Civil War book.

A short passage revealed that the Condor Legion used the Spanish villages as a testing ground for Second World War operations, and in the German archive Vives found a folder containing 66 photographs of the attacks.

The images show Nazi soldiers driving to the bomb sites and studying the devastation before returning to an airbase in La Senia, Tarragona, and drinking beer together on the beach.

The film reveals the Nazis were testing whether their dive-bombers were able to transport and drop 500-kilo bombs, double the standard weight.

Rafa Moles, who directed the documentary alongside Pepe Andreu, says that the raids were among the world's first "surgical military strikes."

The film is a follow-up to the pair's Five Days to Dance, an award-winning documentary about a school dance performance.

**POLL OF THE WEEK**  
 Do you agree that Spain has the best beaches in the world after it topped the global blue flag ranking?

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# Beniajan gang rape reported



**RAPE CASE:** the Guardia Civil are investigating the alleged multiple-rape of a woman in Beniajan

A WOMAN has reported a group of young men for raping her in the Murcia town of Beniajan.

Aggressors reportedly took advantage of the woman's drunken state to carry out the alleged sexual attacks at a spot in Beniajan.

The woman was accompanying the group vol-

untarily on a night at the end of April.

She reported the acts days after the event and supplied a medical report from the clinic she attended following the attack.

The Guardia Civil is now investigating the case to uncover the facts and arrest the suspects.

## Gender violence guilty verdict

A DEFENDANT found guilty of charges of harassing his partner has been sentenced to two years in prison by Murcia's Provincial Court.

The court heard during the

trial the man was in a relationship with the alleged victim, a widow he met online, for around 14 months.

Prosecutors claimed he mistreated her on a regular

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# Ova the moon!

SHE'S currently ranked number 52 in the world after a recent return from a drugs ban. But tennis star Maria Sharapova, 31, appeared at ease with life after posting a series of photos of herself enjoying the sights of Madrid, where she is competing in a tournament. And she was clearly amused by the local custom of late eating as she captioned one of the snaps: 'First ones at the restaurant...9pm #SpanishStyle.'



Photo credit Maria Sharapova/Instagram



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: Maria has this week been in Madrid (inset).

## Sheer outrage

BRITISH singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran has angered a fan who travelled from Spain to watch him perform.

As the Shape Of You hitmaker kicked off his Irish tour at Cork's Páirc Uí Chaoimh stadium, the irate concertgoer tweeted: 'Just travelled from Spain to Cork. Ticket in my friend's name. Xmas present.'

"Told at box office I can't get in. WTF ED. After costing me €800 I can't get in. Screw you."

HE'S the former One Direction singer who has struck out alone.

But Liam Payne, 24, was joined by Mexican songstress Sofia Reyes on stage in Madrid as he performed at the LOS40 Primavera POP Festival.

The pair belted out his hit For You, which he originally sang with Rita Ora for the racy film Fifty Shades Freed.

Liam's relationship with ex-Girls Aloud star Cheryl Tweedy, 34, has reportedly been under strain since his solo career took off.

## Liam heads in own direction

The couple's son Bear recently celebrated his first birthday, but widespread reports have suggested he is more committed to his pop career than family.

However the pair insist all is fine after a recent 'make or break' getaway at an undisclosed location.



Photo credit Liam Payne/Instagram

PAYNE ATTRACTION: Liam on stage in Madrid.

The former X Factor contestant said in a magazine interview Cheryl's bond with the baby left him feeling 'desperate' as he tried to "get through fatherhood."

## Dan in the dumps over split rumour

THEY have broken things off following 'a string of heated rows.'

And new reports have claimed that former The Only Way Is Essex star Dan Osborne, 26, failed to get in touch with wife Jacqueline Jossa, 25, while on a 'holistic bootcamp' in Marbella.

The ex-Eastenders actress - who is pregnant with their second child - is said to have been left furious after he failed to return her messages while on the sun-soaked break with Hollyoaks actress Stephanie Davis and Love Island's Gaby Allen, among others.

But Dan took to Twitter to vent his frustrations, as he wrote: 'Whenever a relationship goes through tough times etc... why is it always the man that gets stick...?'

And Jacqueline appeared to back him as she added: 'Daniel and I are dealing with things privately as a team, there is always two sides to every story. Stop with the nasty comments, no one deserves them.'

## Sexy Sadie

ENGLISH actress and fashion designer Sadie Frost has been enjoying a sunshine break in Mallorca.

And the Bram Stoker's Dracula star, 52, shared a cheeky snap of herself after slipping into a black and orange bikini, posing in the doorway of her luxury suite at Belmond La Residencia, near Deya.



FUN IN THE SUN: Sadie in Mallorca.

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At what point does enough become enough?

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THE alleged abandonment of a British man by a Benidorm ambulance crew who were high on drugs and alcohol has rightly sparked outrage.

And it is arguably a sad indictment of the professional standards rife in private firms drafted in to provide cheaper alternatives to 'expensive' public services in Spain and the UK alike.

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But perhaps the question is, why do the general public allow such moves to happen without apparently batting an eyelid? Have we truly become so apathetic?

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## Sex drug 'HIV' danger

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The psychoactive drugs - which are popular in the nightlife scene - can cause dependency and loss of appetite and sleep for days, according

to PSOE councillor Presente Lopez.

A PSOE motion has requested the Health ministry carry out further testing on the drug which reportedly boosts the probability of catching HIV.

This is because it removes inhibitions making sexual

partners less likely to use condoms.

There is currently 'insufficient' information on the drug's exact dangers, the party said.

The requested study will focus on the drug's sexual infections risks and also its psychological and physiological impacts.



**DANGER DRUG:** A couple kissing outside a party.

## 'Theft' arrests

SIX people who allegedly committed a series of burglaries in homes in Orihuela have been arrested by National Police.

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vealed he spoke personally to the shirtless tourists, as he announced: “This type

our” since it damages the image of the resort, and it has designed a new awareness campaign to get the message across.

Mr Martinez added that he has already held a series of meetings with local business owners from the Levante Beach area, but confirmed that British sun-seekers are “fundamental” to the city’s economy.

The move follows recent changes to laws in Marbella on the Costa del Sol, where British stag and hen parties are to be fined up to €750 for roaming the streets drunk, semi-naked or wielding inflatable sex toys.

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# Got his number

## Brit playboy probed for false plates

by Matt Ford

A SELF-STYLED 'maverick tycoon' who drove his €300,000 supercar through the front window of a Mallorca shop has escaped with a €500 fine.

But playboy millionaire Jody Sanders, 39, is now being quizzed for illegally modifying the licence plate

of the convertible Rolls Royce Dawn involved in the accident.

Investigators believe he has substituted the number 1 with a letter J, so that it reads JODY, as the vehicle remains impounded in Calvia.

The new probe comes after the property magnate turned up to a police station

in Palma five hours after reversing through the façade of a Portal Nous tobacco shop while two bikini-clad women took selfies on the back seat of the car.

He told the shop owner his flip-flop got stuck under the accelerator pedal during a phone call in the wake of the smash, with the pricey motor 'narrowly

missing' around 20 people dining on a terrace.

A well-placed source told UK media: "He passed a breath test although several hours had elapsed since the crash and he was reported for reckless driving.

"Because he paid up there and then, he got a 50 per cent discount so ended

up handing over €250.

"The damage he's caused to his car and the tobacco shop is another matter and bound to run into thousands of pounds but that's a matter for him, the shop owner and the insurance people.

"He put [the five-hour delay] down to one of the women he was with being

injured so his first concern was to get her to hospital."

It has also emerged that the trio were accompanied by a second man who popped into a nearby chemist just prior to the accident, and that Jody may have lost control while reversing the wrong way up the road to pick him up.



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**ROLL WITH IT:** The Rolls Royce owned by Jody Sanders in the wake of the smash, before which he was partying with two bikini-clad girls.

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# ‘Go and f\*\*k yourselves’

Minister slammed after comments recorded

by Greg Kirby

A RECORDING of a senior Spanish minister slamming elderly people has landed the ruling Popular party in hot water.

Secretary of State for Communication, Carmen Martínez Castro said of pensioners protesting over state pensions: “It makes you want to give them the finger and say: ‘go and f\*\*k yourselves’.”

Isabel Montaña - a journalist for Valencia’s 12TV television station - captured the official’s words on her microphone.

The politician made her comments as Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy got out of his car to the sound of booing protesters during a visit to Alicante.

Pensioners chanted: ‘Less corruption and more funds!’



**FOUL-MOUTHED RANT:** Communication minister Carmen Martínez Castro.

and ‘early retirement now!’ as the leader made his way to city hall to honour his party’s new mayor, Luis Barcala.

A video of the recording is already circulating on social network Twitter.

Martínez has since apologised to anybody who was offended by what she described

as “jokey comment.”

She admitted it was inappropriate and made her look “indecent,” although the footage was censored by national and local television stations.

It comes amid ongoing protests from retirees who say the prime minister’s pension plans are ‘undignified.’

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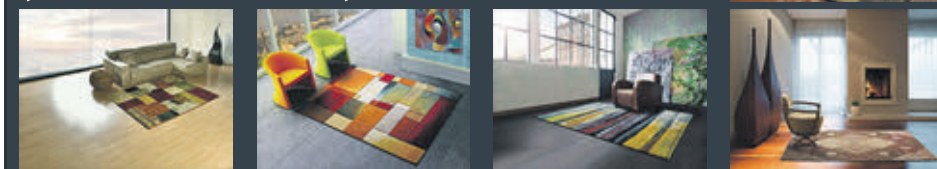
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# Dicing with death

## Brit expat thrill-seekers held



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**BASE STUPIDITY:** The daredevils were caught trying to parachute off Torre Levante.

by Matt Ford

FOUR British expatriates face fines of up to €300,000 after being caught trying to leap from a 33-floor skyscraper on the Costa Blanca.

The unnamed thrill-seekers were reportedly surprised by police as they prepared to launch themselves off the 120-metre Torre Levante building on the Benidorm seafront with para-

chutes strapped to their backs.

Their arrests follow a brief probe after investigators were tipped off about a series of internet videos filmed by the BASE jumping quartet.

An official revealed that the daredevils are suspected of performing several illegal jumps in the area, before confirming that their parachutes, helmets and other equipment have been seized.

BASE jumping is the practice of parachuting from a fixed structure or cliff and is considered much more dangerous than sky diving from a plane due to the relatively low height of the jumps.

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# Holiday death probe

## Witness claims Brit was ‘kicked in head’

By Matt Ford

MALLORCAN police are probing the death of a British man in Mallorca.

Aaron Henderson, from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, was on holiday with his partner and children when he was allegedly assaulted on Magaluf’s Punta Ballena party strip.

The dad-of-two, 30, was found lying on the corner of Calle Martin Ros Garcia in critical condition after suffering a severe head injury in the early



Photo credit Facebook/Twitter

**ALLEGED BEATING:** Magaluf’s Punta Ballena, where Aaron Henderson (inset) reportedly suffered severe head injuries.

hours of the morning, and investigators initially believed he had fallen.

But a witness, described as ‘foreign’ in local media, has since come forward to claim that he saw three men beating Aaron. According to reports, he was pushed to the ground before being kicked in the head, and later died of his injuries in capital Palma’s Son Espases Hospital after medics failed to revive him. The precise cause

of his death has not yet been confirmed.

Detectives say they are now scouring CCTV footage recorded on the night of his death while quizzing hotel customers and staff as they try to trace his attackers.

It is believed he decided to continue partying after partner Daniella Baxter returned to their accommodation.

She paid an emotional tribute to him on social media as she

wrote: “I love you Aaron Hendy Henderson always and forever, you’ve made me the happiest I’ve ever been in my entire life.

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Tributes have also been flooding in to the Facebook page of his family business Paul Henderson Wholesale, which has attracted more than 400 messages of condolence.

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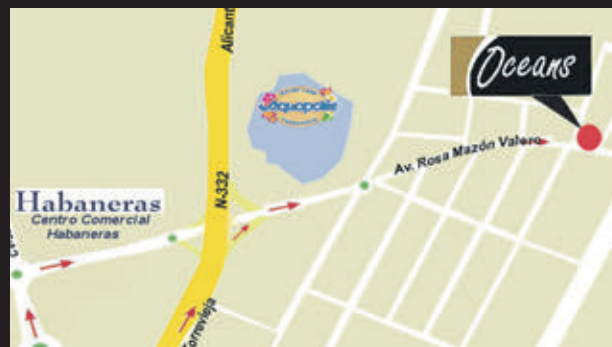
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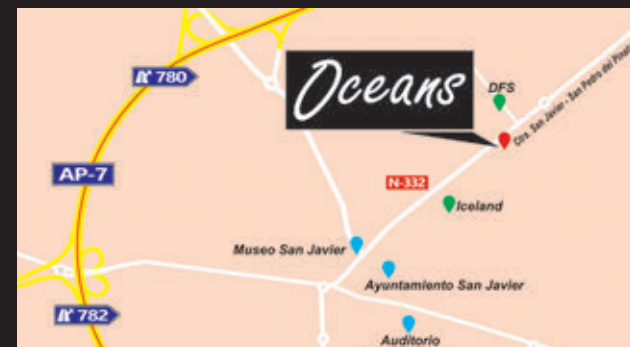
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**Car blaze**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES** told motorists bound for Murcia on the A-30 to be cautious after a car burst into flames last Thursday, with an oil spill the suspected cause.

**Fascism call**

**COUNCILLORS** in Elche voted down a motion by the leftist *Partido Socialista (PSOE)* and *Compromis* declaring the town a 'fascism, racism and xenophobia' free zone, with the right-leaning *Partido Popular* and *Ilicitanos* refusing to back it.

# Stalker nightmare

## Brit expat jailed after 'abusive campaign'

by Staff Reporter

A BRITISH expatriate who lives on the Costa Blanca has been jailed for stalking his ex-wife.

Philip Carter, 40, sent his former spouse threatening emails and used social media to call her names, spread lies about her, and harass her family.

The Benidorm resident even attached a tracking device to her car during the terrifying four-month ordeal, Exeter Crown Court heard.

Mum-of-one Caroline Perkins, a teacher from Torbay in Devon, became so frightened she took to sleeping with a knife under her pillow and lost weight, the prosecution said.

Carter was due to stand trial after he denied stalking but pleaded guilty on the first morning and was handed a nine-month prison sentence plus a 10-year restraining order.

Judge Simon Carr said: "I hope all you feel is shame. This was abusive, threatening and very frightening."

Nigel Wraith, prosecuting, said the accused and victim had been married for three years before they divorced in No-



Photo credit: Twitter

**TORMENT OVER:** The hearing took place at Exeter Crown Court and saw Philip Carter handed a nine-month jail sentence.

vember 2016, and that they have a young daughter together.

But when Carter travelled back to the UK in April the following year he found that his former flame had moved on and started to make financial demands.

"He embarked upon a campaign issuing extremely unpleasant and abusive threats to her, her family and friends and

properties," Mr Wraith added.

"The campaign of threatening behaviour was very serious and caused her to be fearful and live her life differently to how she would choose to have done if he wasn't harassing her."

A raft of abusive messages penned by Carter were read aloud in court, including one addressed to the headteacher of

St Cuthbert Mayne School in Torquay accusing her of mixing with drug dealers.

In November 2017 she moved in with a friend but he 'had by now placed a tracker on her motor vehicle.'

A statement by the victim revealed that she felt like she was in hiding, took a series of different routes home after work, was unable to sleep and became depressed and jumpy.

"I can't see any end to Philip's actions. He's unstoppable, he'll stop at nothing. I feel he's still controlling everything I do on a daily basis. I worry at cars parked outside. I pull over to let other cars past. I feel I'll never be free of Philip and I'm always watching my back," it said.

Barry White, mitigating, said that the accused now wished to get on with his life and would return to Spain.

"He has no desire for ongoing contact with her," he added.

And Carter, originally from Gayton-Le-Marsh in Lincolnshire, was freed having already served five months of his sentence.

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# Ambulance blunder

## Brit assault victim found in roadside ditch

by Staff Reporter

ALICANTE COLLEGE OF NURSING has claimed that

two ambulance crew members who tested positive for drugs after 'losing' a British attack

victim on the way to hospital were not paramedics.

The institution released a statement in the wake of the pair being held by police in which it said it wanted to 'make clear' that the men were 'emergency health technicians,' and that no nursing professionals had been involved in the shocking incident.

It comes after the unnamed victim was found lying unconscious in a ditch a few hundred metres from La Villajoyosa Regional Hospital.

He had allegedly suffered serious injuries during a brawl between four Britons in central Benidorm, with National Police officers calling for an ambulance after attending the scene.

But when they called the hospital several hours later in order to write their report, they were told that no-one in

emergencies knew anything about the man, and it transpired that he never arrived.

According to Spanish media, the ambulance workers had returned to their depot, and when contacted by investigators said that the victim 'woke up in the middle of the journey' and started to attack one of them.

And when the driver stopped the vehicle and opened the back door the injured party 'escaped.'

Police launched a search for the Briton, and called the ambulance back out when they found him, at which point they noticed that the two crew members were behaving strangely.

A Guardia Civil traffic patrol was drafted in and local media confirmed they tested positive for cocaine, cannabis and alcohol before being held and charged with failing to as-



**MEDICAL SHAME:** The brawl took place in central Benidorm and (inset) an ambulance operated by ASV Transport Sanitario Ayuda Group.

sist a person in danger.

The Valencian Health Department has requested a full report of the incident, while sources reportedly told local media that the two men had been suspended without pay but could soon return to work.

Rosa Louis Cereceda, manager of the directorate of the local health department,

claimed no knowledge of the incident when quizzed, pointing out that the ambulance service is subcontracted to a private company.

The ASV Transport Sanitario Ayuda Group, the temporary union for the firm providing the service, did not respond to a comment request.

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## Churning... the worst enemy of your pension or investment portfolio?

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



So, before anyone asks, no I've not given up financial services to campaign against the dairy industry! Churning, in financial terms, is when a financial advisor persuades a client to buy or sell funds with the sole intention of generating commissions, rather than acting in the client's best interests. This unethical practice is illegal in the UK, so why is it so prolific here in Spain?

The problem lies in the fact that in Spain, financial advisors can still receive hidden payments from investment fund providers. I have seen numerous examples here in Spain where companies have found a new fund provider who will pay them a 3-5% 'entry charge' when they persuade their clients to

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Bins for disabled

ELCHE'S council has rolled out 22 rubbish containers designed to be used by people with reduced mobility for the first time, the bins are equipped with a lower opening making them easier to reach.

## Port plans

WORKS to expand Alicante's port have reportedly entered their final phase with the extension of pier 13 which will allow 240-metre-long ships to dock once complete, up from the current 165-metre limit.

## Street bed in

MURCIA City residents donned pyjamas and slippers and got under bed sheets on Calle Perez Casas on Saturday for the 'no more noise' demonstration against nearby venues' volume.

# Cop poisoner jailed

by Matt Ford

A JEALOUS Guardia Civil officer from the Costa Blanca has been jailed for 22 years after trying to murder a female colleague and her family.

The convicted Spaniard - who cannot be named for legal reasons - was found guilty of spiking the victim's food with rat poison and an insecticide, and robbing personal effects including lingerie and a sex toy.

Valencia's Superior Court heard that he attempted to poison the woman, her husband and three-year-old son 'on several occasions,' sneaking into her property on the barracks where he also lived after making a copy of her house keys which he stole from the caretaker's office.

He recorded his thoughts on a Word document recovered from his computer during a raid on his home.

Extracts from the file read in court included: "She seems to be incredibly happy and I can't stand it, she doesn't let me sleep at night.

"Envy corrodes and chokes me."

And he even admitted his intention to harm the family as he wrote: "The time



Photo credit: Guardia Civil/Google

**FATAL ATTRACTION:** The Guardia Civil barracks in Villajoyosa and (inset) the convicted officer.

has come to see if I really have the courage to do this, I have planned it so many times in my head but one thing is to think about it and another is to dare to do it.

"I think I'm too cowardly, but if I don't do it I think I'll burst."

The victim first became suspicious when a USB pen drive containing images of her in sexually compromising positions went missing.

Other belongings, including expired

identity cards, passports and car keys later vanished while the family were out, sparking an official probe.

And when detectives swooped on the culprit's home they unearthed the lost items plus a small bottle containing one of the toxic chemicals detected in their food.

Having been convicted by Alicante's Provincial Court, he had appealed on the grounds that he had laced the food with 'very small doses

without risk to the family.'

But prosecutors argued that he had concocted 'a murderous plan,' and that since he is not a toxicology expert 'he was unable to tell whether the doses were harmless or not,' reminding the court that one of the victims was a child and another [the husband] undergoing cancer treatment.

The judge ruled that he was guilty 'without a doubt,' in the wake of the hearing, an official statement said.

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# Heritage concerns over market

## 'No-tana' train

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## Clean-up now

THE *Ahora Murcia* (Murcia Now) political group has reported the public services ministry for a rubbish pile up on the Torre Villescas Avenue, which has only one rubbish bin, local media reports.

## Bulls allowed

A 2015 *ORIHUELA* Town Hall motion to ban bull-fighting has been overruled by Valencia's supreme justice courts, which also charged the council €3,000 for legal fees, according to local media.

A BODY working with the United Nations has said plans for the new Central Market of Elche are 'incompatible' with the nearby Arabic baths' World Heritage Status.

Carlos Gonzalez, the Partido Socialista (PSOE) mayor of Elche, said ICOMOS had stated none of the planned works for the market complied with World Heritage Status requirements.

"The report is overwhelming and leaves little room for doubt and seriously compromises the viability of the Central Market project," Gonzalez said.

ICOMOS, or the International Council on Monuments or Sites, works with the UN's culture body UNESCO which awards World Heritage status to places of cultural or historical interest.

ICOMOS's report has been passed on to members of Elche's council, including those from opposition parties.

A spokesperson for the conservative Partido Popular on the council said the PSOE did not want the Central Market project to go ahead "from the beginning."

"Everything has been prepared by the PSPV-PSOE (the Valencian



**CONCERNS:** ICOMO said Elche's Arabic Bath's World Heritage status prevented current plans from going ahead.

branch of the PSOE) and Compromis. "They sent wrong or misleading information to ICOMOS and they did not show the agency alternative options," the spokesperson said.

Juan Antonio Sempere, the deputy spokesperson for Ciudadanos on the council, said the report was "brief and incomplete."

"It makes a subject assessment, taking into account certain platforms while other reports from the contract-

ed company and political groups are missing," he said.

Mayor Gonzales met with the President of ICOMOS España yesterday (Wednesday) to discuss plans for the market going forward.

The body's report recommended adapting existing plans to make them comply with World Heritage requirements or negotiating with Aparcisa, the company building the market, to find a similar solution.

## Child rape charge acquittal

A 35-YEAR-OLD has been found not guilty by an Alicante court on charges of raping an underage boy.

The court ordered the defendant to pay €5,000 in compensation to the alleged victim for moral damages and violating his right to sexual freedom.

The court also ruled there was no evidence violence had been used during the assault. The use of violence is one of the factors used to determine whether sexual assaults are classed as rape in Spanish law.

The defendant maintained his innocence throughout the trial, claiming he thought the 14-year-old was over the age of consent.

The court heard the two made contact on a WhatsApp group for homosexual relationships. The alleged victim claimed he was threatened by the defendant to perform sex acts on him, but the court dismissed the claims.



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**BOOZE BLUES:** Playa de Ingles and (inset) one of the revellers after being cuffed by police.

# Drunk let off

## Irish pair cleared of robbery rap

**By Staff Reporter**

A CANARY ISLANDS judge has cleared two 26-year-old Irish revellers of theft after ruling they broke into a holiday flat by mistake because they were too drunk.

Two Spanish women who had rented the accommodation in the popular resort of Playa del Ingles, Gran Canaria, claimed they had lost €280 in cash and a pair of sunglasses af-

ter finding one of the men asleep on their bed and the other on the sofa.

But a local court in San Bartolome de Tirajana heard there was 'no evidence' to suggest the unnamed pair - who were staying in the same complex - stole the items, concluding that they mistook the flat for their own after a night partying.

An official statement said that the holidaymakers "had been drinking a lot and do not

remember how they accessed the apartment... in fact they thought they were in their own room."

A police report confirmed they were 'extremely intoxicated,' and that it took officers '20 minutes' to wake them up.

The ruling added that the door to the property had not been forced and that the accused only had €22 in their pockets when they were arrested.



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# Rapist fire woman freed

A WOMAN in prison sentenced for torching a man convicted of raping her 13-year-old daughter has left prison in Alicante.

Maria del Carmen Garcia was serving a three-and-a-half year sentence and was set to be released this August before a judge ruled in favour of cutting her jail time short.

The court heard during her trial that she approached Antonio Cosme while he was on day release from prison in June 2005. Del Carmen doused him with petrol, set him on fire and he died in hospital days later.

She entered prison in 2014 after two unsuccessful pardon appeals.



**FAKE OIL:** A shopper inspects a range of olive oil bottles in a store.

## Olive oil smeared

MORE than half of all of Murcia's olive oil has fallen short of labelling standards, according to consumer standards head, Francisco Abril.

Some brands had been selling virgin standard oil with extra virgin labels, according to Abril, the director general of the office for trade, consumption and simplification.

In addition, other oils had been mixed together with olive oil, the 2017 consumption report released last Thursday revealed.

The office - in charge of inspecting a range of products - has informed the implicated companies.

And legal proceedings are under way in order to issue fines to some olive oil producers.

In some oil mills, the health ministry has taken charge and seized shipments to stop the liquid gold reaching consumers.

The move was not related to health risks, but instead ensured the product reached consumers with the highest guarantees, Abril said.

Olive oil wasn't the only product under the microscope of consumer regulators.

A total of 369,670 products were inspected as a part of 29 campaigns in 2017.

The other main culprits were bicycle manufacturers. Only 25 per cent of bicycles met regulations, mainly because technical specifications labels were missing.

Manufacturers had priori-

tised getting their products onto shelves over upholding consumer law, Abril said.

Despite these two major exceptions, 80 per cent of products examined did indeed meet regulations, Abril added.

Looking forward, the director general signalled his objective to inspect over half a million products by the end of 2018.

He will also start to prioritise inspections of online products given growth in internet shopping.

The press release also drew attention to a new website, [www.comercioyconsumo.carm.es](http://www.comercioyconsumo.carm.es). Here, consumers can learn about their consumer rights and find a list of dangerous products.

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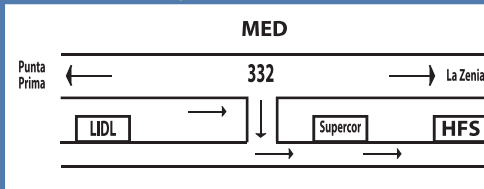
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## NEWS EXTRA

## Child poverty figures

AROUND 39 per cent of children living in the Murcia region are living in poverty, with some 120,000 at risk of being so and of social exclusion, according to UNICEF.

## Link plans

VALENCIA'S regional authorities have reportedly been considering building a 'greenway' along the coast to connect Alicante and Elche, with the proposed route coming under broader plans for environmental projects according to the local government.

## Job figures

THE number of people out of work in Alicante Province was reportedly down by 2,298 to around 152,330 at the end of April, which accounts for about 75 per cent of the decrease in the Valencia Community.

## Corruption topples PP ex-mayor

MIGUEL ZARAGOZA - who was Santa Pola's mayor for 12 years and is accused of corruption - has resigned as town councillor and provincial minister for social welfare.

The Partido Popular (PP) minister - who was town mayor from 2003 to 2015 said he couldn't continue letting his colleagues 'suffer attacks' because of his legal affairs, in a press release.

Economic crime unit agents (UDEF) arrested the ex-mayor along with his sister and her husband - ex-councillor Jorge Perello - in February. They are suspected of fraud, bribery and the perversion of justice.

Police claim Zaragozaza failed to collect some €100,000 in rental fees a private clinic owed the town council between 2006 and 2016.

In return for the favour, the Gran Alacant clinic contracted the ex-mayor's sister, Pilar Zaragozaza.

They paid her a two-year salary despite her never turning up to work and covered her absence with public funds, according to the police investigation.

The embattled ex-mayor is also facing perversion of justice charges.

He is accused of allowing an illegal nightclub to blast out music on a municipal beach.

Zaragozaza denied ever having committed 'by action or omission, any act which could be reproached legally or ethically,' during his 12 years as Santa Pola mayor, in a statement.

Zaragozaza's grip on Santa Pola power slipped after three terms in the May 2015 elections.

The town of 31,000 residents is now under the control of a leftist coalition headed up by the Partido Socialista (PSOE).

The news comes as Zaragozaza's brother - Jose Miguel Zaragozaza - and ex-head of Local Police in the same town is also being investigated.

He is suspected of fraudulently buying police uniforms. The act allegedly took place while his brother served as mayor.

Both brothers are set to stand before judges later this month.



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**EX-MAYOR QUILTS:** Miguel Zaragozaza ex-mayor of Santa Pola has resigned as town councillor.

A GROUP of Elche neighbourhood associations has said punishments for pet owners who do not obey local rules on cleaning up after their animals should be increased.

The call comes as the Federation of Neighbourhood Associations Dama d'Elx said the number of pets

## Pet peev

in Elche had increased at an 'alarming' rate.

"Regulations are needed due to the daily accumulation of urine and

faeces on the pavements of the town," the group said in a statement.

The call comes as reports suggested pet-related incidents were becoming one of the most complained about issues to Elche Local Police's environment squad.

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## NEWS EXTRA

## Campaign for road safety

THE government's delegate in Murcia Francisco Bernabe unveiled a safety appeal for motorcyclists last Friday, with the official highlighting eight bike deaths on the region's roads so far this year.

## Building call

**AROUND 24,000 square metres of Lorca's historic centre lie abandoned or dilapidated according to a study done by town authorities, with businesses calling on councillors to cut taxes to help regenerate the area.**

## Work plan

*MURCIA'S development spokesperson Patricio Valverde has said regional authorities would tender a total of €53 million-worth of infrastructure projects before this summer across 13 urban areas to improve travel links.*

## Senators pass Gibraltar motion

by Joe Gerrard

A MOTION addressing Spain's position on Gibraltar as the territory prepares to depart with Britain from the European Union has been passed by a body of the Spanish Senate.

The Foreign Affairs Commission's motion addressed issues such as cross-border workers and Spain's position on the British enclave's sovereignty.

Its purpose was to set out a consensus position on the government in Madrid's attitude to Gibraltar going forward, a Partido Popular (PP) spokesperson from the Commission said.

Carlos Aragonés Mendiguchía added the statement backed co-existence and the rule of law in relation to the territory.

He said Brexit gave Spain "unprecedented negotiating leverage" in relation to Gibraltar, with the motion also highlighting Spain's ambitions for a say over its governance.

The motion called on the Spanish government to reach a "bilateral understanding" with Britain over the territory in line with previous agreements.

It cited proposals for joint rule over Gibraltar which were put to a referendum and rejected with 98.5 per cent of votes cast against the plans in 2002.



**MOTION PASSED:** The motion called for the joint management of Gibraltar's airport among other positions.

It referenced proposals for shared sovereignty tabled by Spain at the United Nations in 2016 which were also dismissed by Gibraltar authorities.

The motion called for 'joint management of the airport situation on the isthmus, above all the entrance into the Schengen area of said airport.'

The Schengen agreement covers the free movement of EU citizens within

the bloc. Britain is not signed up to that free movement area.

The Foreign Affairs Commission's document also called on Spanish authorities to reach an agreement which favoured Spanish interests and those of people living in the Campo de Gibraltar.

Many of those living in the Campo cross the border regularly to the territory to work or visit relatives and friends.

## Animal ban struck down

A VALENCIA regional court has ruled measures passed by Orihuela Council to ban the use of wild animals in circuses, bullfights and other similar events cannot go ahead.

The Superior Court of Justice of the Valencian Community ruled in favour of a bullfighting group which appealed against the passage of the rules.

It dismisses an earlier ruling from the Provincial Court last year on the measures after judges there dismissed the appeal.

The Superior Court found Orihuela Council had no legal power to impose a blanket ban on events featuring animals.

The authority will also have to pay €3,000 in court costs. Both parties were given 30 days to lodge appeals.

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# 'Historic' fraud case in court

INVESTIGATORS probing what they claimed was the largest VAT fraud in Spanish history have presented their case against the suspects to a court in Elche.

Around 20 people were arrested in connection with the alleged tax fraud, with three leading members accused of being involved remanded in custody. Mohan Chatlani and Annand Chatlani,

both Indian citizens, were also arrested in their homes as part of Operation Dreams. Prosecutors have requested the Elche judge pass on the case to the National Court, claiming the alleged fraud

took place in many provinces across Spain. The prosecution claimed the Elche-based suspects defrauded the Spanish treasury and multinational companies on VAT invoices for transactions.

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By Karl Smallman

LAST year more than one in five Brits holidayed abroad without any, or inadequate, travel insurance, according to travel agents' trade body ABTA.

And of those who did take out cover more than a quarter of them risked invalidating their policies for failing to declare pre-existing medical conditions or by taking part in activities that were not covered.

The most common reason people gave for not buying travel insurance was that people felt it wasn't needed and their European Health Insurance Card would provide sufficient cover. But the EHIC scheme only provides access to state medical care and does not in-

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the people surveyed said the cost of insurance put them off

buying it. The Association of British Travel Agents is now urging people to avoid costly medical bills should something go wrong by doing their homework before they go on their summer holiday.

Chief executive Mark Tanzer said, "Every year we see cases of people falling into difficulty.

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# EU funding floated for Mar Menor

EUROPEAN UNION officials are considering making funding and assistance available to help with the recovery of the Mar Menor lagoon, the bloc's environment director said.

Daniel Calleja, who met with officials from Murcia's regional authorities, said the European Commission (EC) was willing to collaborate with local authorities on the issue.

He added the EC, which helps decide the EU's policy direction, had prioritised environmental work in its budget for this year.

"The European Union wants to be a part of the solution," he said.

Calleja undertook the visit with Murcia President Fernando Lopez Miras and Javier Celdran, the region's environment spokesperson.

Lopez Miras said condi-



**FUNDING FLOATED:** Daniel Calleja (inset) said the EU wanted to be part of the solution for the Mar Menor.

tions at the lagoon were improving thanks to measures taken by authorities in Murcia. He added authorities wanted to work faster but couldn't due to regulations.

ANSA, an ecologists' association for the southeast of Spain, said human intervention had led Mar

Menor's physical and natural environment to 'suffer.'

"With the beginning of the expansion of tourism in the 1960's the Mar Menor has seen its surface, perimeter and depth reduced due to debris, spills, drainages and other processes," the group said.

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# Drug smuggling suspects tried

TWO defendants who stand accused of smuggling almost 300 kilograms of cocaine into Spain by sea could each face 11 years in prison if found guilty at hearings in Alicante.

Prosecutors have lodged their request for the sentences with the Court in Alicante which began hearing the case last week. The two men deny the charges. The prosecution told the court the defen-

dants were arrested after one was caught in the Bay of Cadiz on a sailboat carrying 298 kilos of cocaine bound for Spain.

The other defendant was arrested in Valencia. Prosecutors claim he was set to take control of the drugs once they made it off the boat.

Lawyers acting for the defence were seeking an acquittal for the two men who deny involvement.



OW DO: Sandstone from the quarry in Withnell (inset) is being used for the church's nativity façade.

# Ah-reet rock?

## Lancs stone used in Barca church

By Staff Reporter

A QUARRY in Lancashire is supplying Barcelona's La Sagrada Familia with stone to help complete the building.

Brinscall quarry in Withnell, near Chorley, was selected alongside other sites across the world to ship the stone to the basilica.

The sandstone needed by builders for the church was previously quarried at Montjuic near Barcelona until reserves there were exhausted.

Stone was being sourced from demolished buildings

until Brinscall and others were chosen to help with supplies, according to the quarry's owners Armstrongs.

Armstrongs said the ongoing project was one which all of Chorley and the north west of England could be proud of.

"Without doubt this is the most historic and prestigious job any quarry in the UK is currently undertaking," the company said in a statement.

Armstrongs added sandstone from the Brinscall quarry was being used for the Nativity and Passion facades on either side of the front of the church.

La Sagrada Familia was designed by Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi, who began working on the project in 1883. He became Architect Director the following year.

The church was between 15 and 25 per cent complete when Gaudi died in 1926. Work to finish it has continued with interruptions ever since.

Building work on the main features is set to finish in 2026, the 100-year anniversary of Gaudi's death.

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# ‘Pure cruelty’

## Teen held over pet torture clip



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### ANIMAL TRAGIC: The cat died during the ordeal.

POLICE have tracked down a woman who sparked a social media meltdown after posting video footage of her spin-drying a cat online.

The unnamed 19-year-old from Villarrubia de los Ojos in Ciudad Real has been held by police after the animal died during the ordeal.

During the shocking clip, she is heard to say “looks

like people were right about cats having seven lives,” before adding detergent and switching to a wash cycle.

And after the video - entitled Gatolavadora (cat washing machine) - appeared online, she uploaded a picture of the animal taken prior to the incident captioned: “The cat is now dead... yes the bad luck cat.”

More than 300,000 people signed a petition on the Change.org website as they lobbied the Ministry of Justice to charge the culprit.

Animal rights political group PACMA also voiced its outrage as it called for ‘the maximum penalty for animal cruelty,’ including an 18-month jail sentence and a three-year ban from keeping pets.

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# Puigdemont back in running

## Lawmakers pass measures to restore former leader

by Joe Gerrard

FORMER Catalunya President Carles Puigdemont could return

to the post after regional parliamentarians backed rule changes which would allow him to be sworn in remotely.

Supporters of the ousted leader said they aimed to return him to power by Monday. Eduard Pujol, a spokesperson for Puigdemont's Junts Per Catalunya party, added they did not want fresh regional elections as a result.

The new measures were passed by Catalunya's legislature by a margin of 70 for and 64 against last Friday. They stated Puigdemont would not have to appear in person to be sworn in to office.

Ines Arrimadas, the leader of the pro-unionist Ciudadanos party, said Puigdemont's time had passed and that power should not be in the hands of those who want to 'break Spain.'

"The 'Puigdemont Law' is tailor-made for a fugitive escaping from justice and it is a challenge to democratic rules that will not get him anywhere," she said.

The government in Madrid



COMEBACK: Carles Puigdemont (inset) could become Catalunya's president again.

plans to fight the passage of the new rules in the Constitutional Court, with the Council of Ministers approving appeal efforts on Monday.

Previous attempts to return Puigdemont to the presidency were scuppered by Spain's Constitutional Court. It ruled he would have to be present in the region's Parliament to be legal-

ly sworn in.

Puigdemont remains in Germany on bail in connection with an extradition request from Spain after being charged over last year's independence referendum and declaration.

The former president would likely face trial for sedition, rebellion and corruption if he returned to Spain. A court turned

down the request to extradite Puigdemont back to the country on rebellion charges on the grounds there was no equivalent offence in German law.

He could still be sent back to Spain on lesser charges of corruption, with the government in Madrid claiming funds were misused to hold the referendum.

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## Fresh migrant crisis

### Hundreds rescued by coastguard

A TOTAL of 476 people bound for Spain have been rescued by the country's coastguards in the Mediterranean during a surge in crossings triggered by favourable weather conditions.

Three were taken to hospital with hypothermia, chest pains and a suspected fractured ankle, according to Red Cross sources quoted in Spanish media.

Those three were from around 111 migrants, made up of 103 men and eight women, of the total of 308 picked up on Friday.

Two were taken to Malaga while another was airlifted by helicopter to Almeria 'sick and semi-unconscious,' according to reports.

Maritime Rescue patrols located and rescued the 476 men, women and children from a total of 15 vessels on Friday and Saturday. Calm weather in the Strait of Gibraltar was reportedly a factor in the number of crossings made.

Antonio Sanz Cabello, the government's delegate in Malaga, said on Twitter a total of 308 migrants had arrived on the Andalusian coast in eight boats by the end of Friday.

In a later post he thanked coastguards for their 'professionalism and delivery' during the operations.



RESCUED: Hundreds of migrants were picked up by coastguards in the Mediterranean while attempting to reach Spain at the weekend.

In a separate development a further 105 migrants were reportedly rescued by Proactiva Open Arms, a refugee NGO, in the sea near Libya during their own operation. The group reportedly found the migrants in a boat without an engine.

Most of the migrants picked up over the weekend are believed to be from sub-Saharan Africa. A total of 22,429 people have arrived on the coasts of Europe since the start of this year and 615 have died making the journey, according to United Nations estimates.

# Wing and a prayer

## Budget airline sets up UK base



**GEE WIZZ:** The budget carrier is now the eighth largest airline group operating in the UK.

**By Staff Reporter**

ULTRA-LOW-COST airline Wizz Air has set up a UK subsidiary company based at Luton Airport to deal with the Brexit aftermath.

The new company has been granted an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) and Operating Licence (OL) by the United Kingdom's Civil Aviation Authority. Wizz Air UK will have eight new Airbus A320 and

A321 aircraft in service by the end of 2018 - an investment of £630 million - and will create around 300 new management, pilot and cabin crew jobs.

CEO Jozsef Varadi said, "While Wizz Air UK is a key part of our Brexit contingency plan, it is also the first genuine ultra-low cost carrier licensed in the UK and the natural next step in the development of our UK business."

He added, "It puts us in a

strong position to take advantage of opportunities that may arise in what remains Europe's largest travel market."

Wizz Air is now the eighth largest airline group operating in the UK, with flights to 74 destinations in 23 countries from nine UK airports.

Jozsef Varadi recently met with Theresa May to discuss aviation concerns post-Brexit and thinks UK government has the situation in hand.

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## Best foot forward

THE Mar Menor Charity Walk recently took place to raise funds for DEBRA, the Butterfly Children Charity. This charity supports sufferers of EB (Epidermolysis Bullosa), a rare chronic and incurable disease. In total, 64 walkers from six countries aged between 15 and 82 took part, walking between five and 60kms.

Four walkers, Sheena Sample, Ian Lessels, Phil Grimes and Dan James set off on Sunday at 6.30am to walk the whole 60kms and were

treated to a tremendous reception by fellow walkers and customers on their arrival at the destination. At the end of the walk, all participants received a certificate and a subsidised meal at Paddy Singh's in Los Urrutias.

An incredible €6,013 was raised which, after expenses, allowed for a €5,000 donation to be made to DEBRA in Spain and €600 to DEBRA in the UK, to fund nursing care and research into this non-government funded condition.

## Coro Pilar success

ON Sunday May 20, Coro Pilar are performing a Spring Concert, which is being held in La Iglesia Nuestra Señora

del Pilar, Pilar de la Horadada, after the Mass at approximately 7.15pm.

On Saturday May 26, they

will be holding their annual fundraising coffee and cake morning at the Una Europa Building, Avenida de las Especies, Pinar de Campoverde. The entrance cost is €3.50 for tea/coffee and a piece of cake. Tickets are available from any choir member, or at the door.

Coro Pilar were extremely pleased with their third place award in the seventh Certamen Coral competition, which was held recently in Redován. They faced some very stiff competition from the other choirs and their musical director, Zinoviy Harvat received many complimentary comments from the judges regarding their performance.

If you would like to join Coro Pilar, please either go along to the Campoverde Town Hall at the back of the square at 6.45 on any Thursday evening, or call Rachel Cottis on 966 841 529 for more information.



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**WHAT A BUNCH: U3A ladies displaying their fresh flower arrangements.**

TORREVIEJA U3A is going from strength to strength with several new groups starting up, bringing the number of activities on offer to its members to over 40.

Members are able to enjoy the benefits of all of the existing groups and will now be able to participate in several more. 'What spare time?' has become a common theme within the group.

Throughout the summer months, there will be endless group activities and the social scene is keeping everyone on their toes. Events will include coffee mornings, the summer party ball, afternoon teas and, later in the year, an evening's entertainment provided by the Campoverde Reef Band.

The groups also continue to raise money for charity and donate to their favourite causes,

with the art groups having recently donated €120 to charity and the walking and strolling groups holding a sponsored event on September 20.

For more information about the groups and social events that are available to all members for just €5 a year, please visit [www.torreviejau3a.org](http://www.torreviejau3a.org) or email [torreviejau3a@gmail.com](mailto:torreviejau3a@gmail.com).

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VOLUNTEER fundraisers, Marlene Brown and Joan Rampton are back organising charity fundraising nights, after a few months break. They are returning to their original venue in Guardamar. Formerly called Restaurante El Alto La Dolores, it now has new owners and

has been renamed El Paraiso.

On Wednesday they have organised a joint charity fundraiser for the Children's Care Home Elche and the Stroke Association Spain. Nearly

'new boy in town' Andy Max will be entertaining the crowds with his unique blend of Rock 'N Roll, Rockabilly and songs from the 60's and 70's. Andy not only plays dou-

ble bass, but uses it as an 'assault course' too. He's a fantastic entertainer, a must see artiste.

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## Pantos make money - oh yes they do!

THE Rojasles Pantomime Group recently raised €3,000 from its production of Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves which was performed in Los Montesinos.

This money will be donated to various charities within the region. One of these charities, Help at Home, recently received a cheque for €200.

The group will shortly be holding auditions for their next pantomime Camelot. If you are a budding actor and would like to join a fun loving group then come to these auditions on Wednesday from 6pm at the Culture Centre in Quesada.

They are looking to cast a wizard, a king and a beautiful queen plus lots of knights who look good in tights. In addition to this, they are also looking for behind-the-scene helpers too. Contact director Thelma Judson at [rojalespantomime@gmail.com](mailto:rojalespantomime@gmail.com) or call 634 339 588.



Credit: Rojasles Pantomime Group

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# Take it easy rider

**EASY HORSE CARE** Rescue Centre in Rojas has recently taken in a further seven rescued horses. Unfortunately, their owner couldn't afford to keep them any more and if the centre hadn't rescued them they would have been killed for meat.

This is the second biggest rescue in the centre's history and so they are calling for donations to help them in their good work. Donations will cover the inevitable veterinary expenses required to rehabilitate the animals, and for their ongoing feed and maintenance costs. The centre is also currently trying to rehome Paloma and Pablo. This adorable pair of best friends are looking for a loving forever home together.

Rod and Sue, the centre's co-founders, would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated to



Credit: Sue and Rod Weeding

their recent campaign to replace their broken mini-digger. After eight long months of fundraising, they finally hit their €12,000 target after they were astounded to receive a surprise €2,000 donation from Germany's Epona Foundation for Horse and Environment.

If you would like to volunteer for the centre, they are currently seeking a field clearer and a videographer. For more information about this, or to adopt or donate, please visit their website [www.easyhorsecare.net](http://www.easyhorsecare.net), check out their Easy Horse Care Rescue Centre page on Facebook or search for their hashtag #easyhorsecarerescuecentre on social media.

**WHAT A STUD:**  
Sue Weeding with one of their rescued horses.



Credit: S.A.M.M.'s Balaton Group

**SHIPS AHOY:** Ginetta acclimatises to her new surroundings in Mar Menor.

## Launching of a lady

WITH the fanfare of a bottle of the finest cava, S.A.M.M.'s Balaton Group recently launched their new boat on Mar Menor.

'Ginetta' had been languishing in a field in the UK for seven years. But after a long journey from the UK to Torre Pacheco and a considerable amount of restoration she is now fit to sail the seas again.

Bob Miles, who coordinated the restoration project, had the pleasure of recently skippering her first S.A.M.M. race which she duly won.

The Balaton Group now have four 18ft boats moored on the Mar Menor and are actively seeking new members to enjoy sailing them. For more information and contact details, please visit [www.sailingmarmenor.com](http://www.sailingmarmenor.com).

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## FRANCE

### Caught off-guard

AUTHORITIES plan to beef up security after police were caught ill-prepared in May Day demonstrations after 1,200 hooded anti-capitalists torched cars in the capital.

### Steely response

FINANCE MINISTER Bruno Le Maire has struck back at Donald Trump's planned US steels tariffs and threatened to shut down talks with Washington if France isn't exempted, the government said.

### €5bn boost

THE government has announced a €5 billion master project to transform 222 decaying city centres by building new



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**ON FIRE: A fireman hoses down a burning car after it was overturned in May Day riots.**

stores, offices and renovated housing.

### Uprising marked

FRANCE is commemorating half

a decade since the Paris student and worker uprising, a key moment in France's modern history which almost toppled General de Gaulle's government in May 1968.

## GERMANY

### Heat record

LAST month saw Germany's highest April temperatures since records began in 1881 with an average of 12.4°C, a whopping 5°C more than the 1961-1990 equivalent, according to the German weather service.

### Search again

BRITISH investigators are excavating the Alme's riverbanks near Paderborn

in a renewed search for Katrice Lee, a British toddler who disappeared from the area in 1989, police have revealed.

### Refugees resist

AROUND 200 African migrants in refugee accommodation in the town of Ellwangen stopped a 23-year-old man from being deported to Central Africa by outnumbering police who

arrived to take him away.

### Fair share

GERMAN ministers are concerned about 'fair budget sharing' after the European Commission unveiled its post-Brexit finance plan last week, adding all member states should pull their weight to strengthen the European Union.

## NETHERLANDS

### Growth stunt

ELECTRICITY shortages in key areas are holding back growth of data centres, especially in Amsterdam where it is not possible to expand the grid further, the Dutch Data Centre Association said.

### Goodbye London

CONSUMER GOODS giant Unilever has voted to 'strategically' relocate its headquarters from London to the Netherlands and its chairman Marijn Dekkers said the decision had 'nothing to do' with protectionism.

### Left behind

FORMER soldiers' children from the Maluku Islands contingent - who migrated to the Netherlands in 1951 - want a state apology for not bringing over 300 other youngsters.

### Video passes

THE Dutch public prosecution department will not stop the anti-Islamic PVV Party from broadcasting a propaganda video about the Muslim religion ahead of local elections.

## BELGIUM

### Be nice Belgium

EUROPEAN Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker asked Brussels to grant British EU officials with citizenship, telling Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel 'they deserve it' during a European parliament debate.

### Abortion ahead

BELGIAN MPs will debate the decriminalisation of abortion after a survey showed public support for the move which would see Belgium join France in approving the procedure, according to reports.

### Farage outrage

NIGEL FARAGE has caused uproar in Brussels' European Parliament claiming 'Belgium is not a nation' but an artificial creation, while slating EU leaders for ignoring Brexit.

### Russian 'block'

A RUSSIAN government-run website has hinted the recent blockade of Air Belgium flights in Russian airspace is a Moscow backlash against the EU, according to a statement.

## SWEDEN

### Card please

SWEDEN could be the world's first cashless country as more of its citizens have access to a payment card than to cash - and 85 per cent use on-line banking - the central bank said in a report.

### School's out

STUDENTS from Sturenskolan School in Boden have enjoyed a month free of tests and homework which were shelved because they cause stress and make "children feel bad," headteacher Petronella Sirkka said.

### Meatball moan

SWEDISH meatballs are actually Turkish not Swedish and based on a recipe King Charles XII brought back from a visit to 18th century Turkey, according to Sweden's official Twitter account.

### Access denied

THE mother of Mahmoud Alizade - a 17-year-old stabbed to death at a school in Soderort - has been refused the visa she needs to attend her son's funeral, according to local media.

## NORWAY

### Stargazing huts

THE Snohetta design studio will build a planetarium next to Norway's largest solar observatory in Harestua by 2020 allowing travellers to observe the 'magical' night skies, local astronomer Vegard Lundby said.

### Better idea

SCOTTISH judges are interested in Norway's 'child home' method of interviewing child sexual assault victims at locations away from police stations, hoping it might increase convictions, the BBC reports.

### Eastern robes

TOP Pakistani fashion designers are set to showcase their best designs and jewellery at the 'Colours of Pakistan' fashion show which is being held in Oslo later this month.

### €17.5bn loss

THE country's state pension fund lost €17.5 billion in the first quarter of 2018 due to rocky global equity and bond markets according to Norges bank, which manages the money.

## DENMARK

### Rare wolf

A FILM which captured the illegal shooting of a wolf - one of the first to freely roam the county in 200 years - has sparked outrage among nature lovers, according to national media.

### Sirens sound

EIGHTY per cent of the population heard alarm bells when the defence ministry ran its annual emergency siren tests preparing Danes for their use in major disasters, media sources report.

### Tax lingo

THE government has released tax guidelines in five different languages to make it easier for newcomers to navigate the country's 'complicated' tax system, official Anne Dorte Erstad Jorgensen said.

### Faking first

A Malaysian court has sentenced a Danish resident to jail for 'fake news' after complaining on YouTube about an ambulance team's 'slow response' to a Palestinian's shooting in Kuala Lumpur.



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**HACKED OFF:** Experts said cyber attacks were picking up ahead of the World Cup.

# Online strikes step up ahead of World Cup

ONLINE attacks aimed at Russia and people heading to the country for the World Cup are becoming more frequent and sophisticated, crime analysts have said. Scams including spam emails about winning tickets to the event and fake websites offering cheap flights and hotels have sprung up and popular websites have been infected with viruses.

Sukhoi Su-30SM fighter jet plunged into the sea shortly after taking off from Russia's Khmeimim air base where planes regularly fly from to target troops fighting Syrian government forces.

## 'Statue vandal' caught

A MAN who allegedly toppled a sculpture of Russia's ruble currency in the town of Syktyvkar has reportedly confessed less than a week after the incident, according to local police. The glass and metal statue of the Russian Cyrillic letter R was found shattered on the ground shortly after the incident last month.

## Demonstrators fined

PROTESTORS in St Petersburg have been arrested and fined for waving non-Russian flags and some were jailed following May Day rallies. Vadim Charushev was reportedly fined 11,000 rubles (€ 143) after allegedly being caught with a British flag and was charged for violating public assembly laws and resisting arrest.

## Haircuts for veterans

MOSCOW authorities arranged for Second World War veterans arriving in the city for the Victory Day celebrations to receive free haircuts. Barbers were also on hand to provide free home services for the former soldiers, Moscow region consumer official Vladimir Posazhenikov said.

## Syria crash deaths

TWO Russian pilots were killed after a military plane crashed off the coast of Syria in what is reportedly believed to have been an accident. The

## 'Monstration' march

SEVERAL people took to the streets of Moscow for Monstration marches recently for a light-hearted take on protesting. An estimated 100 to 150 people turned out, with demonstrators bearing signs which read: 'We Ban Bans,' 'Piece, Work, Nonsense' and 'The Future Ripens in a Corner.' The idea behind the protests is to spoof traditional demonstrations by carrying signs which make little or no sense.

**'BAN BANS':** Between 100 and 150 people took part in the parody protests.



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The amount owed in unpaid community fees across Spain, with up to 40 per cent of Communities of Property Owners affected, according to the latest government data.

**Countries show united tax front**

FRANCE and Spain have agreed on the need for 'financial harmonisation' in the European Union to clamp down on tax havens and unfair competition between member states.

It comes as French Minister of European Affairs, Nathalie Loiseau, and Spanish Secretary of State for European Affairs, Jorge Toledo, attended a debate organised by the Faculty of Law at Madrid's Complutense University.

Both officials also insisted that 'Euroscepticism must be fought against,' with citizens becoming 'more invested in the European project'.

**Norwegian rejects IAG bids**by *Matt Ford*

LONG-HAUL budget airline Norwegian Air Shuttle (NAS) says it has unanimously rejected two takeover offers from the owner of British Airways.

International Airlines Group (IAG), which owns 4.6 per cent of Norwegian, is reportedly aiming to increase its share of the market amid fears of competition from low-cost rivals.

But the NAS board said in a statement that it had rejected IAG's 'conditional proposals' because they 'undervalued NAS and its prospects.'

The rapidly-expanding carrier

added that the board 'would remain fully committed to delivering on its stated strategy.'

Shares in the airline plummeted by up to 10 per cent in the wake of the failed bid before a slight recovery.

IAG last month announced that it had acquired a minor stake in NAS 'intended to establish a position from which to initiate discussion, including the possibility of a full offer for the firm.'

But in an analyst presentation the company confirmed it had failed to

strike a full takeover deal as it said: "IAG confirms that it has had contact with the Norwegian board regarding a possible offer, without reaching an agreement."

"IAG is currently considering its options in relation to Norwegian."

The company - which also owns Spanish flag-carrier Iberia - also revealed a jump in operating profits in the first quarter of 2018, with underlying earnings before exceptional items up to €280 million compared to €160 million over the same period last year.

**Economy cheer as hike goes on**

THE General Council of Economists has revised its growth forecasts for Spain.

According to the national body, gross domestic product is expected to rise by 2.6 per cent in 2018 and 2.4 per cent in 2019.

The figure represents an increase of one 10th compared to earlier predictions.

It comes after the country's economy expanded by 0.7 per cent from January to March.

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**€60m VAT conmen held in clampdown**

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**VAT'S UNBELIEVABLE:** The gang reportedly laundered money via luxury car dealers.

THE Spanish tax agency, National Police and Europol have busted the country's biggest VAT fraud scheme, with the culprits accused of cheating the state out of at least €60 million.

Raids across the country saw 58 people held in Madrid, Elche, Malaga, Cordoba, Murcia, the Basque Country and Navarra, with €400,000 in cash and 52 high-end sports cars seized.

It comes in the wake of a three-year probe during which the gang's ringleaders, two men of Indian ori-

gin holding Spanish passports, were found to have built an elaborate racket after setting up 100 bogus companies.

The pair reportedly fled to the United States after realising that the authorities were investigating them, from where they continued to direct the scam.

Detectives said that the group specialised in the import and sale of undeclared electronic goods before laundering much of the proceeds via luxury car dealerships in Galicia.

**» BUSINESS EXTRA****€2.1bn tech tax scheme**

SPAIN hopes to raise €2.1 billion by 2019 by slapping 'certain electronic transactions' with a new digital tax and using the cash to boost state pension hikes, Economy Minister Ramon Escolano has revealed.

**Good job**

THE Spanish Ministry of Employment has revealed that the number of jobless people across the country fell by 86,683 in April with more than 18.6 million now in paid work, the most for almost a decade.

**Fuel's gold**

MADRID-BASED global energy firm Repsol has announced an 8 per cent year-on-year increase in adjusted first-quarter profit after higher oil and gas prices helped the company rake in €616 million in January-March this year.

**Uranium miner's list plan**

LONDON-BASED mining firm Berkeley Energia has announced it is to apply for admission to the main board of the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and its Spanish equivalents in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and Valencia.

The company - currently listed on the Alternative Investment sub-market of the LSE - owns a controversial uranium mine in Salamanca.

Managing Director Paul Atherle said the

move "represents a major strategic move forward."

"It will allow us to build support amongst European institutional investors whilst we advance activities on site," he added.

Last summer, Berkeley received €100 million from Oman's sovereign wealth fund to help finish construction of the Spanish mine, with production set to start in early 2019.



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,720.00	-31.40	-1.79	24,342.66
Associated British Foods	2,697.50	-8.50	-0.31	21,335.62
Admiral Group	1,988.25	0.00	0.00	5,698.71
Ashtead Group	2,050.00	-37.00	-1.77	10,080.97
Antofagasta	971.50	-24.50	-2.46	9,696.89
Aviva	538.00	1.00	0.19	21,504.89
AstraZeneca	5,200.00	-5.00	-0.10	65,863.91
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,571.14
Barclays	208.90	3.30	1.61	34,675.26
British American Tobacco	3,925.00	37.00	0.95	89,406.59
Barratt Developments	557.00	-4.60	-0.82	5,684.43
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,063.00	-13.00	-0.32	5,531.28
British Land Co	676.00	4.00	0.60	6,602.83
BHP Billiton	1,575.00	-26.40	-1.65	32,906.08
Bunzl	2,583.50	416.50	19.22	7,246.57
BP	550.50	-7.60	-1.36	108,540.69
Burberry Group	1,851.00	-24.00	-1.28	7,669.15
BT Group	236.50	1.60	0.68	23,033.70
Coca-Cola HBC	2,474.50	24.50	1.00	9,012.85
Carnival	4,735.00	-19.00	-0.40	9,693.58
Centrica	146.75	-7.90	-5.11	8,646.15
Compass Group	1,580.00	20.00	1.28	24,680.73
Croda International	4,468.50	0.00	0.00	5,867.33
CRH	2,662.50	0.00	0.00	22,080.83
DCC	7,542.50	237.50	3.25	6,517.66
Diageo	2,624.00	-39.00	-1.46	64,131.46
Direct Line Insurance Group	368.50	3.20	0.88	4,998.13
Evrax	475.80	-5.80	-1.20	7,017.06
Experian	1,700.50	-4.50	-0.26	15,499.71
easyJet	1,616.00	-25.00	-1.52	6,406.97
Ferguson	5,575.00	5.00	0.09	13,714.72
Fresnillo	1,281.00	-28.00	-2.14	9,553.83
G4S	230.35	-30.15	-11.57	4,012.42
Glencore	363.50	3.50	0.97	51,828.09
GlaxoSmithKline	1,458.00	-11.20	-0.76	72,038.83
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,784.50	-11.50	-0.64	8,504.53
Halma	1,248.50	0.00	0.00	4,711.35
HSBC Holdings	712.50	-1.90	-0.27	144,929.18
International Consolidated Air Grp	649.00	-29.00	-4.28	13,126.71
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,645.00	-22.00	-0.47	8,808.95
3i Group	945.50	0.50	0.05	9,133.61
Imperial Brands	2,575.00	-25.00	-0.96	24,749.47
Informa	757.00	2.30	0.30	6,234.42
Intertek Group	4,990.00	-20.00	-0.40	8,045.45
ITV	154.95	3.70	2.45	6,042.14
Just Eat	791.00	-3.80	-0.48	5,419.76
Johnson Matthey	3,310.00	-6.00	-0.18	6,332.41
Kingfisher	292.50	11.30	4.02	5,996.98
Land Securities Group	986.25	6.25	0.64	7,287.07
Legal & General Group	270.50	-2.10	-0.77	16,285.22

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.26	-0.12	-0.18	46,557.66
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,363.00	33.00	0.76	14,899.28
Micro Focus International	1,305.50	45.50	3.61	5,449.01
Medilnic International	696.40	2.40	0.35	5,042.75
Marks & Spencer Group	287.50	-1.40	-0.48	4,635.45
Mondi	1,975.50	40.00	2.07	6,957.38
Melrose	219.00	-12.50	-5.40	10,190.75
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	244.00	-2.00	-0.81	5,715.35
National Grid	845.00	-6.00	-0.71	28,386.41
NMC Health	3,514.00	-30.00	-0.85	7,310.67
Next	5,175.00	31.00	0.60	7,327.62
Old Mutual Group	245.50	-5.70	-2.27	12,322.08
Paddy Power Betfair	6,735.00	-115.00	-1.68	5,802.96
Prudential	1,888.50	-5.00	-0.26	48,815.77
Persimmon	2,825.00	95.00	3.48	8,504.61
Pearson	868.50	-25.10	-2.81	6,479.55
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,650.00	-77.00	-1.34	39,173.53
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	267.50	-4.70	-1.73	32,290.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,540.00	-38.00	-1.47	116,905.17
RELX	1,564.50	-8.00	-0.51	16,363.85
Rio Tinto	4,001.00	-74.00	-1.82	53,349.50
Royal Mail	529.70	-69.10	-11.54	5,934.00
Rolls-Royce Group	832.70	-3.10	-0.37	15,436.74
Randgold Resources	6,070.00	20.00	0.33	5,763.32
RSA Insurance Group	652.00	14.80	2.32	6,553.82
Rentokil Initial	265.50	-51.90	-16.35	5,799.13
Sainsbury (J)	255.55	-45.75	-15.18	6,628.83
Schroders	3,352.50	7.50	0.22	7,526.55
Sage Group (The)	651.40	3.40	0.52	6,864.93
Segro	639.90	0.00	0.00	6,400.70
Shire	3,850.00	-6.00	-0.16	35,108.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,955.00	-93.00	-3.05	7,168.11
Sky	1,322.50	-50.00	-3.64	23,481.78
Standard Life Aberdeen	373.45	11.15	3.08	10,954.67
Smith (DS)	535.60	3.80	0.71	5,677.77
Smiths Group	1,632.50	-4.50	-0.27	6,442.92
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	495.00	8.00	1.64	6,745.99
Smith & Nephew	1,373.75	75.75	5.84	11,395.58
SSE	1,387.50	-8.00	-0.57	14,070.24
Standard Chartered	738.65	-9.35	-1.25	24,514.24
St James's Place	1,105.50	-53.50	-4.62	6,090.25
Severn Trent	1,948.00	-56.00	-2.79	4,749.11
Tesco	239.25	-1.45	-0.60	23,351.24
TUI AG	1,730.00	0.00	0.00	10,120.68
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	4.60	2.38	6,320.37
Unilever	3,970.00	-11.00	-0.28	48,716.39
United Utilities Group	773.00	4.00	0.52	5,250.54
Vodafone Group	210.00	-0.50	-0.24	55,739.81
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,3500	+1.25%	1,2100	84,616,62
APPLE	183,830	+3.92%	6,940	933,161,73
BOEING CO	334,430	+1.13%	3,740	194,745,17
CATERPILLAR	146,370	+1.80%	2,590	87,521,91
CHEVRON	125,53	-0.38%	-0,48	239,806,37
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,300	+1.94%	0,860	218,185,34
COCA-COLA	42,36	+1.12%	0,47	180,338,03
DOWDUPONT	64,47	+1.58%	1,00	149,953,69
EXXON MOBIL	76,90	+0.47%	0,36	325,679,28
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,1000	+1.22%	0,1700	122,463,27
GOLDMAN SACHS	234,94	+0.66%	1,53	91,058,87
HOME DEPOT	185,0300	+1.00%	1,8400	213,194,99
IBM	143,91	+1.35%	1,92	132,095,64
INTEL CORP	52,7800	+0.96%	0,5000	246,377,04
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	108,4300	+1.11%	1,1900	369,080,32
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,1900	+0.94%	1,1600	333,237,50
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,0300	+3.09%	4,9500	129,767,33
MERCK AND CO. NEW	57,75	+0.38%	0,22	155,517,74
MICROSOFT	95,160	+1.16%	1,090	732,558,31
NIKE	68,10	+1.79%	1,20	87,396,33
PFIZER	34,8400	+0.23%	0,0800	207,278,48
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,430	+1.50%	1,070	182,157,59
TRAVELERS CIES	129,71	+1.89%	2,40	35,047,48
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	119,51	+1.54%	1,81	95,679,11
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	235,90	+0.75%	1,75	226,689,19
VERIZON COMMS	48,19	+0.73%	0,35	199,116,09
VISA	128,16	+0.77%	0,98	228,910,46
WAL-MART STORES	87,5300	+1.51%	1,3000	258,489,50
WALT DISNEY CO	101,1500	+2.42%	2,3900	152,021,59

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Super Micro Computer, Inc.	\$ 21.25	3.20 ▲ 17.73%
Solid Biosciences Inc.	\$ 18.87	2.77 ▲ 17.20%
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 89.75	11.58 ▲ 14.81%
Kona Grill, Inc.	\$ 2.05	0.25 ▲ 13.89%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	\$ 73.66	8.75 ▲ 13.48%
TPI Composites, Inc.	\$ 26.02	3.06 ▲ 13.33%
Benefitfocus, Inc.	\$ 34.45	4.05 ▲ 13.32%
Control4 Corporation	\$ 23.69	2.74 ▲ 13.08%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 2.60	0.29 ▲ 12.55%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Universal Electronics Inc.	\$ 29.025	16.425 ▼ 36.14%
Adverum Biotechnologies, Inc.	\$ 5.325	1.025 ▼ 16.14%
Performant Financial Corporation	\$ 2.66	0.43 ▼ 13.92%
Gogo Inc.	\$ 8.33	1.26 ▼ 13.14%
Xperi Corporation	\$ 20.15	2.90 ▼ 12.58%
Century Aluminum Company	\$ 14.76	1.64 ▼ 10%
Xcel Brands, Inc	\$ 2.80	0.30 ▼ 9.68%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 17.45	1.85 ▼ 9.59%
Harvard Bioscience, Inc.	\$ 5	0.50 ▼ 9.09%
Appian Corporation	\$ 26.25	2.57 ▼ 8.92%
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THE global airline industry is set to wage war against credit card firms.

Working with German financial services company Deutsche Bank, carriers aim to save billions of Euros in transaction fees using a new electronic real-time payment system for web-based ticket sales.

The scheme, which does not yet have a brand name, is earmarked to be trialled in Germany before being rolled out across Europe by the end of 2018. Spaniard Javier Orejas, senior banking manager for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, said: "We are developing an industry-wide payment solution that is an alternative to credit cards."

According to IATA, credit card payment processing costs the industry up to €6.7 billion per year, with credit card companies including Visa and Mastercard charging between 1 and 3 per cent for each transaction.

But the new system will employ a fixed rate which will be "a matter of cents," Orejas added.

It has been made possible by a new



**FARE ENOUGH:** The new scheme will be trialled in Germany and has already gained the support of the country's biggest carrier Lufthansa.

European Union ruling that forces banks to hand third parties access to customer data and trigger payments.

Customers will enter their bank account details before Deutsche checks their balance in real time, collecting

the fees and transferring the money to the relevant airline once it sees that sufficient funds are available.

"Most banks view this in a defensive manner and only reluctantly open their data," said Shahrokh Moinian,

global head of cash products at Deutsche. "For us, it's an opportunity for change. We have asked ourselves: why can't we behave like a tech company?"

But introducing new payments systems can be tricky, because companies will only buy into schemes that their clients are willing to use, and vice versa.

IATA and Deutsche believe that convincing Europe's biggest airlines to adopt the system will see them break through this barrier.

"We are currently in talks with large carriers," Orejas told the *Financial Times*, noting that there is "a lot of appetite among airlines."

Meanwhile, travellers will be lured in with offers of flight discounts or extra loyalty miles.

Germany's largest carrier Lufthansa said in a statement that it is in favour of modern payment initiatives, adding: "We believe that competition in payment and distribution systems is a basic factor for decreasing cost while improving customer experience."

### Tourists splash record amount in first quarter

MORE than 13.7 foreign tourists spent almost €14.4 million in Spain during the first quarter of 2018, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

The record figures represent increases of 6 and 7.7 per cent on the same period in 2017, respectively.

In March alone more than 5.4 million holidaymakers flocked to the country as visitor numbers soared by 9.6 per cent compared to last year.

The average tourist stayed for 7.5 days and spent €1,064, with Britons (2.8 million), Germans (1.85 million) and French (1.69 million) travellers topping the rankings in terms of numbers.

And the destinations raking in the most cash were the Canary Islands (€4.5 million), Cataluña (€3.1 million) and Andalucía (€2.2 million).



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SO, there he stood.

Rick the Roo Boy, 6.30am, outside my hotel room, dangling some bewhiskered rodent up to the spy hole and asking 'if I was ready?'

For those who missed last week's introduction to this Australian saga, I was touring the great 'down under' and while appearing in Melbourne had recently mentioned in a radio interview that I had 'yet to see a kangaroo.' A local character had phoned in and offered to 'show me all the kangaroos I wanted.'

I had completely forgotten the incident and suddenly here he was, at my hotel room, raring to go, about 10 minutes after I personally had actually staggered into bed! His broad Australian 'rasp' once more penetrated my befuddled senses.

"Come on Leapy," he shouted through the door, "don't wanna be late."

"Freddy the ferret here wants to get him a few rabbits." What!?! Having very little choice I fumbled with the door and as he burst in I turned and moved hastily to the bedroom, calling over my shoulder for him to take a seat and that 'I wouldn't be a minute'.



**AUSSIE RULES: Nurses, 'uppers' and bunny bashing.**

I shut the bedroom door and flopped down onto the bed. Oh my God, I thought, what am I going to do? Well one thing was for sure, if I was going 'kangaroo hunting' I wasn't going on my own. Quickly downing a couple of 'wake up' pills, kindly donated by a couple of thoughtful young nurses, (who had only actually left around half an hour before!) I lifted the phone and began to ring

around the group.

The first member, my drummer, didn't answer at all. The next two mumbling musos blearily uttered hardly discernible 'no ways,' even under the threats of getting an early flight back to Blighty.

Mike, my guitarist was next. Mike was just a big old softy really and after extreme begging and pleading, plus the promise of a couple of 'uppers,'

he finally, very reluctantly, agreed to accompany me on the 'hunt.'

One hour later Mike, me, Rick the Roo Boy and Freddy the ferret were bouncing across the Australian outback in a jeep. We pulled up in the middle of nowhere. Rick leapt from the vehicle, clutching the wriggling Freddy in a sack and gleefully exclaiming that first, we were going to catch us a few rabbits for supper.

"Take these two clubs," he enthused, "and go over and stand on that hillock. I'll put Freddy down these burrows and when the rabbits pop out over there just hit 'em over the head!"

Oh really! Mick and I, both utterly 60's peace and love, further enhanced by the effects of the 'uppers' wandered reluctantly over to the distant, rabbit-holed mound, and just stood there, looking at each other. At that point those Australian rabbits were the safest animals on earth. There was no way in the world that either of us could have bashed their heads in as they emerged from the ground on that sunny morning. So, there we stood and waited... And I'm afraid that's what all of us will have to do 'til I round it all off next week. Back to my old 'telling it all as I see it' soon. Promise.

*Keep the Faith,  
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# Trigger-happy 'generation snowflake' forever in Neverland

**Nora Johnson**  
Breaking Views



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

AN over-praised and narcissistic generation of university students is persistently trying to negotiate better grades - or 'grade grubbing' as it's called - academics recently reported.

When university education was free, most students were grateful for what they got and wouldn't have considered complaining. But now students have to pay high fees, they're the customer and, understandably, expect to receive good grades in return for their financial investment.

But they argue frequently and aggressively about low grades, even when some of them haven't attended lectures, aren't particularly clever or just plain lazy.

Universities are scared stiff of getting low Student Satisfaction scores, which would lead to a lower student intake the following year and therefore loss of income. So, fundamentally students can do almost anything



**SNOWFLAKES:** Over-praised and narcissistic university students.

they please and they know this.

Basically, too much 'Aren't you clever, darling' and not enough 'naughty step!' from their parents?

Newsflash: 'The University of Neverland acknowledges that law students are required to study topics in the criminal law module that may distress them, specifically murder, manslaughter, assault, rape and other sexual offences. At the start of lectures, relevant trigger warnings will be given and any student needing to leave may do so then.

'If an appeal is made without delay to the university indicating which parts of the course cause discomfort or anxiety, examination questions on these topics will be replaced with substitute questions on fraud, theft, corporate liability or other non-trigger topics.'

I made this up but you get the idea. Heck! I need trigger warnings for stories like this because my blood pressure spikes whenever I read about what a collection of girl's blouses young people have become.

Whatever next? A trigger warning at the beginning of a crime novel that someone, maybe even another person, will be dead by the close? Phew! As the author of crime thrillers perhaps I'd better shift gears and focus solely on fairy tales... set in Neverland!

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

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

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Some people tell us we must register for tax in Spain and some tell us we don't have to. A website tells us that if we earn less than €22,000 per year, we do not have to register in Spain. We are now confused.

I have recently begun earning from buying shares in properties with a Spanish company, and so I agree I must now register. Can you please clear up the matter?

N K (Costa Blanca)

**A.** YES you must declare for Spanish tax. Here is a simple rule: if you reside officially in Spain, your worldwide income is subject to Spanish tax.

In your case, you want to find a Spanish tax consultant who speaks English so you can understand. Ask your friends. The limit of €22,000 applies only when the income received has been subject to Spanish withholding tax during the year. Clearly, this does not apply to a UK pension.

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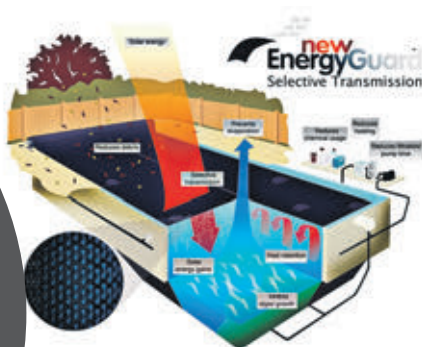
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2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	800 Words
4:00pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Britain's Best Home Cook
10:00pm	Ambulance
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	Question Time
12:45am	This Week

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12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
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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
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7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
10:00pm	Red Ape: Saving the Orangutan
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:15am	Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure

**BBC FOUR**

4:35am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days <i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective</i>
8:30pm	Danceworks
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals
11:00pm	Time Shift
12:00am	The Magic of Mushrooms <i>Professor Richard Fortey delves into the fascinating and normally hidden kingdom of fungi.</i>
1:00am	Tankies: Tank Heroes of World War II
2:00am	The Trains That Time Forgot: Britain's Lost Railway Journeys
3:00am	Danceworks
3:30am	The Mystery of Van Gogh's Ear

**CHANNEL 4**

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	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
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
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7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Food Unwrapped
10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?
11:00pm	Riot Girls
11:30pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:30am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
1:25am	The Real Football Fan Show

**CHANNEL 5**

9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:15pm	Sinister Stepmother
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
9:00pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
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**sky sports main event**

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid <i>Day five of the Mutua Madrid Open on the ATP World Tour from the Caja Magica.</i>
1:30pm	Live the Players Featured Groups
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	Live the Players Championship
1:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Tonight
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
10:00pm	Who Wants to be a Millionaire?
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Great Art
12:50am	Give it a Year
1:15am	Lethal Weapon
2:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Tonight
4:25am	ITV Nightscreen

**itv2**

8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
7:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Celebrity Juice
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
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9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	The Widower
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2:30am	On the Buses
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**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:45am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Cash Cowboys
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:40am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	The Protectors
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Chester
5:00pm	Snooker v Darts
5:05pm	The Saint
6:10pm	The Avengers
7:15pm	Pawn Stars
7:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship Live
10:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Bourne Supremacy
12:10am	The Bank Job
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	The Bank Job
2:30am	River Monsters
3:30am	The Protectors
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

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7:00pm	Central Intelligence
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:20pm	The Mummy
1:15am	Desperado

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

5:25am	Licence to Drive
7:00am	Flirting with Love
8:20am	The Truth About Cats and Dogs
10:00am	Airplane!
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1:30pm	Rough Night
3:25pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:15pm	Clueless
7:05pm	Roxanne
9:00pm	Rough Night
11:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
12:45am	Stuck on You
2:50am	This is Spinal Tap
4:20am	Juno

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4:25am	Where's the Money
6:10am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special
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10:20am	My Cousin Rachel
12:10pm	The Stolen
1:55pm	Dunkirk
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5:35pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
7:15pm	The Stolen
9:00pm	Dunkirk
11:00pm	My Cousin Rachel
1:00am	Girl Flu
2:50am	Zoology
4:35am	Austin Found

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1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
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4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Play-Off Final Highlights
8:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	The Debate - Live



**Cassandra Nash**

*A weekly look*

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

HOW dare they! No, not the tribunal - one of them a woman - who decided in Pamplona that the gang rape of an 18-year-old by five men during the San Fermin fiestas in 2016 wasn't rape but sexual abuse.

No, how dare the public and a minister or two, including Justice Minister Rafael Catala, criticise the verdict, thundered Spain's judiciary.

Inevitably they closed ranks once criticism rained down on three judges' bizarre insistence that rape is rape only where violence and intimidation are present.

They had analysed the evidence, interpreted existing laws and there was nothing more to be said, insisted judges and fiscales of all shapes, sizes and persuasions. No violence, no intimidation, no rape.

So being corralled in a dark deserted doorway by five men with their trousers down isn't intimidating? And obliging a young girl to allow herself to be used in every conceivable sexual manner isn't violence in itself?

No, a woman presumably has to put up resistance and allow herself to be beaten to a pulp before she can hope for justice in this country. And as more than one person has pointed out, this isn't a case of 'No means no' because only 'Yes' ever means yes.

# Only yes means yes



Credit: Twitter/Guardia Civil

**THE WOLF PACK: The five men found guilty of sexual abuse.**

## Olay was her undoing

AFTER weeks of clinging to the wreckage of her political career, Cristina Cifuentes, regional president of the Madrid community resigned.

She was game to any of the opposition parties because that's what they're there for. But the ex-president had enemies in her own Partido Popular who watched gleefully as she painted herself into a corner over a Master's degree in Au-

## Vote catcher

THE PSOE is the only party not affected by a fall-off in women voters.

Fifty-six per cent vote for the PSOE, compared with 51 per cent for Podemos, 46 per cent for the PP and 1 per cent for Ciudadanos. Which must mean that Spanish females are committed socialists. Or, perish the thought, they prefer tall, dark and handsome Pedro Sanchez to Mariano Rajoy, Pablo Iglesias or Albert Rivera.

tonomous Law to which she may or may not have been entitled. Then CCTV footage emerged, showing her apparently detained for shoplifting two pots of face cream in 2011.

She took the only viable option of jumping before she was pushed but even Podemos supremo Pablo Iglesias said the rising star was the victim of a vendetta inside her own party, an opinion shared by Cifuentes herself.

Apparently Cifuentes' undoing was two pots of Olay. Olay! If it had been Crème de la Mer it still wouldn't have been worth it. Not when other politicians, many of them from her own party, have been getting away with millions.

## Jobs take priority

CATALANS worry more about unemployment than independence, a Centre for Sociological Investigation (CIS) study found.

Jobs were their greatest preoccupation, said 43 per cent of the population, followed by the economy (37.7 per cent) and health-care (34.1 per cent). Independence was cited by only 26.1 per cent. No surprises there: former Regional President Carles Puigdemont increasingly reveals that his main interest is Carles Puigdemont, not independence.

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## BBC one

12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Garden Rescue
4:45pm	Flipping Profit
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
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

7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Flipping Profit
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Home Away From Home
3:30pm	Going Back Giving Back
4:15pm	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	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	The Bridge
11:00pm	Episodes
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Louis Theroux
1:40am	Versailles
2:30am	Versailles

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018
10:00pm	Eurovision at 60
11:30pm	Latin Music USA Series revealing the musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA.
12:30am	Arena 1990 documentary in which the citizens of Havana talk about their lives, their city and Cuba under Castro, despite anxieties and fears about opening up to a foreign film crew.
2:15am	Eurovision at 60
3:45am	Latin Music USA Series revealing the musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA.
4:45am	This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.

## CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:05am	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
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	Unreported World
9:00pm	Our Wildest Dreams
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Friday Night Dinner
11:30pm	High and Dry
12:00am	First Dates
1:05am	The Crying Game

## CHANNEL 5

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:15pm	Tormenting Abigail
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
11:00pm	The Great Rameses: New Evidence Revealed

## 4

10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
5:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Transporter
11:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory
12:50am	Tattoo Fixers
1:50am	Gogglebox

## sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:30am	Live Spanish F1 GP: Practice
11:55am	Cricket
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Live the Players Championship
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News All the news from the Premier League and beyond.

## itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Who Wants to be a Millionaire?
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole
12:45am	Take Me Out
1:45am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Take on the Twisters

## itv2

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed! Gold
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Fast and Furious
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Fast and Furious
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy

## itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	The Widower
12:00am	An Hour to Catch a Killer with Trevor McDonald
1:00am	Appropriate Adult

## itv4

7:00am	The Protectors
7:25am	The Chase
8:15am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Cash Cowboys
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Saint
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	The Protectors
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Chester
5:00pm	The Saint
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars Christmas Special
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Motorbike Show
10:00pm	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera
11:00pm	Octopussy FYI Daily Latest news from the world of entertainment.
12:10am	Octopussy
1:45am	The Americans
2:45am	Minder
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

## sky CINEMA ACTION &amp; ADVENTURE

11:00am	Tarzan
1:00pm	Highlander
3:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:15pm	Underworld: Blood Wars
5:00pm	Pele: Birth of a Legend
7:00pm	Tarzan
9:00pm	Highlander
11:00pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
1:00am	Kill Bill Vol.2

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

12:05pm	Robin Hood: Men in Tights
1:55pm	The House
3:30pm	The Other Guys
5:30pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
7:15pm	The Boss
9:00pm	The House
10:35pm	The Other Guys
12:30am	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
2:10am	Talladega Nights.

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Lou
7:20am	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
9:00am	Anon
10:50am	Everything, Everything
12:30pm	Anon: Special
1:00pm	Anon
2:50pm	Dunkirk
4:50pm	The Stolen
6:40pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
8:30pm	Anon: Special
9:00pm	Anon
10:50pm	Dunkirk
12:45am	My Cousin Rachel
2:40am	Girl Flu
4:25am	Zoology Award-winning oddball drama about a middle-aged zoo worker whose life changes for the better when she begins to grow a tail. In Russian with English subtitles.

## sky sports football

1:30pm	Live Chinese Super League
3:35pm	La Liga Greatest Games
3:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:00pm	To be Announced
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	La Liga Preview
7:00pm	SPFL Matters
7:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00pm	To be Announced
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	The Debate - Live

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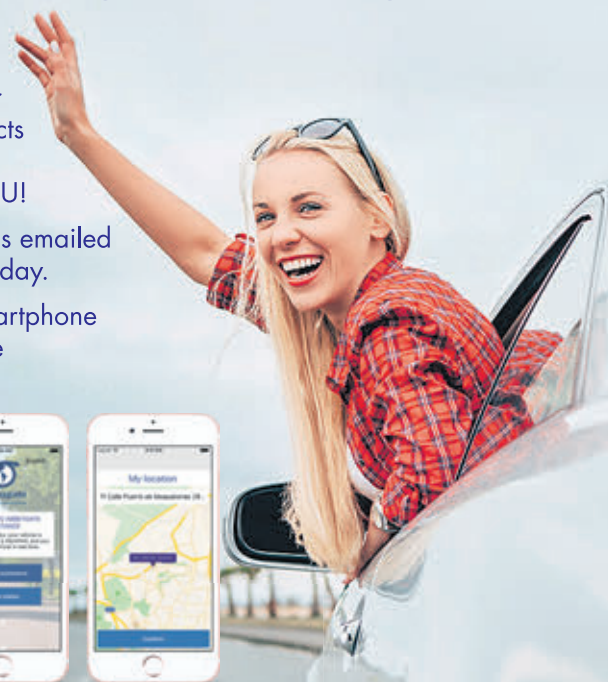
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## BBC one

2:30am	BBC News
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	Rugby League's Legendary Watersplash Final
3:00pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup
5:30pm	Doodlebugs
5:45pm	Big Hero 6
7:20pm	Ready or Not
7:50pm	BBC News
8:00pm	Regional News
8:05pm	Weather
8:10pm	Pointless
9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest 2018
12:35am	BBC News
12:50am	Weather
12:55am	Lay the Favourite
2:20am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:25am	BBC News

## BBC TWO

8:30am	Dengineers
9:00am	Absolute Genius: Super Tech with Dick and Dom
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Robot Wars
11:00am	Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	The World According to Kids
2:00pm	Money for Nothing
2:10pm	Escape to the Country
2:55pm	Finding Neverland
4:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
5:30pm	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
6:30pm	Love in the Countryside
7:30pm	The Forest
8:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
9:00pm	Coast Lives
9:30pm	Dad's Army
10:00pm	The Private Life of the Royal Academy
11:20pm	My Old Lady
1:00am	Versailles

## BBC FOUR

4:45am	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
11:40pm	Burt Bacharach: A Life in Song
1:10am	Sings Bacharach and David!
2:10am	Nature's Epic Journeys
3:10am	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom
4:10am	Wild Burma: Nature's Lost Kingdom

## CHANNEL 4

8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Frasier
11:00am	Frasier
11:30am	The Big Bang Theory
12:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:25pm	The Big Bang Theory
12:55pm	The Simpsons
1:25pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:00pm	Location, Location, Location
6:00pm	Formula 1
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance
9:00pm	Britain's Most Historic Towns
10:00pm	Cowboys and Aliens
12:15am	2 Guns

## CHANNEL 5

6:35am	Nick's Quest
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:05am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	The Gadget Show
12:25pm	Police Interceptors
1:25pm	Police Interceptors
2:20pm	Police Interceptors
3:20pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
4:20pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
5:15pm	Nightmare Tenants
6:15pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
7:10pm	Rich House, Poor House
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Live Boxing: Fury v Sexton
12:15am	When Eurovision Goes Horribly Wrong
2:55am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

## 4

7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:25am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:25am	Made in Chelsea
10:30am	Don't Tell the Bride Ireland
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:30pm	Young Sheldon
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Evolution
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Friends with Benefits
12:10am	Gogglebox
1:10am	Gogglebox
2:15am	The Inbetweeners
2:50am	The Inbetweeners

## sky sports main event

7:10am	Rugby Union
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Rugby League
11:15am	Paddock Uncut
11:30am	Live Spanish F1 GP: Practice <i>The third and final practice from the Spanish Grand Prix at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.</i>
1:15pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
3:45pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
6:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
8:15pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Live the Players Championship
1:00am	European Rugby Champions Cup Final Highlights
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

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	Countrywise
12:50pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:00pm	Little Big Shots
2:00pm	Midsomer Murders
4:00pm	Ninja Warrior UK
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:15pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:45pm	ITV News
11:00pm	Terminator 2: Judgment Day
1:25am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Babushka

## itv2

9:55am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:50pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:50pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:50pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
4:45pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
5:45pm	FYI Daily
5:50pm	Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
6:25pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
7:30pm	FYI Daily
7:35pm	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
10:20pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:20pm	Celebrity Juice
12:10am	Family Guy

## itv3

5:40am	Love Your Garden
6:35am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express
11:25am	A Touch of Frost
1:25pm	Columbo
3:00pm	Prince Harry in Africa
4:00pm	Prince Harry and Meghan: Truly, Madly, Deeply
5:00pm	Invitation to a Royal Wedding
6:05pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
10:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
12:00am	Poirot: Murder on the Orient Express
2:30am	On the Buses
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen <i>Text-based information service.</i>
3:30am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

## itv4

7:00am	Sporting Funnies
7:05am	The Protectors
7:35am	Minder
8:25am	Motorsport UK
9:25am	British Superbike Championship Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	Lawman
1:25pm	FYI Daily
1:30pm	Lawman
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live From Ascot
5:30pm	Octopussy
6:30pm	FYI Daily
6:35pm	Octopussy
8:15pm	Police Academy 3: Back in Training
9:15pm	FYI Daily
9:20pm	Police Academy 3: Back in Training
10:00pm	Passenger 57
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Passenger 57
11:45pm	Cycling
12:50am	Executive Decision
1:55am	FYI Daily

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	Charlie's Angels
8:45am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:45am	Willow
1:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
3:30pm	The Dark Tower
5:15pm	Birth of the Dragon
7:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
9:00pm	Fast and Furious 8
11:30pm	The Dark Tower
1:15am	Birth of the Dragon
3:00am	Fearless

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:50am	Mean Girls
9:30am	Bridesmaids
11:40am	Hot Tub Time Machine
1:30pm	Baywatch
3:30pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
5:40pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
7:15pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:00pm	Bridget Jones's Baby
1:10am	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:25am	Zoology
6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special
7:00am	Everything, Everything
8:40am	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>
10:20am	Dunkirk
12:15pm	Anon: Special
12:45pm	Anon
2:30pm	Annabelle: Creation
4:30pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:50pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
6:40pm	Anon: Special
7:10pm	Dunkirk
9:00pm	Anon
10:45pm	Annabelle: Creation
12:40am	My Cousin Rachel
2:30am	Anon
4:30am	Girl Flu

## sky sports football

6:00am	Football's Greatest
6:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
7:00am	EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
9:30am	EFL Greatest Games
9:45am	EFL Greatest Games
10:00am	Info not available
10:30am	SPFL Matters
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	SPFL Matters
1:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
3:45pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
6:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
8:15pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Info not available
1:00am	La Liga Icons
1:15am	La Liga Icons
1:30am	La Liga Icons
1:45am	La Liga Icons
2:00am	Info not available
5:45am	SPFL Greatest Games

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## BBC one

10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	The Big Questions
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall
3:15pm	Lifeline
3:25pm	Points of View
3:40pm	Songs of Praise
4:20pm	Britain's Best Home Cook
5:20pm	Final Score
6:30pm	BBC News
6:45pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The a-Z of the Rhs Chelsea Flower Show
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	British Academy Television Awards 2018
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day

## BBC TWO

7:05am	Glorious Gardens From Above
7:50am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
8:20am	Gardeners' World
9:20am	Countryfile
10:15am	The Beechgrove Garden
10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:15pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
1:00pm	Athletics
2:00pm	Triathlon World Series
4:00pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup
6:30pm	Flog It!
7:00pm	Tomorrowland
9:00pm	Neanderthals - Meet Your Ancestors
10:00pm	Burma with Simon Reeve
11:00pm	Atlanta
11:25pm	Atlanta
11:50pm	Later Weekend with Jools Holland
12:50am	Versailles
1:45am	Versailles
2:40am	Versailles

## BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Young Musician 2018
10:30pm	History of the Future: Cars <i>Phill Jupitus looks at how we thought the car of the future was going to turn out and finds out why it didn't happen that way, focusing on the classic era of the 1950s and 60s.</i>
11:00pm	The Sky at Night <i>A look at the world of astronomy.</i>
11:30pm	The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles
12:30am	Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy
1:30am	Science and Islam
2:30am	How it Works <i>From the Stone Age to the Silicon Age, materials have helped drive forward our civilisation.</i>
3:30am	The Horizon Guide to Space Shuttles

## CHANNEL 4

7:40am	King of Queens
8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:25am	Eat the Week with Iceland
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
2:30pm	The Simpsons
3:00pm	The Simpsons
3:30pm	Cheaper by the Dozen
5:25pm	Extreme Cake Makers
6:30pm	Channel 4 News
7:00pm	Formula 1
9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
10:00pm	Eddie the Eagle
12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
1:05am	Good People
2:35am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
3:25am	When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:00pm	Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:55pm	Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:55pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:55pm	Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
3:50pm	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
5:40pm	Garfield
7:10pm	Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud
8:00pm	Kitten's Got Talent
9:00pm	Psycho Pussies: When Cats Attack
9:55pm	5 News
10:00pm	Kylie at 50: Especially for You
11:35pm	Muriel's Wedding
1:40am	Fail Army
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Yorkshire Vet
5:00am	Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
5:45am	House Doctor

## 4

7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:20am	Made in Chelsea
10:30am	Black-Ish
11:00am	Black-Ish
11:30am	Black-Ish
12:00pm	Black-Ish
12:30pm	Black-Ish
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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3:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
3:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:30pm	Young Sheldon
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	Battleship
10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:35pm	The Inbetweeners
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers
2:10am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
3:05am	Rude Tube

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
10:00am	Total Goals
10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Soccer Speical Pre-Match
1:00pm	Football
3:55pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday <i>A match from the final day of the 2017-18 Premier League season.</i>
6:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
8:00pm	Live the Players Championship <i>The fourth and final day of the PLAYERS Championship from TPC Sawgrass.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

## itv

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	Ninja Warrior UK
3:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
4:00pm	Change Your Tune
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
7:00pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather
8:00pm	Little Big Shots
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	Great Art
1:20am	This Time Next Year

## itv2

12:20pm	You've Been Framed!
12:55pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
1:55pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
2:55pm	FYI Daily
3:00pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
4:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
5:20pm	Britain's Got More Talent
6:20pm	Despicable Me
7:20pm	FYI Daily
7:25pm	Despicable Me
8:25pm	Pacific Rim
9:25pm	FYI Daily
9:30pm	Pacific Rim
11:00pm	Family Guy
11:30pm	Family Guy
11:55pm	Family Guy
12:25am	American Dad!
12:55am	American Dad!
1:25am	The Cleveland Show
1:50am	Through the Keyhole
2:55am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

## itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	On the Buses
7:25am	Murder, She Wrote
8:25am	Heartbeat
9:25am	Heartbeat
10:30am	The Nun's Story
1:30pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor
2:30pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor
3:30pm	A Very Royal Wedding
5:00pm	Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings
6:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Japan
11:00pm	Cilla
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
5:10am	Road to Avonlea
5:55am	George and Mildred

## itv4

7:00am	The Avengers
7:55am	The Avengers
8:50am	The Saint
9:55am	The Saint
11:00am	Cash Cowboys
11:55am	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	Pawn Stars
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:20pm	Pawn Stars
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:15pm	Pawn Stars
2:45pm	Tobruk
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	Tobruk
4:55pm	Police Academy 3: Back in Training
5:55pm	FYI Daily
6:00pm	Police Academy 3: Back in Training
6:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship Live
9:00pm	Sporting Funnies
9:10pm	Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
10:10pm	FYI Daily
10:15pm	Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
11:00pm	Ransom
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	Ransom

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special
10:00am	Iron Man 3
12:15pm	12 Rounds
2:15pm	Top Gun
4:15pm	Robin Hood
6:45pm	Iron Man 3
9:00pm	Top Gun
11:00pm	12 Rounds
1:00am	Terminator Salvation
3:00am	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:00am	Anon: Special
7:30am	Mean Girls 2
9:15am	Get Him to the Greek
11:15am	Shallow Hal
1:15pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:35pm	Fist Fight
3:20pm	Snatched
5:00pm	The Bounty Hunter
7:00pm	The Longest Yard
9:00pm	Fist Fight
10:40pm	Snatched
12:20am	Shallow Hal
2:20am	Mrs. Brown's Boys D'Movie

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:30am	Girl Flu
6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	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>
8:50am	Everything, Everything
10:40am	Dunkirk
12:40pm	Anon
2:40pm	Anon: Special
3:10pm	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul
5:00pm	Annabelle: Creation
7:00pm	Dunkirk
9:00pm	Anon
11:00pm	Rise of the Footsoldier
12:45am	Annabelle: Creation
2:45am	The Stolen
4:40am	Anon

## sky sports football

7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:00am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:15am	SPFL Greatest Games
8:30am	Info not available
9:00am	Info not available
9:30am	Info not available
10:00am	Info not available
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Soccer Speical Pre-Match
1:00pm	Football
4:00pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
6:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
9:00pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	Football
12:10am	Football
2:15am	One2eleven
2:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
2:45am	SPFL Greatest Games
3:00am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns
5:00am	EFL Greatest Games
5:15am	EFL Greatest Games



**TV COUCH CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

THERE are an increasing band of TV celebrities who have a fan base so loyal (or sheep-like, you choose) that with the protection of social media have become somehow un-touchable.

Do I dare share some thoughts? Of course! Piers Morgan, Jane McDonald, and Jeremy Clarkson to name just three.

So with the return of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* this week (ITVI, until May 11) I paused before deciding if I should include something, or not, but here goes.

The show is celebrating 20 years with a run of seven shows with Mr Clarkson trying, oh he is trying so hard, to fill



Photo credit ITV/Channel 4

**WELCOME RETURN: Friday Night Dinner.**

Photo credit ITV/Channel 4

**TRYING SO HARD: Jeremy Clarkson on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire.**

Chris Tarrant's shoes. ITV has introduced a new 'Ask the Host' option for contestants, that's useful if there is a question about cars or having a temper and taking it out on your co-workers.

Jeremy started out by making an obviously scripted off the cuff remark about winners being able to live like The Queen, with an old Greek upstairs, which Clarkson fans loved and fans of the show probably thought didn't need to be there.

Jeremy hasn't (yet) been overly

supportive to contestants who struggle with the earlier/easier questions, but the viewing figures aren't too bad, after all you can get Top Gear on catch up.

My view, if you like Jeremy you will love it, if you like the show, you will probably put up with the new host, while most of us will dip in and out as the feeling takes us.

Thankfully Jeremy wasn't invited to dine with the Goodmans when *Friday Night Dinner* returned to *Channel 4* last Friday and a good job too. Jackie and Martin have bought a hot tub so there would have been a risk of Mr Clarkson in budgie smugglers, think I will leave that one there.

This is series 5 so there is a risk that Adam and Jonny turning up for dinner on Friday and something going wrong will start to look stale. The first episode of the new series shouldn't have disappointed fans of the show, Jim and Wilson are back and the 'nippy-nippy' sequence surely had anyone watching with a family member squirming in their seat.

Jackie's mum returns later in the

run, so that should keep things bumping along nicely and what did you make of Jim's potential new girlfriend, more this week?

I'm really not trying to keep the image of Jeremy in swimming trunks alive, but thankfully he didn't make it to the Levante beach (hi to all our readers in the Costa Blanca) for the final episode of *Benidorm* last week. Most of us probably agree that the show has gone off the boil recently, but I will miss the antics around the pool in this smashing part of Spain.

There was a nice guest appearance for the creator of the show when Derren Litten launched a possible takeover bid as Elvis from Skegness and Claire Sweeney, Bobby Ball and Holly Johnson all pitched in to push the show to a conclusion. I think I will be a little bit sad not to have the cast doing their thing anymore.

It's the *Eurovision Song Contest* this Saturday (BBC1, for over three hours). Watch out for Cyprus, but Israel, Spain and the UK are not expected to make the top 10.

*Happy viewing.*



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## BBC one

10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Doctor Blake Mysteries
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Royal Recipes
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Fake Britain
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show

## BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road
8:15am	Flipping Profit
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Week in Parliament
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Going Back, Giving Back
3:30pm	Digging for Britain
4:30pm	Tudor Monastery Farm
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	Inside the Factory
10:00pm	Heart Transplant: A Chance to Live
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Burma with Simon Reeve
1:15am	Versailles

## BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Civilisations Stories
9:00pm	The Sky at Night
9:30pm	Hawking
11:50pm	The Search for a New Earth
1:20am	The French Revolution: Tearing Up History
2:20am	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>
3:15am	How it Works <i>From the Stone Age to the Silicon Age, materials have helped drive forward our civilisation</i>
4:15am	Civilisations Stories
4:45am	This is BBC Four

## CHANNEL 4

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
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter 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
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	Holidays Unpacked
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	Catching a Killer
11:20pm	Myanmar's Killing Fields
12:20am	999: What's Your Emergency?

## CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:20pm	Murder, She Baked: A Peach Cobbler Mystery
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	World's Fastest Train
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Cocaine: Addicted Britain
12:05am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:05am	America's Toughest Prisons
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain

## 4

10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Black-ish
5:30pm	Black-ish
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:05am	The Big Bang Theory
12:35am	The Big Bang Theory
1:05am	Tattoo Fixers

## sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Total Goals <i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Total Goals
11:00am	Live ATP 1000: Rome <i>Day one of the Italian Open on the ATP World Tour from the Foro Italico in Rome.</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

## itv

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's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Innocent
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	On Assignment
12:20am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:10am	Jackpot247

## itv2

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
12:15pm	You've Been Framed!
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Plebs
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	American Dad!
12:30am	American Dad!

## itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:15pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young Twice
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Invitation to a Royal Wedding
10:00pm	Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks

## itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars Christmas Special
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Cash Cowboys
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:35pm	The Avengers
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8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Bourne Supremacy
12:10am	RoboCop 3
1:10am	FYI Daily
1:15am	RoboCop 3
2:20am	Motorsport UK
3:15am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen

## sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

7:00am	True Lies
9:30am	Keanu
11:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:30am	The Mummy
1:30pm	Air Force One
3:45pm	True Lies
6:15pm	Armageddon
9:00pm	The Mummy
11:00pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
1:00am	Kill Bill Vol.2
3:30am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
5:15am	Stone of Destiny

## sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:30am	Juno
12:15pm	Big Daddy
2:00pm	Dude, Where's My Car?
3:30pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:20pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
7:15pm	Clue
9:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm	Pineapple Express
12:45am	Keeping up with the Joneses

## sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:40am	Anon
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Part. 1: Special Everything, Everything
7:00am	Everything, Everything
8:40am	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>
10:20am	Anon: Special
10:50am	Basmati Blues
12:50pm	Anon
2:45pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:00pm	Annabelle: Creation
5:00pm	The Stolen
7:00pm	Basmati Blues
9:00pm	Anon
10:45pm	Annabelle: Creation
12:40am	Rise of the Footsoldier
2:25am	Anon
4:10am	Anon: Special
4:40am	Girl Flu

## sky sports football

8:30am	Football Countdowns
9:00am	Football's Greatest
9:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
10:00am	To be Announced
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga 2017/18
1:05pm	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	La Liga Icons
6:15pm	La Liga: The Story of Las Palmas
7:30pm	Info not available
8:00pm	Soccer A.M.
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
11:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
11:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:00am	Info not available
12:30am	Magical Messi



# Not open all hours

**Mike Senker**  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I'VE been reading lately that shopping online is killing high street, bricks and mortar, shopping. This in my opinion is due to many reasons. Of course, the biggest one is the convenience - you don't have to get off your backside; you just click a couple of buttons.

Another is the massive shopping centres like Westfield. I've just got back from a few days in the UK and the thing is the high streets just haven't moved with the times. I was staying in Borehamwood. It has a nice high street but most of the shops are eateries - you can buy every type of food you want.

There is an abundance of nail places and estate agents but no 'shop' shops. At the back of the high street there is a mini shopping park where there are some of the big name stores but they are all closed up by 6pm.

Why? I remember when I had my first shop, we opened at 9.30am and closed at 5.30pm and had half-day closing on a Thursday. Remember those days?

This was 1980 and I had just opened my first video rental shop. After the first few weeks I realised that this couldn't work be-

cause the only customers I was getting were people who didn't work those hours or local workers who nipped in during their lunch break, so I changed my hours to be open 10am-7pm and no half-days and I opened Sundays too.

Business boomed, even though I had to fight the council tooth and nail not to be fined. Back to Borehamwood - I wanted to buy a pair of shoes. I got to the shop at 6.02pm and everything was locked up and gone. I'm sure if everyone opened later they would have a better chance of survival.

Of course they won't because you can't cover those opening hours with one shift. For us living here in Spain we are spoilt - we can shop from 10am till 10pm.

Sure we have some stores that still take a siesta but you don't half miss the longer hours when you are in the UK. Plus, here we still have thriving high streets with a great selection of independent retailers.

OK stand up Jet2 and take a bow. I used them for the first time this trip and they are head and shoulders above Ryanair. Their staff were so helpful and it's the little things like having a pocket on the back of the seat to put a paper and more legroom - give them a try.

So there you go I was temporarily happy this week.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	The Doctor Blake Mysteries
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	Royal Recipes
5:30pm	Hardball
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	Manchester Bomb: Our Story
12:55am	Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa
1:55am	Weather

**BBC TWO**

5:45am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	Royal Recipes
9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	Going Back, Giving Back
3:30pm	Digging for Britain
4:30pm	Tudor Monastery Farm
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal
10:00pm	Nigeria's Stolen Daughters
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Love in the Countryside

**BBC FOUR**

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	James May at the Edge of Space
9:00pm	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction
10:00pm	The 21st Century Race for Space
11:00pm	The First Men in the Moon
12:30am	Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time
1:30am	Egypt's Lost Queens
2:30am	Aristotle's Lagoon
3:30am	How it Works From the Stone Age to the Silicon Age, materials have helped drive forward our civilisation.
4:30am	James May at the Edge of Space James May always wanted to be an astronaut.

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's 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
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
9:00pm	The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
10:00pm	The Windsors Royal Wedding Special
11:00pm	Meet the Markles
12:00am	First Dates

**CHANNEL 5**

6:10am	Wildlife SOS
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:15pm	Cradle Swapping
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Intercity 125: The Train That Saved Britain's Railways
11:00pm	In Their Own Words
12:05am	Countdown to Murder
1:05am	When Kids Kill
2:00am	Super Casino

**4**

10:00am	New Girl
10:30am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
4:30pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Black-ish
5:30pm	Black-ish
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-ish
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates
2:10am	Tattoo Fixers

**sky sports main event**

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
	Bitesize
7:30am	World Cup of Pool
11:30am	Live ATP 1000: Rome
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
5:00am	Sky Sports News All the news from the Premier League and beyond.

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Regional News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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	Innocent
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Regional Programmes
12:15am	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow

**itv2**

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	Coronation Street
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Fast and Furious
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Fast and Furious
12:15am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	American Dad!

**itv3**

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:30pm	The Royal
2:35pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	You're Only Young
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:00am	The Street
2:15am	The Street
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Saint
12:40pm	The Avengers
1:45pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights
10:00pm	Unknown
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Unknown
12:15am	The Keeper
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	The Keeper
2:20am	Minder
3:15am	Ax Men
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

8:45am	Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
10:40am	The Accountant
12:50pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
3:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
5:00pm	Aeon Flux
6:45pm	The Accountant
9:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
11:15pm	The Hurricane Heist
1:05am	Aeon Flux

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

8:05am	Dirty 30
9:40am	Miss Congeniality
11:35am	Uncle Buck
1:25pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:45pm	Going in Style
3:30pm	The House Bunny
5:15pm	Made of Honour
7:05pm	Roxanne
9:00pm	Going in Style
10:45pm	T2: Trainspotting
12:50am	Raising Arizona
2:30am	The Heartbreak Kid
4:30am	Jackass: Number Two

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

7:00am	The Stolen Gritty frontier western about an immigrant Brit who sets out for a remote New Zealand town in search of her kidnapped baby son.
8:50am	Basmati Blues
10:50am	All About the Money
12:40pm	Anon
2:35pm	Annabelle: Creation
4:40pm	Anon: Special
5:10pm	Basmati Blues
7:10pm	All About the Money
9:00pm	Anon
10:45pm	Annabelle: Creation
12:40am	Rise of the Footsoldier
2:25am	Girl Flu
4:05am	Anon: Special
4:35am	Anon

**sky sports football**

11:00am	EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
1:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	Revista de la Liga
3:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
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7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
8:00pm	To be Announced
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	Info not available
12:30am	SPFL Round Up 2017/18

# Take back (digital) control

The week after next, Terence Kennedy will insist that Facebook deletes his digital indiscretions

## TECH FOR THE TIMID



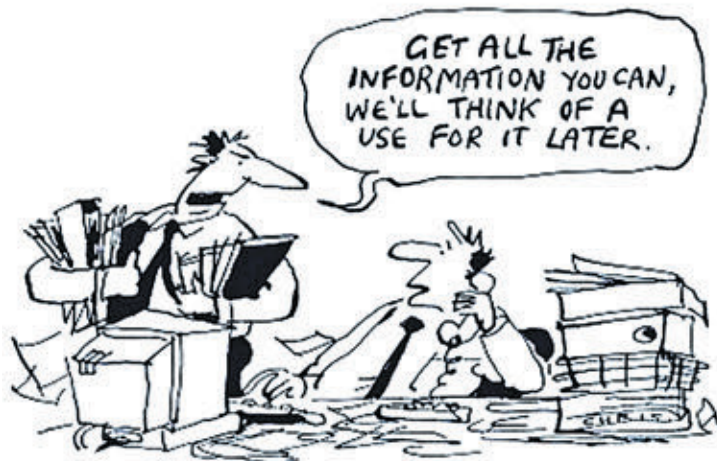
SOON the world's digital overlords will apparently hold 40 zettabytes of information on us.

No I don't know what that means either, but when a colleague recently asked Facebook for all the information it held on him, he got nearly a gigabyte back.

That's the equivalent of 200 copies of the Bible in plain text, if you're interested. Or not, if you're an atheist.

Most alarming of all was that it listed every call he had ever made and every message he had ever sent. The good news is that this changes in a fortnight. At least it does for we Europeans, thanks to the acronym of the moment: GDPR.

From May 25 the General Data Protection Regulation means that organisations may no longer treat us unilaterally as just so much advertising fodder, to be milked of every possible bit of personal information for



### GDPR: Keep calm and comply.

their nefarious or even non-nefarious purposes. If they do, it's goodbye €20 million or more in fines.

The likes of Facebook, Amazon, Google or that popular anatomical research site Pornhub may not harvest our personal data without asking us, may not hit us with 40 screens of terms and conditions we cannot understand as an excuse, may not refuse to tell us what they know about us,

and must delete it if we insist. I certainly do.

If they get hacked they have to 'fess up' within 72 hours.

Not only may they merely store our details for a 'reasonable' time, but we will have the hitherto denied 'right to be forgotten' if we want to opt-out of any part of our brave new digital world.

It's not just our direct personal data

which is affected. Anything which could be identified directly back to us may not be collected without our explicit consent. That includes the 'IP address' which pinpoints your specific computer or phone even if you think you operate online anonymously.

The good news for non-Europeans is also that the GDPR will reverberate far beyond the old world's borders. Any company has to comply when doing business with Europe (here's lookin' at you Facebook and Google).

So: The Empire Fights Back? Will it all make a difference where online privacy has devalued more than a Zimbabwean dollar?

A recent survey revealed that 32 per cent of the respondents intend to ask at least one organisation exactly what information it holds on them.

I will certainly be asking Google to delete details of all those searches I did back then on performance-enhancing substances undetectable by local Scrabble clubs. Purely for scientific purposes, you understand.

## Trackdown

WE'VE all seen those ads which mysteriously track us right across the internet - irritatingly offering to sell us the very item we just bought.

But it's not just GCHQ, the NSA or even the former KGB who'd like to track us physically too. Soon we might pass the supermarket and our phone might entreat us to buy today's special on biodegradable crumpets.

The GDPR doesn't (yet) tackle the thorny issue of surveillance, but it's coming. Proposed legislation hopes to take the next step: banning surveillance unless you agree.

Would anyone, other than 'helicopter' parents obsessing where their children are 24/7? Or a nurse keeping tabs on someone like my granddad, whose 105th birthday we celebrated this week? (Though sadly he died at 62).

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7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
9:00pm	Watchdog Live
10:00pm	Panorama
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	A Question of Sport
12:15am	F.A. Cup

**BBC TWO**

9:00am	Nightmare Pets SOS
9:30am	Britain in Bloom
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
12:30pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Lifeline
2:10pm	Coast
2:45pm	Going Back, Giving Back
3:30pm	Digging for Britain
4:30pm	Victorian Farm
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads
7:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes
10:00pm	Love in the Countryside
11:00pm	Detectorists
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Atlanta
12:40am	Atlanta
1:05am	Versailles

**BBC FOUR**

4:55am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	The History of the Future: Cars
9:00pm	Cosmonauts: How Russia Won the Space Race
10:00pm	The Last Man on the Moon
11:30pm	Dam Busters Declassified
	<i>Martin Shaw takes a fresh look at one of the most famous war stories of them all</i>
12:30am	Planet Ant: Life Inside the Colony
2:00am	The Last Seabird Summer?
	<i>Series following Adam Nicolson and the seabirds of the Shiantis.</i>
3:00am	Cosmonauts: How Russia Won the Space Race
4:00am	The History of the Future: Cars

**CHANNEL 4**

7:00am	Countdown
7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
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6:00pm	Four in a Bed
6:30pm	Buy it Now
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
10:00pm	24 Hours in a and e
11:00pm	What Makes a Woman?
12:05am	Gogglebox

**CHANNEL 5**

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Paddington Station 24/7
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
4:15pm	Manic Mom
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm	Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm	When Kids TV Goes Horribly Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino

**4**

9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
9:30am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Black-Ish
5:30pm	Black-Ish
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
6:30pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Black-Ish
9:00pm	The Goldbergs
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The 100
11:00pm	Timeless
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

**sky sports main event**

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	World Cup of Pool
11:30am	Premier League Daily
12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Rome
	<i>Day three of the Italian Open on the ATP World Tour from the Foro Italico in Rome.</i>
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
	<i>Mumbai Indians take on Kings XI Punjab in the VIVO Indian Premier League.</i>
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News

**itv**

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	Local News and Weather
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Local News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Innocent
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Local News and Weather
11:45pm	UEFA Europa League Final Highlights
12:45am	Play to the Whistle

**itv2**

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	The Cube
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Fast Five
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Fast Five
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	Family Guy

**itv3**

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:55am	Judge Judy
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:50pm	On the Buses
5:20pm	On the Buses
5:55pm	You're Only Young
	Twice
6:25pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	The Street
12:20am	The Street
1:35am	A Touch of Frost
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

**itv4**

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
	<i>Detective Inspector Jack Regan tracks three crooks who are planning a robbery.</i>
12:45pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	TV Racing: Live from York
5:30pm	Storage Wars
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Road Racing Series
10:00pm	Joey: The Man Who Conquered the TT
11:30pm	Ransom
12:35am	FYI Daily
12:40am	Ransom
1:55am	The Americans
2:55am	Minder
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

**sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE**

7:00am	The Day the Earth Stood Still
9:00am	Monster Trucks
11:00am	Assassin's Creed
1:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
3:15pm	Salt
5:00pm	Monster Trucks
7:00pm	Assassin's Creed
9:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
11:15pm	Salt
1:00am	Death Warrant
2:40am	Cyborg 009

**sky CINEMA COMEDY**

9:40am	Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous
11:40am	Nine Months
1:30pm	Girls Trip
3:40pm	The Longest Yard
5:40pm	The Cable Guy
7:20pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	The Longest Yard
1:10am	Sausage Party
2:45am	48 Hrs
4:25am	Jackass 2.5
5:40am	Did You Hear About the Morgans?

**sky CINEMA PREMIERE**

4:35am	Anon
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
	<i>Sky Movies takes a special look at the blockbuster superhero sequel, starring - among others - Robert Downey Jr, Chris Hemsworth and Scarlett Johansson.</i>
7:00am	Basmati Blues
9:00am	All About the Money
10:45am	The Stolen
12:35pm	Anon
2:25pm	Annabelle: Creation
4:20pm	Basmati Blues
6:15pm	All About the Money
8:00pm	Anon
10:00pm	Annabelle: Creation
12:00am	Miss Hokusai
1:40am	Rise of the Footsoldier 3
3:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
4:00am	Anon

**sky sports football**

11:00am	EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
1:30pm	La Liga World
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:15pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
2:45pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	La Liga World
4:00pm	Info not available
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup
	Greatest Games
5:15pm	Scottish Cup
	Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Info not available
6:30pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
6:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	La Liga World
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8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
11:30pm	La Liga World
12:00am	Info not available

# Bentley Continental GT inspires kitchen

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



SALON INTERNATIONAL DEL MOBILE, Milan April 2018. The centrepiece of the Bentley Home collection presented at the salon was the kitchen. An idealised expression of the focal point of modern family living.

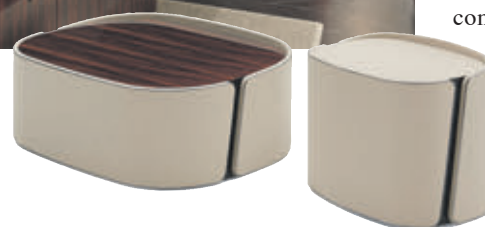
Designed by architect Carlo Colombo the Bentley Home draws together the materials and finishes of the luxury British carmaker.

Elegance, combined with luxury and contemporary design are the hallmarks of the Bentley Home collection. A line of furniture and accessories embodies a superb representation of the Bentley Car's design language further enhanced by Italian flair and manufacture.

The design of the collection focuses on proportion and shape rich in detail, with new patterns and sinuous geometries emphasised by metal details drawn from the interiors of the new Bentley Continental GT, as with the new Bampton sofa whose shape is highlighted by a



Photo credit Bentley Home Collection



**SUPERCAR EFFECT:** The Bampton Sofa is inspired by the interior of the Bentley Continental GT.

metallic profile.

The Buxton kitchen is defined by linear design enhanced by the richness of the finish. A central island made of larch, houses the Calacatta

**LUXURY:** The Buxton kitchen revealed.  
**STYLISH:** The leather outer cover is framed by a metal profile, a motif of the collection.

Gold marble top flared at the corners and characterised by a perimeter groove. The dynamic surface creates a movement effect while manual sliding panels create an elegant snack top and at the same time reveals a

steel under top and hi-tech cooking module. The absence of handles in the doors and the recessed opening emphasises the sophistication and cleanliness of the shapes.

The Bentley design language and style is reflected in the materials, the new larch wood, with its warm shades and dark veins is modelled to embellish sofa and seat frames or combining it with leather in table and coffee table surfaces.

Upholstery fabrics of soft velvets in silk and cotton, high performance chenille and Alcantara fabrics worked with a chevron motif in colour patterns of delicate and pastel shades. Stone grey and quartz grey tones combined with natural shades define a collection of a distinctive contemporary character.

Elements of the Bentley kitchen may be acquired selectively to enhance the ambiance at the heart of your home. A Bentley Home Matlock coffee table, combines elements, two curved modules create the structure on which the top made of new larch wood is fitted.

The leather outer cover is framed by a metal profile which is the motif of the collection, at €5,300, or the Bampton sofa - a design inspired by the dashboard of Bentley cars - at €19,030. Prices are excluding local taxes.

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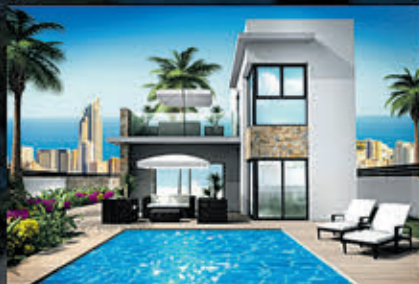
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## If only someone could come up with a solution

MOST of us retirees enjoy a wonderful life here in Spain - the weather's amazing, the lifestyle is great, the people are friendly, our pensions go further etc.

However, the nagging thing that is always there in the background, and spoils it is we are all inevitably 'getting older' and what this may entail. Who will look after us?... especially if we lose our 'other halves.' It isn't fair to just plonk yourself on your family, or near, unless they want you of course. Perhaps you do not have any family...?

So many decide, reluctantly, they will have to go back to the UK as there are Retirement Homes, Warden Controlled Homes, Independent Living Villages etc to choose from. Most do not want to but feel there is no alternative.

Why can't we have Warden Controlled Homes, Independent Living Villages, Retirement Homes here with an in-house warden or nurse or both (hopefully who speak English as so many of us just cannot master Spanish). Maybe a DIY man on call, a gardener, a weekly driver to run us to Gibraltar, Sabinillas, Estepona or wherever.

### Check the rates when changing cash

I WAS very interested to read the letter from Helen Stretch regarding unfair exchange rates in Benidorm. A similar thing happened to me in January this year at an exchange shop in the Old Town area. Again there was a large sign outside the shop offering the daily rate on a variety of currencies with no mention of minimum amounts for the rate shown.

I fortunately went into the shop with my husband and, as there was already a customer at the counter, was able to see his transaction. He was changing £100 and the woman behind the counter started to count out some coins but the rate advertised outside would have only needed notes. I would point out that I did change my money with an exchange shop on the main road in Benidorm and received the correct amount for my pounds. The moral of this is check before you hand over any money!!

Sylvia Stevens, Torrevieja



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EXCHANGE: Read the small print first.

### More on motorhomes

I READ with annoyance Messrs May (La Marina), article regarding motorhome freeloaders.

Obviously they have annual problems in their small village with the convergence of motorhomes. Unfortunately, there are always bad apples in any basket. It is stated photos have been taken with motor homers emptying their sewage in and around the parkland.

If this is true, why were the local authorities not notified, and action taken? How do Messrs May think motor homers stock up with food and drink, if they do not contribute to the economy? Visitors to Spain do not pay taxes for emptying their rubbish, or the refilling of water, however, we do patronise local businesses. All items are taxed!

You are tarring us all with the same brush, and I object! If people abuse the law, then they should expect to be dealt with (including the Spanish). We are NOT all free loaders, because we choose to avoid campsites (another Issue)!

Dave Turre, on the road

This is what we need, a solution to the problem and then... WE CAN ALL STAY HERE!!

Sandy Avis, Marina de Casares *who advertise with us in Costa Blanca so your idea could hopefully become reality across Spain.*  
**Editor's note. Thank you Sandy and there are already homes just like this**

### HAVE YOUR SAY

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## RAILWAY RACE ROW: Asian teen appeals for help

I find it unbelievable that no-one on the train stood up for this poor girl during what is, without doubt, a racist attack. Had I been on that train I would have spoken out vociferously. All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing!

Suzanne

Notice all those people standing by and doing nothing. Shame on them all. Poor innocent defenceless girl on her own. Shocking!

Anne Nancy Traynor

Where was the security guard?

Janette McEwan

### WATCH: 'Reckless' driver of Brit-plated car strikes wrong chord with police in Spain

He shouldn't worry. Their courts recently gave an American who was over the limit a one-year suspended sentence after he ran down and killed a 46-year-old British father of three. I guess the young American hot footed it out of Spain and will never return.

Saya Sendiri

Drivers like this add to our insurance costs, and, more importantly, they add to the carnage on the roads.

Ron Curtis

### Comments from EWN online

Another Brit car not taxed, mot'd and then that makes insurance if they had any void... Crush them all...

Samantha Bartlett

### BnB website for naturists launches with holiday listings in Spain

These beaches attract all the old recycled teenagers! Puke! Brighton, England. I don't want my kids to see these unsightly crews on the beach. If that is what they want then put up 10-foot screens and keep them inside and charge them an indecency fee!

Anne Nancy Traynor

I used to be a beach seller in the south of France which I did in summer and went on to the nudist beach to sell and they weren't all old but seemed weird. No-where to keep their money haha!

Caroline Baldwin

Who the hell wants to see anyone's bits out ... honestly the older the him and hers gets, the more gross it looks.

Marje Turner

The Germans are most prolific nudists. You can walk around there in a mixed sauna in your birthday suit but you can't mow your lawn on a Sunday.

Michael Hearne

### UNMASKED: 'Hot cop' police officer at centre of Twitter meltdown in Spain identified

Have to say most of the police in Spain are hot lol.

Mary Teresa Mc Donnell-Keogh

### Vet arrested in Spain for trafficking drugs inside puppies to stand trial

Disgusting thing for a vet to do, unbelievable. x

Pam Hooker

Defies belief, just pure greed, I trust he'll be struck off!

Susan Poole

That's awful how low can some people go makes me sick

Myra Craven

### Gran's tips

CLEANING out some cupboards, I came across old tubes of glue, super-glue, shoe polish and such.

The tops were completely stuck and the glue as hard as hell. I remembered my grandmother telling us to put these items in boiling water, leave for a few minutes and hey presto. The glue still has a life and also the shoe polish. I believe it also works on paint lids stuck.

Anyone got other handy old fashioned tips for 'green' remedies?

Thanks for the crosswords and other letters.... love 'em.

Ena Amengual, Calvia, Mallorca

### We all agree

Hi Leapy

Many thanks for your splendid article 'How many...' You may be 'awaiting slings and arrows' but you won't be getting any from me. I brought your article back to the UK with me and distributed it to my many UKIP friends: they all agree with you.

Russ Smith, Cabo Roig and Bournemouth

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## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' NO PROBLEMS - ONE SEASICK, THE NEXT TOO MUCH GUINNESS AND THE THIRD IS COUNTING TOXIC JELLYFISH. '

## Trivia from around the world

\*\*\* Vevcani village in Macedonia declared independence after the breakup of Yugoslavia. The settlement still regards itself as a separate entity.

\*\*\* Everyone in Vietnam has the same birthday, with ages worked out based on how many Tets (New Years) have passed.

\*\*\* Costa Rica is technically at war with Germany. The country did not sign the Treaty of Versailles which ended the First World War.

\*\*\* Studies suggest young male elephants have begun attacking villages due to a lack of older bulls to set an example for them.

\*\*\* The scientifically-designed keyboard for Turkish speakers has led typists from the country to break 14 world records in type-writing competitions between 1957 and 1995.

\*\*\* There is believed to be at least 15 secret cities in Russia. They are not on maps and foreign visitors are not allowed in them.



**CULTURE SHOCK: Paris syndrome was first diagnosed by Hiroaki Ota in 1986.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

There is a condition called Paris syndrome which refers to the extreme shock some tourists experience when they realise the city is not what they expected. Delusions, hallucinations, anxiety and dizziness are all reportedly symptoms of the disorder, which affects Japanese travellers in particular. It is believed to be an extreme form of culture shock.

### Women's wit

“Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring.”

*Marilyn Monroe, actor*



### Famous quote

“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them, that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality, let things flow naturally in whatever way they like.”

*Lao Tzu, philosopher*

### World of English

“Breatharian - a person who believes they can reach a point through meditation where they can survive solely on air and without food.”

## YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

Keep up the pace this week so that you have plenty to discuss and 'write home about'. With your mind so active, you are capable of doing in a day what would normally take a week. By-pass those who try to slow you down. There will be plenty of time to be a plod later.

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

Others may be changing their minds, and generally being a bit of a pain. That may irritate you but it is no reason to change your plans. Both you and your colleagues will be glad that you did in the longer term. You may need to find some peace and space for yourself come the weekend.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

Looking back over the past few months you will realise that fine adjustments are needed. Both your working life and diet need attention, so be determined that progress made will continue apace. Certainly, you have no qualms about facing any problems straight on. You thrive on responsibility and there is no shortage of that at the moment.

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

Now that you are feeling much better, it will be tempting to put aside your healthy eating and exercise, but if you remember what a difference it makes it would be silly to stop now. Enlist the help of a friend or two in keeping the momentum going.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

There are so many things to do or try that you should be spoiled for choice. No, don't settle down in front of the TV. Get out, make some friends and aim to learn something new every day. That may only be the name of your neighbour on the bus but it counts. You are charming and urbane, so don't keep it all to yourself.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

When your feelings are so positive, which they should be now, it is hard to remember that they have ever been any other way. You may have a plan in mind for a new activity to get the adrenalin flowing. How much more enjoyable, though, to find someone to share this with you. Book that course and maybe you will meet them there.

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

After a few recent excesses, bad habits can prove hard to shake off. Remember that any time of the year is a good time to make a fresh start. Don't put off looking after your health any more than you would put off stashing a cheque in the bank. Use it or lose it? You know it makes sense. Think about combining health with a holiday.

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

It happens that energy is sometimes low. Take the chance to read up on why this could be. You may think that you know it all, but in this world there is no chance of that. Maybe you are out of touch generally, or just out of touch with your own needs. Give building your strength priority. How much better you will cope with extra energy.

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

With so much going on, you are in danger of burning yourself to a frazzle. You won't realise until you have done it, so make a point of getting some peace and quiet, preferably both of them at the same time. Relax and don't even think about things that are unchangeable. Time will sort out most things for you.

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

Leave nothing to chance when it comes to your health. Although you are feeling good now you will soon have problems because you are more concerned with others than yourself. This can be good but can also be overdone.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

Your tendency to see yourself through the eyes of others can lead you to undervalue your worth. This could see you going pear-shaped, emotionally. Try not to believe everything that you are told because there are always at least two ways of seeing things. Be positive. You are capable of so much. Take care of your needs on a daily basis.

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

Concentrate on your physical needs this week and spend much more time on yourself. There will be plenty of opportunities to look after others when you are feeling 100 per cent yourself. Stay in control of day-to-day plans.

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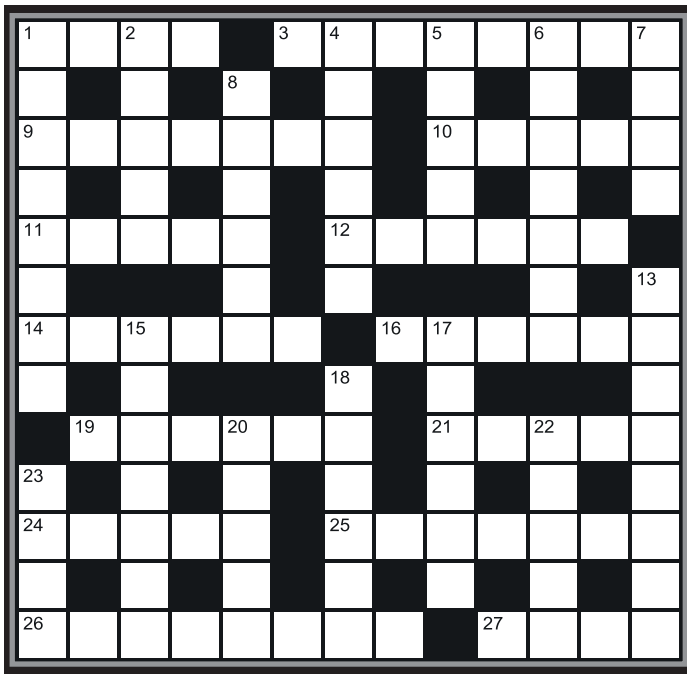


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Across

- 1 Lady before time produced fat (4)
- 3 Prepared props etc to search for gold (8)
- 9 Unusual icon in urn depicting legendary beast (7)
- 10 Escapes from parasites, one hears (5)
- 11 Amber cooked a fish (5)
- 12 Paint two women (6)
- 14 Arrange roster for holiday location (6)
- 16 Hate a hotel that's disorganised (6)
- 19 Hardy companion in bush (6)
- 21 Discredit fake Earl (5)
- 24 Loosen international organisation's neckwear (5)
- 25 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
- 26 Being defeated must be a change for harsh Ted (8)
- 27 Before exercises we cried (4)

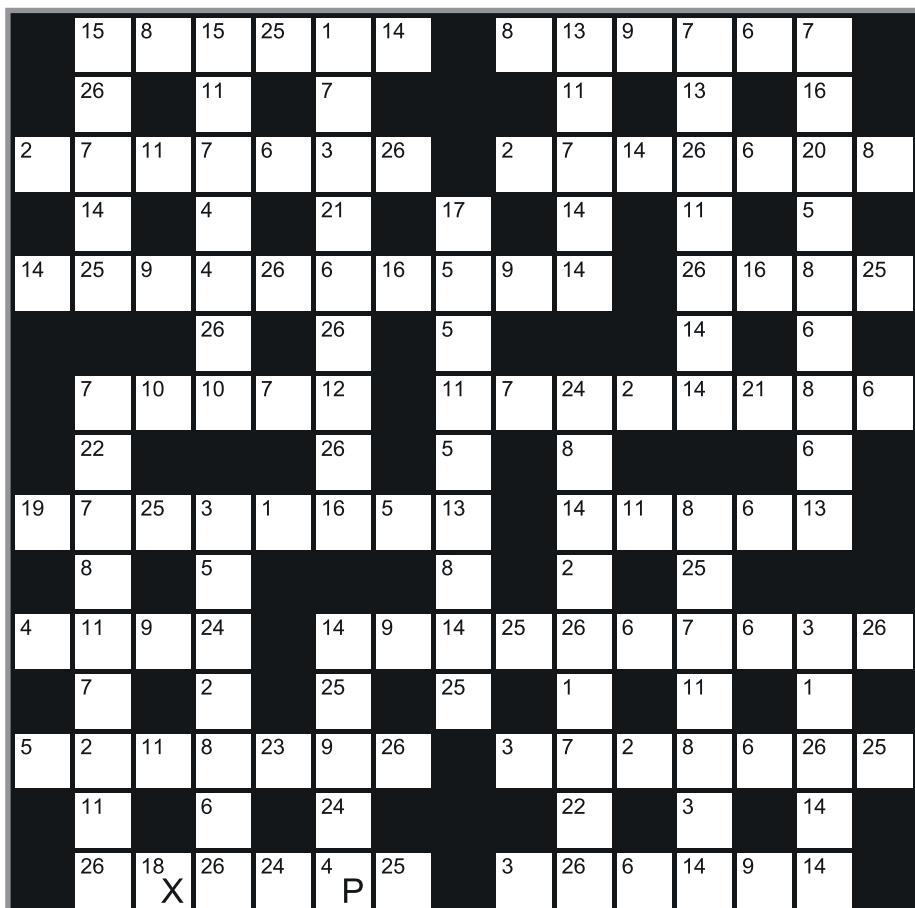


Down

- 1 Counterfoil delivered is inflexible (8)
- 2 Former international the French deport (5)
- 4 A forged tenner for curdled milk (6)
- 5 Capital I invested in settee (5)
- 6 Pele mentioned part of kettle (7)
- 7 One may win it by a head (4)
- 8 Ex producer (6)
- 13 Most serious Sherpas start on mountain (8)
- 15 Crush the star characters (7)
- 17 Evicted, but used to moving (6)
- 18 Protection for plants? That's old hat (6)
- 20 Revolvers smuggled in somewhere else (5)
- 22 Making a comeback in White Horse Inn, a musical heroine (5)
- 23 Mouldiness is a requirement (4)

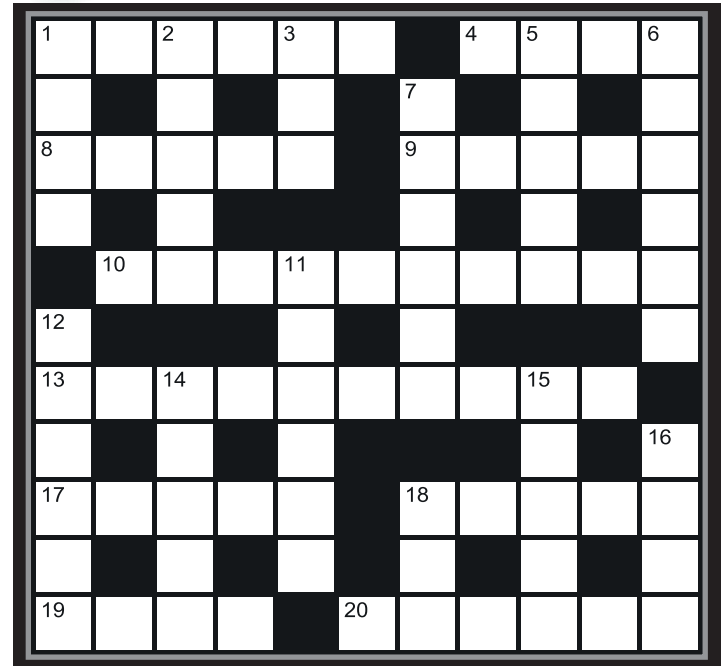
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents P and 18 represents X, so fill in P every time the figure 4 appears and X every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

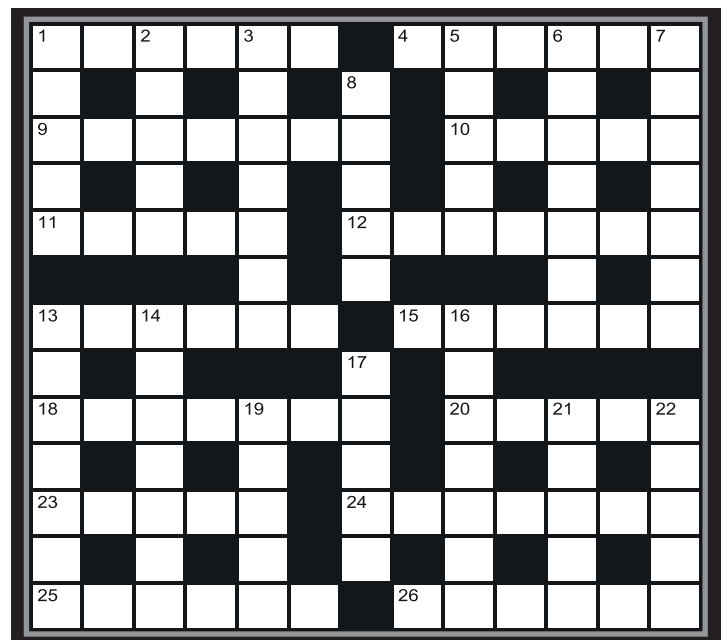
- 1 Thinly scattered (6)
- 4 Cut into pieces (4)
- 8 Moving quickly and lightly (5)
- 9 Motionless (5)
- 10 Disperse widely (10)
- 13 Lacking orderly continuity (10)
- 17 Courageous (5)
- 18 Have sovereign power (5)
- 19 Not difficult (4)
- 20 Stick fast to (6)
- 2 Plea in a criminal charge of having been elsewhere at the relevant time (5)
- 3/18 Become angry (3,3)
- 5 Japanese poetry form (5)
- 6 Steal in small quantities (6)
- 7 Allocate a task to a person (6)
- 11 Gardener's tool (6)
- 12 Suitable for use as food (6)
- 14 Complete duration of something (5)
- 15 Group or class of persons enjoying superior intellectual or social or economic status (5)

Down

- 1 Counterfeit or pretence (4)
- 16 Joint between the thigh and shin bones (4)
- 18 See 3

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Cubo (balde) (6)
- 4 Alicates (6)
- 9 To bet (gamble) (7)
- 10 Daughter-in-law (5)
- 11 Sábana (de cama) (5)
- 12 Witness (7)
- 13 Keys (typewriter/piano) (6)
- 15 Delantales (6)
- 18 Moth (7)
- 20 Parrots (5)
- 23 Granddaughter (5)
- 24 Limpiadora (persona) (7)
- 25 Asustado (6)
- 26 Teller (in a bank) (6)
- 1 Latón (metal) (5)
- 2 Cerrar (5)
- 3 Statue (7)
- 5 Pulmones (5)
- 6 Elected (7)
- 7 Estaciones (partes del año) (7)
- 8 Verdad (5)
- 13 Plugs (in bath, basin, barrel, for leak) (7)
- 14 Beehive (7)
- 16 Bracelet (7)
- 17 Salsa (5)
- 19 Irse de (5)
- 21 Enjuagar (de ropa) (5)
- 22 Deaf (5)

Down

CROSSWORD PAGE



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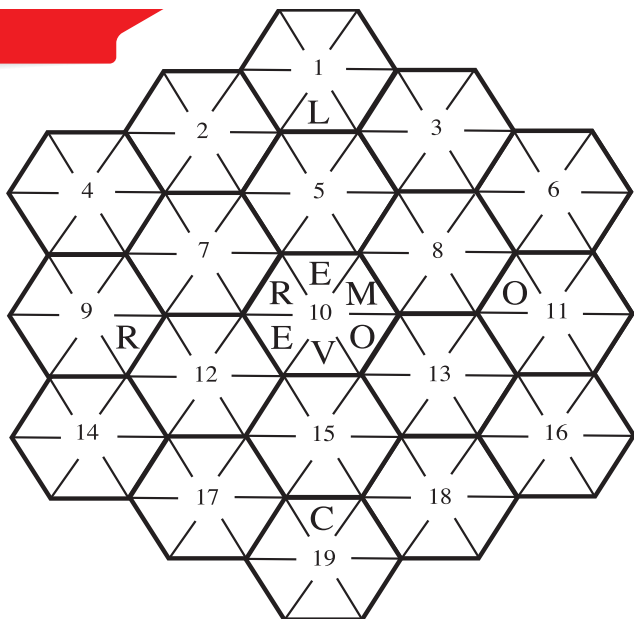
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## Hexagram

- CAREEN
- CAUCUS
- COLLIE
- COMMIT
- CONVOY
- COUGAR
- CREAKY
- EMPLOY
- GLOOMY
- INDUCT
- LAYOUT
- PARLEY
- PAYOUT
- PILLAR
- REGALE
- REMOVE (10)
- STYLED
- WALLOW
- WEEKLY



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

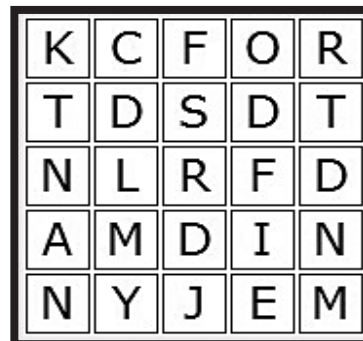
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Frolic 2 Filthy 3 Cohort 4 Glossy
- 5 Tattoo 6 Yogurt 7 Bought 8 Earthy
- 9 Clumsy 10 Barred 11 Nettle
- 12 Modish 13 Strand 14 Shrift
- 15 Moiety 16 Pomade 17 Cursor
- 18 Sashay 19 Formal.

## Boggled

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

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



### TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Good: 24
- Very good: 35
- Excellent: 45

### SCORING:

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

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

site sited spit spite spited spiv sped spued sputter spud spun step stupe stutter stud studio stun stunt yips piste pits pity pets petty putt putty putts putted putter punt puny dept deputy dupe duty duet duets dune donut donuts done donee huts hueed huttred hunt hide hone heel nuts nutty nutted nutter nude node quern query queen cert cent lent

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



### TARGET:

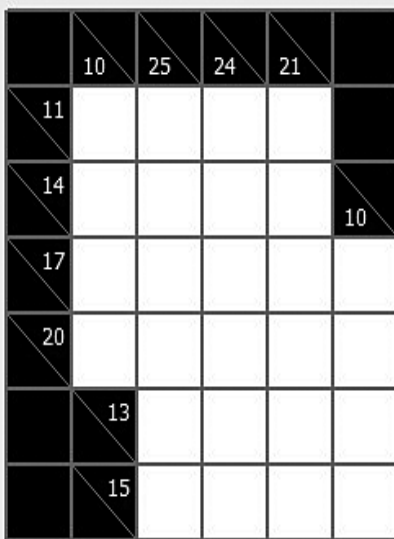
- Average: 7
- Good: 9
- Very good: 14
- Excellent: 18

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

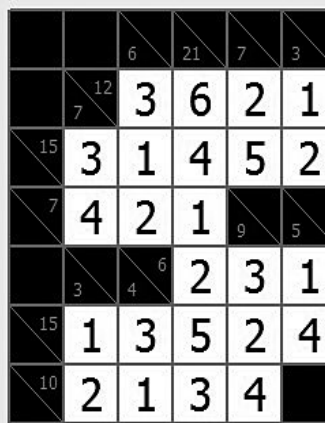
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brace bract caber carat caret carte cater crake  
crate creak react recta trace track wrack wreck  
backer racket tacker abreast bearcat bracket  
cabaret BACKWATER

## Kakuro

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



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### QUICK

- Across:** 1 Accept, 4 Edit, 8 Marry, 9 Again, 10 Depreciate, 13 Rejuvenate, 17 Andes, 18 Chase, 19 Even, 20 Stingy.
- Down:** 1 Alms, 2 Curse, 3/18 Pay cut, 5 Drama, 6 Tender, 7 Falcon, 11 Revise, 12 Create, 14 Judge, 15 Train, 16 Defy.

### CODE BREAKER

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

### CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Tariff, 4 Tribes, 9 Endorse, 10 Acres, 11 Scram, 12 Hostile, 13 So long, 15 Missed, 18 Vintage, 20 Korea, 23 Reeve, 24 Cleanse, 25 Landau, 26 Closet.
- Down:** 1 Tiers, 2 Rider, 3 Foreman, 5 Roars, 6 Berries, 7 Suspend, 8 Meths, 13 Several, 14 Lantern, 16 Inkwell, 17 Wench, 19 Akela, 21 Ranks, 22 Adept.

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Cada vez, 5 Habas, 8 Oar, 9 Papelería, 10 Anger, 11 Tadpole, 12 Armas, 14 Tyres, 19 Acostar, 21 Shake, 22 Insurance, 23 Pie, 24 Ovens, 25 Sisters.
- Down:** 1 Chocar, 2 Dirigir, 3 Vapor, 4 Zapato, 5 Holiday, 6 Burro, 7 Scared, 13 Autores, 15 Example, 16 Pálido, 17 Arañas, 18 Jewels, 20 Oeste, 21 Seeds.

## App of the week



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## QUIZ: THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

- How many red stars are there on the national flag of New Zealand?
- How many times have New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup (William Webb Ellis Cup)?
- In which month do New Zealanders celebrate Waitangi Day, the national day of New Zealand?
- What is the name of the Maori ceremonial war dance involving chanting, an imitation of which is performed by New Zealand rugby teams before a match?
- What is the name of the New Zealand soprano who sang at the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana at St Paul's Cathedral in 1981?
- Which city in New Zealand's North Island is the largest urban area in the country, with an urban population of around 1,534,700?

- Which Dutch explorer sighted New Zealand in 1642 and called it Staten Landt, supposing it was connected to a landmass of the same name at the southern tip of South America?
- Which New Zealand crime writer created the character Inspector Roderick Alleyn, a gentleman detective who works for the Metropolitan Police?
- Which New Zealander seized world headlines when he and his Sherpa companion Tenzing Norgay, on May 29, 1953, became the first to scale the summit of Mount Everest?
- Which sport is played by the New Zealand Warriors?

Not a lot of people know that... in 1893, New Zealand became the first country to give women the right to vote.

### Answers:

- FOUR, 2. THREE (1987, 2011 and 2015), 3. FEBRUARY (6), 4. HAKA, 5. Dame Kiri TE KANAWA (born Claire Mary Teresa Rawston), 6. AUCKLAND, 7. ABEL TASMAN, 8. Dame NGAOI MARSH, 9. SR EDMUND HILLARY, 10. RUGBY LEAGUE

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**Costa Blanca**

**TODAY**



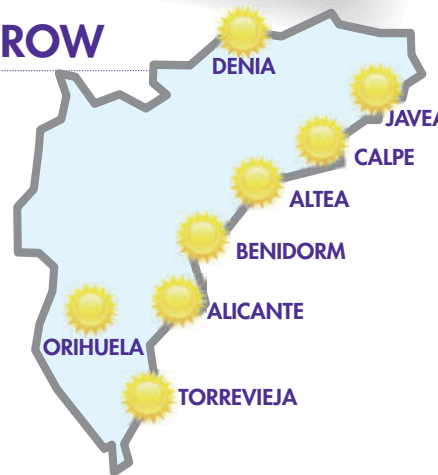
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☀ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**TOMORROW**



**SATURDAY**



**BIRTHDAYS**

• **Bono, Singer; May 10, 59**

The U2 front man has bagged more than 20 Grammy Awards and sold more than 150 million records with the group. Born Paul David Hewson in Dublin, Ireland, he has since taken up charity work.

• **Pam Ferris, Actor; May 11, 70**

Ferris played Ms Trunchbull in the film Matilda and also featured as Aunt Marge in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Born in Hanover, Germany, she began her acting career in New Zealand stage plays and has since had roles in Call the Midwife and Luther.

• **Catherine Tate, Comedian; May 12, 50**

Tate was born in London, England and has created



Cate Blanchett.

several characters including Bernie, Margaret and Aga Saga for her TV comedy show. She later starred alongside David Tennant in the fourth series of the new version of Doctor Who.

• **Stephen Colbert, TV host; May 13, 54**

The host of The Late Show made his name as a spoof right wing political pundit and famously mocked then President George W Bush at a White House dinner. Born in Washington DC in the United States, Colbert studied at Northwestern University and was originally more interested in drama.

• **Cate Blanchett, Actor; May 14, 48**

Blanchett was born in Melbourne, Australia and she studied Economics and Fine Arts at the city's university.

She has since gone on to win a Best Actress Oscar for her performance in Blue Jasmine. She also landed roles in Lord of the Rings, The Aviator and I'm Not There.

• **Ousmane Dembele, Footballer; May 15, 21**

The French-born forward made his football debut with the Stade Rennais side in 2015. He has since gone on to play for Borussia Dortmund and signed for FC Barcelona in 2017 in the fourth most expensive transfer in the sport's history at €105 million.

• **Megan Fox, Actor; May 16, 32**

Fox broke into the film world with her performance in the first instalment of the Transformers series in 2007. She has since gone on to star in Jennifer's Body and the live action reboot of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

**This week in history**

**495 BC - Temple trouble**

The people of Rome chose to dedicate a newly built temple to the god Mercury to the humble military officer Marcus Laetorius to spite Senators and other officials.

**868 - Oldest book**

A copy of the Diamond Sutra is produced in China, making it the world's oldest known printed book.

**1373 - Divine visions**

Julian of Norwich has a series of visions which leads her to write Revelations of Divine Love. Her musings on universal love and hope would go on to become the first book published by a woman in the English language.

**1648 - Treaty signed**

The Treaty of Westphalia is signed, formally bringing Europe's Thirty Years War to an end. The document lays the foundations for modern Europe's borders.

**1787 - Constitution meetings**

Delegates representing the newly-independent United States of America meet in Philadelphia to put together the country's Constitution. It would go on to join the Declaration of Independence as one of the US's founding documents.

**1857 - Indian mutiny**

Sepoy troops rise up against their British commanders, beginning the Indian mutiny or the First War of Independence as it is known to Indians.

**1929 - First Oscars**

The first Academy Awards ceremony is held in Hollywood. It would go on to become a fixture in the cinema calendar and be nicknamed the Oscars.

**2017 - Computer strike**

A ransomware attack hits more than 400,000 computers worldwide and targets Britain's National Health Service, Telefonica and other firms.

**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.

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

**Word Ladder**

**GOLF**

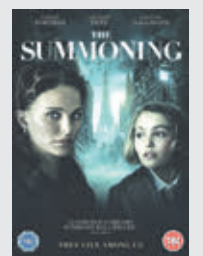
Move from the start word (**GOLF**) to the end word (**HERO**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**HERO**

HERO  
HERD  
HELD  
HOLD  
GOLD  
GOLF  
Solution

**DVD**

**Spirited away**



**LAURA BARLOW** (Natalie Portman) and her sister **Kate** (Lily-Rose Depp) believe they can communicate with the dead. They decide to travel to France where they perform séances at cabarets across 1930's Paris.

When visionary French film director **Andre Korben** (Emmanuel Salinger) goes to see one of their performances he is impressed and soon decides to bring the spectacle to the silver screen.

Filming quickly becomes difficult as war with Germany looms and feelings begin to emerge between **Laura** and **Andre** in *The Summoning*.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

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

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You should be able to slide your feet in and out of your shoe without too much difficulty, so make sure the heel fits snugly, but isn't too tight. Nor should the shoe's upper feel tight, if it does then you need one with more space.

Within the forefront of the shoe, your foot should be able to move from side-to-side. If the shoe is too narrow, you'll feel pressure against the base of your little toe.

Remember, that as you run and build up a sweat your feet will swell. So make sure there's a thumb's width of space between your longest toe (not always the big toe) and the front end of the shoe. Be sure that your toes can wriggle freely about.

It's really important that the shoe feels right. So if you can, walk around the shop and get a feel for your new pair. Remember that any irritation you notice in the shop will be amplified once you hit the road. So take the time to be sure before you take the leap of buying your new pair.



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# Brits prefer blondes



RECENT research from Mintel reveals that blonde is the nation's most popular dyed hair colour of choice. So why not keep the nation happy and freshen up your locks. But don't be restricted in your choice.

Even though blondes are said to have much more fun, other colours can offer their own delights.

According to the research, 42 per cent of Brits choose to go blonde, hot on the heels of trendsetters such as Kim Kardashian and Cara Delevingne.

However, why not break the mould and be a bit more adventurous.

Of those who coloured their hair, a courageous 25 per cent were bold enough to go for non-natural choice, such as pastels and bright colours.

Nor is this advice just for women. As many as one in five men have dyed their hair in the comfort of their own home. This peaks at 38 per cent for 16-24 year olds.

And once they start, they just can't stop. A staggering 57 per cent of men who reach for the bottle do so once a month or more, compared to just 28 per cent of women.

If variety is the spice of your life then opt for a temporary hair colour or choose to have extensions put in.

Temporary hair colouring products have seen a boom in sales of 48 per cent in the last year alone. And if you decide you don't like it - or it doesn't match your new weekend outfit - then just wait a week and after a few washes you'll be back to your natural self again.

Alternatively, choose an option which will allow you to both experiment with colour and add length to your locks. Hair extensions are additional synthetic or natural locks of hair which are usually clipped, glued or sewed onto your own natural hair.

The great thing about hair extensions, particularly synthetic ones, is the scope you have to change your look. Because of their synthetic nature, these additional locks can allow you to have straight and silky hair or go for a deep wave look. Or you can be a buxom brunette one night, and a bubbly blonde the next.

BLONDE, BOUNCING AND BUBBLY: Even Kim prefers blondes.

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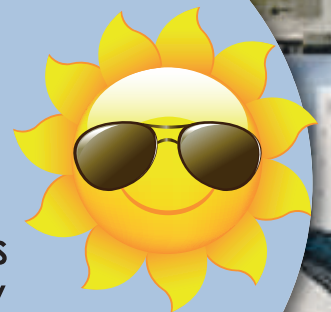
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**BOMBSHELL BEAUTY:** 47-year-old Gina Stewart shares her top tips.

## Gorgeous granny

WITH the headline news that a glamorous 47-year-old granny is due to compete in Miss Maxim Australia, many grannies have been left asking themselves what they can do to achieve this sexy look.

A single mum-of-four and granny-of-one, Gina Stewart looks less than half her age. So just how does this granny look so hot?

Gina recently spoke of her top tips to stay healthy and remain looking youthful. She recommends drinking at least two litres of (alkaline) water each day and limiting your intake of coffee, soft drinks and alcohol.

She avoids packaged and processed

foods and eats as much natural food as possible. She never eats or drinks products which are packaged in plastic.

She uses organic rosehip and coconut oil on her face, body and hair to maintain her healthy complexion and keep everything soft and supple. And only uses all-natural toothpaste, deodorant and skincare products. She advises people to cut down on the use of heavy medications and find natural alternatives.

Incredibly, Gina has said that if she happens to win the \$10,000 Miss Maxim Australia prize, she will donate it all to her friend who has recently had a stroke. Perhaps, after all, the biggest secret to remaining youthful is to have a good heart.

# The bare necessities

SOMETIMES you just need to give your skin a break. Yes, you might feel naked without running through your morning routine but your skin will reward you if you offer it the chance to breathe for a few days.

For a start your skin will be cleaner and healthier. The make-up you use is often full of chemicals. These are absorbed into your skin and treated as toxins by the body. In fact, many of these chemicals are thought to cause cancer.

By ditching the morning routine in front of the mirror, you'll also save a lot of time for some



**SKIN BENEATH:** Going make-up free is good for your skin.

of the things that you actually enjoy doing, or have an extra 20 minutes in bed.

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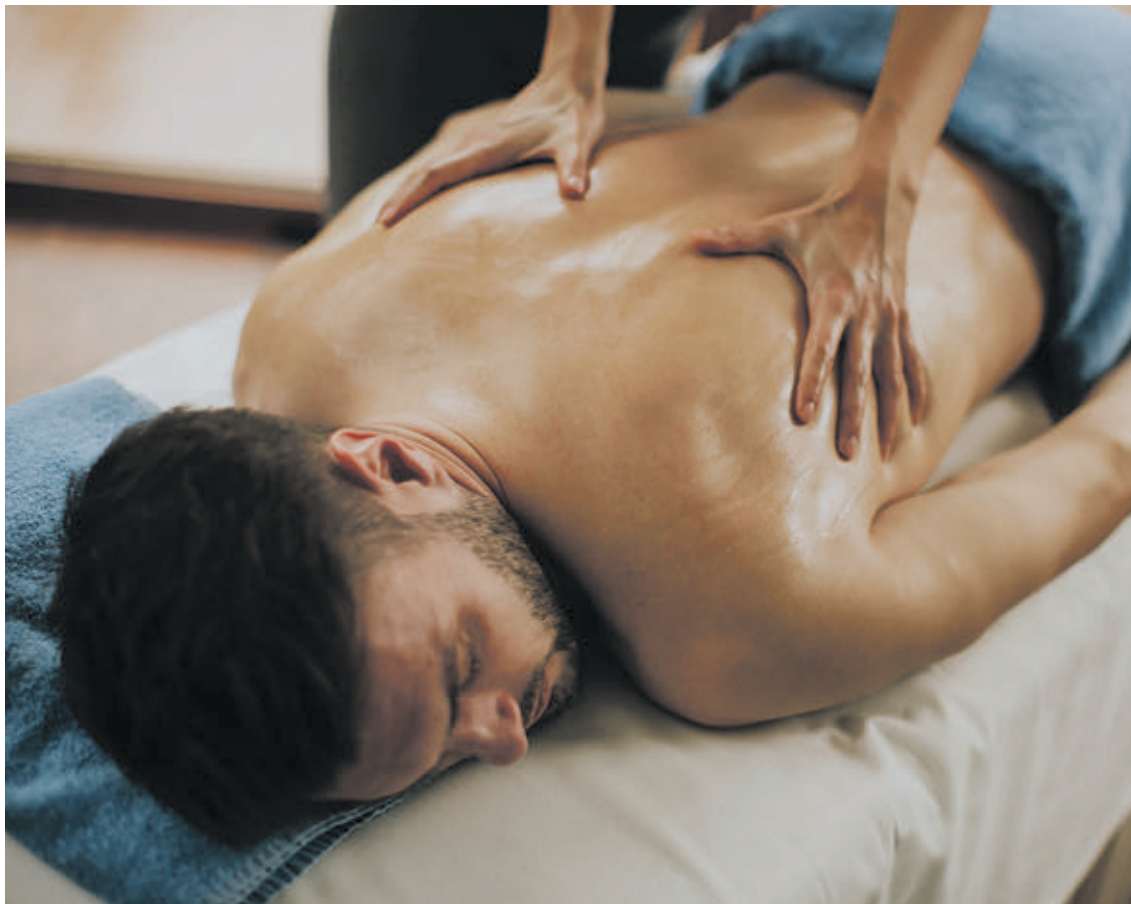
Time at a spa, can include more than just lounging in a range of bubbling waters of differing temperatures. There are often a range of

**“ Body exfoliation can cleanse the skin, refining pores and offering much-needed relief.**

therapeutic therapies available to relax and relieve chronic pain, such as arthritis or sciatica.

Such therapies can also cause serotonin to be released by the body creating a ‘feel good’ factor. Certain massages can stimulate the lymphatic system which helps the body to get rid of toxins. Other treatments

# Pampered pleasures



**SPA THERAPIES:** That special touch can offer much needed relief.

such as body exfoliation can cleanse the skin, refining pores and offering much-needed relief.

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## Celebrating Europe Day

THE Orihuela Council is arranging for a whole selection of different activities to take place this weekend in celebration of Europe Day.

On Saturday, the promenade on Playa Flamenca will welcome a number of resident associations who will be competing against each other for pride of best dessert, rice dish and fruit starting at noon and running until 8.15pm.

From 5pm to 8pm there will be music and entertainment followed by fireworks at 8.15pm.

At the same time in Entrenaranjos between Calle Avellana and Calle Melocotonero there will be a day in which all residents will be invited to visit various bars and restaurants to enjoy the company of neighbours and of course some great food and drink.

On Sunday also in Entrenaranjos there will be a 2.2-kilometre dog marathon starting at 11am and lasting for about an hour with everyone and their dog invited to take part.



**OUTSTANDING:** The two choirs in performance.



# Spring Serenade concert

MUSIC lovers are in for a real treat this Sunday at 7.30pm when two outstanding choirs will be performing their spring concert.

The Spring Serenade concert will bring together the outstanding Orihuela Costa Male Voice Choir and the excellent In Harmony Chamber Choir conducted by Nigel Hopkins.

The Orihuela Costa Male Voice Choir reached a totally new audience when they performed with Melody Makers International Choir in January at the Orihuela Costa Resort.

The choir has earned a derived reputation for the richness and quality of their singing and have a dedicated following, not only in Orihuela Costa, but also in the

greater Albir region.

The In Harmony Chamber Choir have performed some outstanding choral works including Vivaldi's Gloria and John Rutter's Requiem plus regular concerts of seasonal Christmas music.

The Spring Serenade will take place at the Centro Ecumenico, Cristo Resucitada, La Zenia,

Orihuela and this excellent musical event, which costs just €12 in support of local charities in addition to the Ecumenical Church will also feature young soprano Verity Hall.

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# A quick and easy spicy meal

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**THAI THIS AT HOME: Red curry is a quick and easy meal.**

**Thai Red Chicken Curry serves 2**

- 400 grams chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 whole garlic clove, skinned and chopped
- 1 whole onion, chopped
- 1 Packet Thai Red Curry Paste
- 1 cube of ginger chopped (optional)

- 1 (or more) sliced and seeded red or green chillis
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 can of coconut milk
- 1 chicken stock cube, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 whole aubergine, cubed
- 1 whole red bell pepper, sliced
- 2 teaspoons chopped Thai basil leaves

Fry the chicken, onion and garlic until chicken sealed and garlic and onion have become transparent.

Add the Thai red curry paste and fry for two more minutes.

Add all remaining ingredients, except for the basil and simmer until chicken cooked through and aubergine and red pepper are soft, add the basil and serve with boiled rice or noodles.

ANOTHER exotic but very easy and cost-effective recipe this week.

Thai red curry paste can be bought in most of the supermarkets in Spain, Mercadona have a good one for €1.

My jar of Thai basil was bought in the UK and frozen, but Italian basil is a perfectly good alternative, or coriander can be used if the taste of basil is not to your liking.

Ginger and chilli are optional and add heat to the curry, the former to a much lesser extent than the latter.

**Tip:** Choose chillis wisely, some are extremely spicy and contact lens wearers should get someone else to chop them otherwise bedtime will be a very painful experience! Wearing rubber gloves to chop them is always a good idea. Hand washing will not remove all the traces of the capsaicinoids that give the chillis their heat.

**Tip:** If as a family or couple, one or more like a hot curry and others don't, use green chillis that are not too finely chopped so they can be easily identified in contrast to the red pepper and removed from individual plates.

**Tip:** Any vegetable oil can be used but not olive oil. Ideally choose peanut or coconut, but rapeseed or sunflower also work well in this dish.

**Tip:** A cheap cut of beef can be used instead of chicken, it would need cooking slowly for about three to four hours (a slow cooker would be ideal) just add the aubergine and red pepper when the beef is tender. Prawns or fish can also be used and added just before serving so they are not overcooked. Use beef or fish stock instead of the chicken.



**NOT JUST A GIG: But a performance.**

## Galician music played by experts

SPAIN is blessed with a number of different musical traditions and now in its 32nd year since forming Luar Na Lubre a band formed in A Coruña will be playing Alicante on Friday May 18.

With 15 albums released, the band's repertoire is based in the roots of Galician music and culture and with tours from Argentina to Germany and Palestine to Canada, they are undoubtedly the most widely travelled promoter of Galician music.

Mike Oldfield of Tubular Bells fame, took one of their numbers which translated to 'We can soar with the sun' on his Voyager album which was devoted to Celtic music.

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Reviews on *TripAdvisor* are so good that the group has been named two of the best in the area and one second best rating and what's more that's not just a rating for Indian restaurants but for all restaurants in the areas.

The Los Montesinos branch has just celebrated its 10th anniversary, followed a month later by the 4th birthday for the Quesada branch and both were packed with happy customers who enjoyed a great meal and revelled in the Bollywood dancers.

There is a very reasonably priced menu del dia at €8.95 which is served between noon and 3pm and includes a lamb or chicken dish, rice or naan bread, poppadum plus a dessert or coffee as well as a complimentary drink.

All of the Punjabi Palace restaurants are family friendly and welcome younger diners who will have the chance to learn about the very special spices and flavours that go into making the curries on offer.

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# Success for the three Punjabi Palace restaurants



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front of house staff are always on hand to advise and recommend dishes and prepare dishes to your taste.

If you can't spare the time to sit and eat, there is, of course, also the option of ordering a take away meal and if you spend more than €20 you will be offered a free bottle of wine to com-

plement your selection.

It is always worth checking the Facebook page to see what the next special night will be because as well as such events as Valentine's and anniversary parties, there is often a live singer on selected nights.

As the weather gets warmer, don't

worry about the heat as the restaurants are fully air conditioned and for those who can't give up social media there is also free WiFi for all.

Each restaurant is open seven days a week from noon to midnight and the staff are always delighted to welcome new visitors as well as

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# Can't agree on flavour - visit Sinfonia International

EVEN if there are only two of you going out for a meal, there can often be disagreements over the type of restaurant to visit, but Sinfonia International has the perfect answer.

The menu, in this recently opened restaurant, offers a wide selection of Italian, Indian and Mexican food so it will be almost impossible to be unable to find something to everyone's taste.

There is not a single review less than 4\* and the majority have 5\* with some glowing reviews about the food, the decor, the staff and the prices which means that in a few months it has entered the list of top 20 restaurants in the Rojales area.

The largest section of the menu offers Italian food with a great selection of pizzas and pasta (including a delicious chicken tikka pizza) as well as a good selection of soups, salads and other dishes suitable for vegetarians. Add to this a choice of grilled meat and fish (including sea bream, sea bass and sole)



**NEWLY DECORATED: Inside Sinfonia International.**

and this conveniently situated restaurant offers great service, fine food and prices that will please all pockets.

If you like things a little spicier then there is a good selection of traditional Indian

starters, curries and accompaniments as well as a small selection of some really tasty Mexican dishes whilst regular visitors to the Sinfonia International have posted some very complimentary observations about the specially priced daily offers for lunch and evening.

Now that summer is approaching the new opening hours are noon to 3.30pm and then 6pm to 11pm every day except Thursday when the restaurant is closed until 6pm.

The management is happy to offer special set menus for birthdays and other celebra-

tions and from time to time invites professional musicians to entertain their guests.

There is always a lot going on at this exceptional new restaurant so it is worth following them on their Facebook page Restaurant Sinfonia International or by visiting their very informative website at <http://sinfoniainternational.com/>.

Booking isn't always necessary but it is better to be safe than sorry and you can contact the restaurant by calling 865 750 777 or WhatsApp 612 469 886 to make reservations or discuss the availability of the take away service.

Whether you like your food spicy or mild, from the Indian sub-continent, Latin America or Europe there is a great choice for everyone and all (including children who have their own menu) are welcome to Sinfonia International Avenida, Antonio Quesada 59, Dona Pepa (near the Hotel la Laguna) 03170 Rojales where the food is great and the parking is easy.

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# Cannes, highlighting more than just films as women strive for recognition

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Although the jury which is to be chaired by Australian Oscar winner Cate Blanchett and includes actress Kristen Stewart as well as three other women, female directors are not greatly represented in the competition.

There are just three films out of 21 directed by women and they are France's Eva Husson, Alice Rohrwacher from Italy and Lebanon's Nadine Labaki and this year, Netflix is absent from the judging as it has refused to guarantee that their films will be screened in French cinemas.

One major change will be the instruction that those on the red carpet will not be permitted to take selfies and if they



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**STAR WARS: The new Hans and Chewbacca in action.**

do, they run the risk of being refused entry to the screenings as this activity is considered vulgar.

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## Rental revolution hits the Continent

A RECENT report from the Resolution Foundation has suggested that up to a third of young people in the UK face living in private rented accommodation all their lives.

The think tank said that 'generation rent' needs more help, with more affordable homes and better protection.

At this point it may be worth taking a look at other European countries to see how they compare:

### Spain

Spain has historically had a high rate of home ownership, reaching 80 per cent in 2008 before the financial bubble burst and the building boom ended.

The figure has slipped to 78 per cent but is likely to decline further with unemployment remaining high and mortgages difficult to obtain.

As a result, demand for rentals has risen, boosting Airbnb and other platforms, while pushing up prices.

According to online real estate agency Idealista, rents in

**BUILDING BARCA:** New apartment blocks are springing up across Cataluña.



Barcelona have risen 55 per cent since 2012, and 23 per cent in Madrid over the same period.

Rental contracts tend to be for one or three years, after which they may be terminated, or renewed and the rent renegotiated.

Increasingly landlords in tourist areas are demanding excessive rents to force tenants out, so that they can turn apartments into lucrative holiday rentals.

Eviction also continues to be a serious problem, with lenders reluctant to negotiate terms.

### France

French tenants benefit from

much stricter rules on landlords, with rents on unfurnished dwellings only allowed to be increased by an index, called the IRL.

The rise was close to zero for much of 2016 and 2017, with an increase of 0.51 per cent permitted for this year.

Those renting an unfurnished property as their main residence are given a minimum three-year tenancy with an automatic right of renewal after three years.

If the landlord wants the tenant to leave, they must warn them six months in advance,

(tenants only have to give three months' notice).

Landlords must also give the tenant a first right of refusal if they wish to sell, while evictions are forbidden in the winter months.

### Germany

Only 46 per cent of Germans own their own homes, the lowest figure in Europe.

However, culturally there is nothing like the drive to want to own as there is in other European countries, with many downsizing once the children leave and wage-related pensions covering monthly payments.

Wartime bombing destroyed about 20 per cent of residential areas in towns and cities, and many refugees arrived in the country who had lost everything.

Banks do not help by demanding deposits that are a fifth of the purchase price, while estate agent fees and stamp duty charges do little to help those dreaming of their own home.

## Sunny Spain is best for British

NEW figures from the Office for National Statistics reveal that Spain is still the number one choice for British retirees in Europe.

The data confirms Spain as their 'most desirable location,' with Brits drawn in by sun, sea, leisure activities and tasty Mediterranean cuisine.

Three-quarters of a million British citizens live on the continent, and 37 per cent of them have made Spain their home, making it comfortably the most popular destination.

While two thirds of Brits living in the EU fall between the ages of 15 and 64, Spain is well-known for attracting an older demographic with some 41 per cent of British expats aged 65 and above.

Swimming and golf are believed to be the favourite activities for those living in warmer nations, which will come as no surprise.

Moreover, a recent study carried out by the University of California indicated that the elderly who regularly walk longer distances suffer 50 per cent less cognitive impairment than those who are less active.

Sales and Marketing Director of Taylor Wimpey España, Marc Pritchard, said:

"The Mediterranean climate and diet are well suited to those looking for a healthy lifestyle, while the medical system here is also superb.

"As Spain remains the top choice in Europe for Brits living overseas, it's important to provide accommodation that suits their preferences and budgets."

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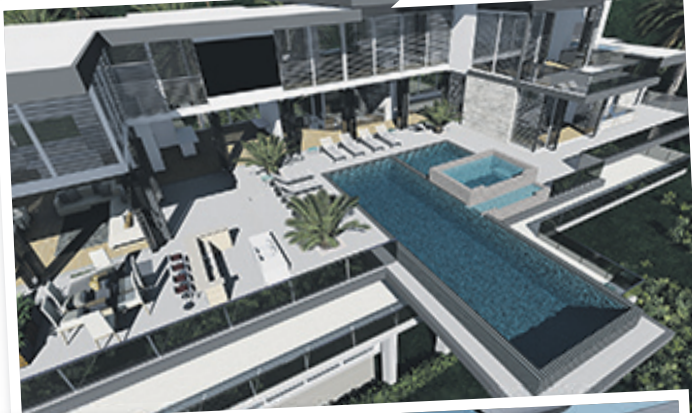
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# €44 million property lives on the edge

Credit: Next Generation Living Homes



A STUNNING ‘cantilever home’ is being conceived by Arizona-based company Next Generation Living Homes, which is expected to be worth a cool €44 million.

The most striking feature of the property is a swimming pool that juts out above trees and gardens, seemingly suspended in thin air.

Its cantilever design means that it is only supported at one end, so if you were brave enough to swim out, you would be rewarded with breathtaking views.

Although it is only in the concept stage at the moment, the palatial house boasts 12 bathrooms and eight bed-

rooms in a stylish and contemporary layout.

There are also four balconies, two dining rooms, a wine cellar and a movie theatre.

Thirsty guests will be pleased to discover that there is both an indoor and an outdoor bar, a utility room and a garage with capacity for six cars and several motorcycles.

Overall it represents 18,000 square feet of luxury living and the firm behind it, Next Generation Living Homes, is hoping to find a suitable site and begin construction in Spain, Italy or Monaco next year.

In a statement, the company said:

“Our architectural design is

best for a hilltop location with panoramic city views, or endless ocean views.

“We want to warn you that inviting guests may turn out to be a headache, as they will never want to leave this exclusive

pampered lifestyle.”

Two of the team behind the incredible design are architectural CG artist Julian Boswell and JP DZahr, the founder and CEO of Next Generation Living Homes.



**SCENIC SWIM:** The cantilever pool is the most eye-catching feature of the property.



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# Gardeners get going - it's spring

## GRAEME TYRRELL

THE spring growth is a great opportunity to gain a wonderful garden.

It is a very busy time for gardeners with the warmer temperatures and longer days creating an explosion of growth which needs to be managed to make the most of the season. To get them off to a quick start, it is the perfect time to plant your summer annual flowers and vegetables.

Established plants will also start growing rapidly now and the new growth will make them look wonderfully healthier than usual.

Of course weeds and excess growth of even your favourite plant will need attention to keep the garden in the way you prefer it. Fortunately it is so good to be able to get out into the garden, with the beautiful spring sunshine making it one of the best times of the year for the avid gardener.

Annual summer flowers can provide a beautiful display. Many favourite annuals from northern European regions require a lot of water to do well though. I usually plant a small number of summer annuals in planter boxes with trays to catch any excess water from being lost and use a good potting mix that retains water well.

The Mediterranean climate with long, dry, hot



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### SPRING: A time of rapid growth.

summers is not ideal for large plantings of cooler climate summer annuals in the garden. If you have a balcony or terrace with planter pots or window boxes, annuals can be a really good way to brighten them up.

If you are planting a vegetable garden, make sure that you enrich the soil with plenty of moisture-holding compost to reduce watering needs in

summer. After planting your tomatoes, capsicum, summer squash and other summer varieties ensure that you mulch the garden with coarse compost, straw or any other suitable material which will reduce evaporation and keep soil temperatures cooler.

Keeping the soil temperature lower is important in summer as plant growth will slow when

the roots get too hot. Insulating with mulch keeps soil temperatures closer to spring conditions so growth will continue to thrive for longer.

There is the inevitable weed growth which always seem to grow faster than anything else in spring. It is a good idea to learn more about these spontaneous plants as many do have attractive flowers. If the garden is not a formal design, many weeds can be left to flower and then be removed.

Even in my vegetable garden I allow certain plants normally classed as weeds, such as poppies and borage, to add colour to the garden with no extra work.

Many people are also finding that there are many weeds which are actually edible and even the flowers can be added to salads and in cooking. Many of these wild plants were actually a normal part of the diet before explorers centuries ago brought back vegetable varieties from around the world to replace the native food sources of the Mediterranean.

The shrubs and perennials which are normally planted in autumn (so they establish their roots over winter) start to grow with the warmer spring weather. It is a good idea to lightly trim the ones that you want to grow thick and bushy now while growth is active and before the sun becomes too intense for pruning.



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# Hot under the collar

WITH rising temperatures, you might feel the heat is on to finally install a central air conditioning system. However, if your budget is already stretched, there are other less expensive options to keep you cool under the collar at home.

The three most popular are portable units, window units and traditional fans.

Portable or window units can be cheap and easy to install. Both systems allow you to cool a specific room, rather than waste energy and money cooling your entire home.

The benefit of a portable unit is that it can be moved easily from room to room. This is different to a window unit which is fixed to a window, or through the wall. Of the two, portable units are more expensive to buy and tend to use a lot more energy. Whereas window units are extremely energy efficient and don't take up any valuable floor space.

However, if you want to keep expenses to a minimum, the traditional air fan is always a trusted option. Installation is easy - you simply plug it in - and it can

be moved from room to room with ease.

Of course, do bear in mind that most air fans don't actually 'cool' the air. They simply circulate air around you, giving the sensation that you are being cooled off.

These fans might provide some much-needed instant relief from the heat, but if your budget can stretch that far, opt for a portable or window unit to keep your home comfortable over the months ahead.



COOLING DOWN: Portable fans can easily be moved from room to room.

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# How to create harmony at home

WITH the spring clean done and your home decluttered, now is the perfect time to look at your surroundings and introduce a bit of positive energy.

To achieve this, many people adopt the principles of feng shui. The practice originates in China and literally translates as 'wind-water' in English, with wind scattering energy and water holding it.

The practice attempts to use energy forces to achieve balance in your living space and maximise your potential for happiness.

If you want to bring a bit of Oriental philosophy into your life then why not take heed of some of the following suggestions for your

home.

Your front door represents wealth and should be in perfect condition. To draw energy to your front door, place a vibrant plant and some lighting at either side.

Once inside, the next place to focus on is your hall. Even if this space is small, it should be cosy. Effective lighting can help you to achieve that effect.

This is also the perfect place to hang a mirror, but be sure not to place this in front of the front door. Feng shui principles dictate that the energy will bounce off and leave the house.

Moving onto the living room, according to feng shui, your sofa should be against the largest and most

solid wall of the room. If you have several sofas or chairs, place them in an L or U shape to help the conversation flow. To activate wealth energy, place a lamp in the corner of the room (diagonally opposite the room door).

Your kitchen represents nourishment and relationship harmony. To enhance the energy in this room it is good to always have fresh ingredients, such as vegetables and fruits and also those that symbolise life, such as seeds.

In the bedroom, the most important piece of furniture is the bed. The head should be supported on a wall without windows and it is important that the feet do not

point to the door. Place curvy lamps and lightly fragranced candles on the bedside table to introduce some romantic energy

Finally, the often neglected bathroom is actually one of the most important spaces for feng shui. It is necessary in this space to transmit cleanliness, calmness and comfort, so try to always be orderly with as little clutter as possible.

However, you can leave beautiful decorations on display, such as perfume jars or creams and also plants. Be sure to always leave the toilet lid down and the door closed to stop the energy and wealth you've now accumulated from being flushed down the drain.



**HARMONY AT HOME:** Feng shui can bring positive energy into your home.

## Keeping your plants alive

YOU might not have green fingers but there's no excuse not to have a few plants around the house to bring a bit of colour to your home.

Even if you feel your mere touch causes plants to wither away and die, here are a few foolproof suggestions to keep your plants alive this summer.

Most newbie plant owners worry that their plants are thirsty. The truth is that most people often overwater plants and drown them.

Dip your finger into the soil, if it's damp then there's no need to water it.

However, do mist your plants regularly to increase air humidity as air conditioning systems can make the air very dry.

Plants like to be together and will actually grow better if they're not left alone.

And as your plants grow, they will need to be repotted.

So do some research for each plant to be sure you don't shock or damage it during this process.

Do remember to choose your plants wisely. Regardless of how much tender loving



**PLANT WISELY:** Repot when needed.

care you show to your plants some need certain conditions to thrive, or even simply to survive.

It is simply a lost cause to keep an exotic plant in a cold, damp flat or hide a sun-loving plant in the corner of a darkened room. So do some research and reap the rewards.

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# Bringing the baby home

MOST people treat their dog like a baby and often problems will occur when a real baby is brought home. You must plan for the new baby's arrival.

Acquaint the dog with a friend's children. Let them feed it some of its favourite treats. Stay calm and keep the dog on a lead. If at this stage the dog is showing any signs of aggression, then professional help is needed.

If the dog is used to sleeping in a bedroom, place the dog bed outside the room in its basket or on its blanket. If necessary, put the dog on a lead and restrict it to an area.

Consider walking around with a stuffed doll. Even talk to it in a baby voice as if it is a real baby. When changing the baby's nappy - both the real one and the toy one - always put your dog in the Sit-Stay command.

Let it sniff and watch, for

this is the time to accustom it to baby sounds and praise it for being good. Use different phrases and voices for the dog and the baby.

For safety reasons and hygiene, dogs must not be allowed on the furniture near the new baby. Start the new house rules by taking the dog by the collar and lead and taking it to its bed. Move the bed around the home to every room (except bedrooms) in the house. The dog must learn to stay where it is put.

Start getting a little more removed from the dog in three 20-minute intervals. First, go into another room for 20 minutes. Close the door behind you so that it cannot follow you. Then come out for 20 minutes before returning for another 20 minutes. Stop all tug-of-war games, wrestling and all games involving chasing.

Babies have to be fed several times a day so, to prevent jeal-



**HEALTHY BOUNDARIES:** You must train your dog around the new baby.

ousy, give the dog four very small meals a day... the same amount split into four.

Toys are a big headache. You don't want a dropped toy to be licked. No more shoes, socks,

slippers, and plastic or stuffed toys for the dog. Now is the time to take away all its toys from the floor. Train it to play with one at a time. Paint the others with a mouthwash

which dogs do not like. If your dog goes for it, pick up the toy and shout at the toy. Very soon the dog will keep away from anything smelling of mouthwash.

Babies like to grab and pull but dogs don't like it at all. Start getting the dog used to this treatment by gently pulling it and grabbing its tail and then, within three seconds, hug it and give plenty of praise.

When the baby is born, ask a maternity home nurse for some bed sheets from the baby's nursery. Have these put in the new nursery at home and around the area of the home where the baby will be nursed. Let the dog sniff around the house at the new smells and praise it.

Plan your homecoming and let the dog welcome the baby by sniffing while on a lead.

Keep the lead trailing on the floor for the first week so that it can be used to correct all mouthing and jumping. Praise when the dog does not jump or mouth.

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If you decide to microchip your pet, please remember that this procedure must be carried out by a professional.

## Stop dogs pining while you're away

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**ROAD TEST**

by Nick Fletcher

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The SUV sector is jammed with alluring models and while some of them have perhaps a more sporty feel than the Koroq, they do not have its overall blend of driving comfort and refinement and its day-to-day family practicality.

Offering more striking and classy styling than the Yeti, with more of an off-roader look, most Karoq models will be

2WD - a 4WD system is available only with the 2.0-litre diesel engine.

With prices starting at €23,767 (£20,875), Koroq is keenly priced and offers a good range of engines, including a 1.6 diesel and 1.0-litre and 1.5-litre turbo petrol units.

There are three trim levels, with the starter SE model well-kitted with alloys, DAB radio, Bluetooth, smartphone connectivity and dual-zone climate control among its features.

My flagship Edition version adds much more, including larger touchscreen and upgraded satnav with voice and gesture control, leather upholstery, panoramic sunroof and rear seats with variable positions to enlarge load space or allow more legroom for occupants. In 2.0-litre 148 hp 4WD form, and with seven-speed auto gearbox, this version costs €36,438 (£32,005).

Top speed is 195 kph (121 mph), the 0-100 kph time 9.3 seconds, and fuel economy 19.2 kpl (54.3mpg). The emissions figure is 138 g/km.

The exterior style of the

Karoq is forceful and impressive and while the dashboard design is rather ordinary it has a quality appearance. It is perfectly functional, with an excellent layout of dials and switchgear.

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SUV models.

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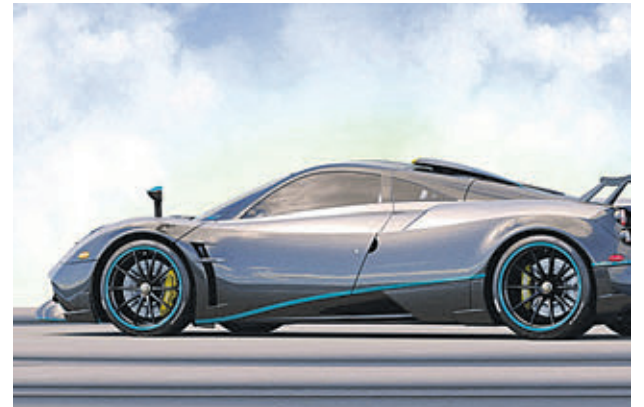
But the manufacturer bowed out in style with a Lewis Hamilton-inspired special it is calling 'L' Ultimo.

It includes certain elements taken from other Huayra models including the Tempesta's carbon front splitter, panels, downforce-inducing skirts and rear diffuser plus a hood scoop similar to that seen on the BC and Cinque.

And it is all finished in carbon fibre with Petronas green highlights and stunning turquoise and white leather interior, in addition to a pricey Sonus Faber 1,200w sound system.

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## La Liga Preview

# Barca are the Real deal

BARCELONA maintained their incredible undefeated run in La Liga this season despite having a man sent off in a spiky 2-2 draw with Real Madrid on Sunday.

Luis Suarez volleyed Barca into the lead after 10 minutes, only for Cristiano Ronaldo to quickly bundle in an equaliser.

Sergi Roberto was shown a straight red card at the end of the first half for catching Marcelo around the face, before a clinical Lionel Messi finish and a sublime Gareth Bale curler left honours even in the contest.

Barca will travel to Levante on Sunday and it will require something special to end their 13-month unbeaten league record, while Real Madrid will host Celta Vigo on Saturday.

Villarreal moved to within touching distance of qualifying for the Europa league after Mario Gaspar headed a



**MARCHING ORDERS:** Sergi Roberto received a red card in an ill-tempered El Classico.

late winner at Estadio de la Ceramica to edge rivals Valencia 1-0.

They will travel to relegated Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday, while Valencia will head to mid-table Girona.

Girona were comprehensively thrashed 4-1 by

Eibar, who themselves are aiming for a top-half finish.

Real Betis saw their eight-match undefeated league run end in a 2-0 defeat at Athletic Bilbao on Saturday, ensuring a top-four spot for Valencia.

Bilbao will be heading to Alaves on Saturday, who

dispatched bottom placed Malaga 3-0.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Atletico Madrid travel to Getafe, Real Sociedad entertain Leganes and Eibar host Las Palmas on Saturday, while Malaga heads to Espanyol on Sunday.

## Premier League preview

# Blues stay in Champions League

OLIVIER GIROUD was the match-winner as Chelsea kept their top-four hopes alive with a 1-0 victory over Liverpool at Stamford Bridge.

The Frenchman expertly headed in Victor Moses' cross in the first-half after the visitors had dominated possession and failed to capitalise.

Chelsea have now moved to within two points of Tottenham in fourth and just three behind third-placed Liverpool with two games remaining.

Manager Antonio Conte said Chelsea were "putting pressure" on their rivals, and as things stand Liverpool need to beat Brighton at home next Sunday to guarantee Champions League football.

Chelsea themselves will host Huddersfield Town on Wednesday, before travelling to Newcastle for their season finale on Sunday.

Newcastle slipped to a third successive defeat at Watford on Saturday, with the Hornets securing Premier League survival in a 2-1 win thanks to first-half goals from Roberto Pereyra and Andre Gray.

According to manager Rafael Benitez, Newcastle's players looked like they were already "on holiday," while goalscorer Ayoze Perez described it as "embarrassing."

Elsewhere, Jake Livermore's last-gasp goal handed West Brom a 1-0 victory over Tottenham, keeping their slim hopes of survival alive.

Just hours later, the Baggies were seconds from relegation when Southampton were denied victory over Everton by a 96th minute Tom Davies equaliser.

The Saints moved out of the bottom three and above Swansea despite conceding a heart-breaking stoppage time goal to make it 1-1.



**FRENCH FLAIR:** Giroud's deft header means the top-four battle will go to the wire.

Everton, who stay eighth in the table, were booed at the final whistle of their final home game of the season, and the result means they can no longer overhaul seventh-placed Burnley who have qualified for the Europa League.

Swansea's 1-0 loss at Bournemouth leaves them in real danger, and winless in seven games, while Stoke's 2-1 defeat by Crystal Palace ended their 10-year stay in the top flight.

Arsene Wenger said his farewell to the Emirates Stadium with a 5-0 thrashing of Burnley, before being treated to a guard of honour from Arsenal and Burnley players alike.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Swansea host Stoke, Arsenal travel to Huddersfield and Crystal Palace entertain West Brom on Sunday.

## SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	87	35	26	9	0	89	23
2 • Atlético	75	36	22	9	5	55	20
3 • Real Madrid	72	35	21	9	5	84	39
4 • Valencia	67	36	20	7	9	62	37
5 • Betis	59	36	18	5	13	56	56
6 • Villarreal	57	35	17	6	12	50	41
7 • Getafe	52	36	14	10	12	41	32
8 • Sevilla	51	35	15	6	14	43	54
9 • Girona	48	36	13	9	14	48	57
10 • Eibar	47	36	13	8	15	41	48
11 • R. Sociedad	46	36	13	7	16	63	56
12 • Celta	46	36	12	10	14	55	52
13 • Alavés	44	36	14	2	20	37	48
14 • Athletic	43	36	10	13	13	40	45
15 • Espanyol	43	36	10	13	13	31	41
16 • Levante	43	36	10	13	13	37	50
17 • Leganés	40	36	11	7	18	29	46
18 • Deportivo	29	36	6	11	19	35	70
19 • Las Palmas	22	36	5	7	24	23	71
20 • Málaga	20	36	5	5	26	23	56

Champions L.

Europa L.

Relegation

## PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	94	36	30	4	2	102	26
2 • M. United	77	36	24	5	7	67	28
3 • Liverpool	72	37	20	12	5	80	38
4 • Tottenham H.	71	36	21	8	7	68	32
5 • Chelsea	69	36	21	6	9	61	34
6 • Arsenal	60	36	18	6	12	72	48
7 • Burnley	54	37	14	12	11	35	37
8 • Everton	49	37	13	10	14	43	55
9 • Leicester City	44	36	11	11	14	49	54
10 • Newcastle United	41	36	11	8	17	36	46
11 • Crystal Palace	41	37	10	11	16	43	55
12 • Bournemouth	41	37	10	11	16	43	60
13 • Watford	41	37	11	8	18	44	63
14 • Brighton	40	36	9	13	14	33	47
15 • West Ham Utd.	38	36	9	11	16	45	67
16 • Huddersfield Town	36	36	9	9	18	27	56
17 • Southampton	33	36	6	15	15	36	55
18 • Swansea City	33	36	8	9	19	27	53
19 • West Bromwich	31	37	6	13	18	31	54
20 • Stoke City	30	37	6	12	19	33	67

# Fergie's battle

By Staff Reporter

TRIBUTES have been flooding in for former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, who remains in intensive care after undergoing emergency surgery for a brain haemorrhage.

It comes after the 76-year-old was said to be awake and 'asking about his results' in the wake of the life-threatening incident.

He was reportedly taken to Salford Royal Hospital with a police escort after falling ill at his Cheshire home over the weekend.

Manchester United said in a statement: "Sir Alex Ferguson has undergone emergency surgery today for a brain haemorrhage. The procedure has gone very well but he

needs a period of intensive care to optimise his recovery. His family request privacy in this matter."

The legendary Scot won 49 trophies as a manager, including 13 Premier League titles, five FA Cups and two Champions Leagues.

He retired from club football in 2013.

**FIGHT FOR LIFE:** Sir Alex reportedly collapsed at home.





LIONEL MESSI and Cristiano Ronaldo both scored in the drawn El Clasico last weekend, and their goals mean they have hit a staggering combined total of 1,000 goals for Barcelona and Real Madrid.

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## Proper champion Yorkshire in race to host Vuelta

SPAIN'S most prestigious cycling race could soon start in Yorkshire.

It comes as director of the Vuelta a España, Javier Guillen, jetted to the UK for talks with sheep farmer turned Chief Executive of the Welcome to Yorkshire tourism agency, Gary Verity.

La Vuelta, also known as the Tour of Spain, is one of the world's three most important cycling tour events alongside the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia.

It was last year won by Team

Sky cyclist Chris Froome, who became the first Briton to pick up the title after bagging his fourth Tour de France just weeks earlier.

Mr Verity led the successful campaign for the 2014 Tour de



France to start in the northern English county, when the first two stages saw the competitors race from Leeds to Harrogate and York to Sheffield.

And speaking at the start of the Tour de Yorkshire's third stage, he confirmed that discussions to bring the Spanish event to Britain are underway.

"We would love to start the Vuelta here, it's kind of Spanish weather isn't it?" he said. "It would work really well, we've got a great relationship with Javier Guillen who's the director of the Vuelta."

Yorkshire will next year host the UCI Road World Championship, the first UK venue to do so for 37 years.

**TOUR DE FORCE:** British cyclist Chris Froome wins stage nine on his way to victory in last year's Vuelta a España.

### FA Cup final preview

## Locking horns in FA Cup

WITH the Premier League drifting towards its foregone conclusion, the FA Cup final on May 19 now stands as the biggest fixture left in the 2017-18 season.

It will be the 137th grand finale of the tournament, and a chance for two heavyweights of English football, Chelsea and Manchester United, to salvage something from their disappointing seasons.

It will also mark the first final between Antonio Conte and Jose Mourinho, two bitter rivals whose verbal spats this season descended into vicious personal attacks.

Eden Hazard, man of the match in Chelsea's semi-final win against Southampton and who has shone in the competition this year, can expect much closer attention from Mourinho's side.

United themselves can take much confidence from absorb-



**BEST OF ENEMIES:** Mourinho and Conte will not give an inch in the final.

ing Tottenham's blistering pace and pressing in the semi-final, fighting back from a goal down to claim victory.

A goal which saw Paul Pogba's perfect cross athletically converted by Alexis Sanchez was a sign of the weapons that Mourinho has at his disposal.

Chelsea are back in the final after losing to Arsenal a year ago, and winning the FA Cup might not be enough to convince either Conte or Chelsea

owner Roman Abramovich that their two-year partnership should be extended.

Meanwhile Jose Mourinho has claimed that his critics will 'kill' him if his team fail to lift the trophy.

However, victory over Chelsea would yield the fourth trophy of Mourinho's two-year reign as United manager, following last season's Europa League, League Cup and Community Shield successes.

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