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Keyless entry

EXCLUSIVE

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH expatriate teacher has been hailed for her fighting spirit after refusing to give up on her lost car key.

Mum-of-two Michelle Corin, 42, who has lived in Altea for most of her 18 years in

Spain, had been out for a day on the beach and made a stop in Albir on her way home.

But as she secured the seatbelts of four-year-old daughter, Sianna Rose and son, Keyen, 11, her only key slid out of the car and down a nearby drain.

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A CHAT with Beatles inner circle member Tony Bramwell ahead of Spanish shows.

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Just the ticket?

BUDGET airline Ryanair has announced that from June 13 passengers will only have a 48-hour window - closing two hours before departure - to check in unless they have paid for a seat, with those missing it charged €60.

Cat call

CATALUÑA'S Parliament has narrowly elected separatist Quim Torra, 55, as president, with the new leader vowing to continue the battle for independence after Madrid confirmed it will lift its direct rule imposed after last year's illegal referendum.

Sick ritual

A FATHER from Barcelona faces prison after being accused of raping his 15-year-old daughter and two of her friends in order to rid them of evil spirits.

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH man on the run for armed robbery and known to have at least 75 false identities has been held on the Costa del Sol.

The still-unnamed suspect was detained in glamorous Marbella on a European Arrest Warrant after being stopped by a Spanish National Police patrol just after 2am.

And when he handed over his fake identification it became clear he was being hunted by UK investigators after being accused of raiding a series of armoured vehicles using illegal weapons and explosives.

He was cuffed and charged with presenting false documents on the spot but reportedly offered the officers €500 to let him go, resulting in an additional bribery rap.

A judge in Madrid ruled via video link that he be remanded in custody ahead of extradition proceedings.

It comes after one of Britain's most-wanted criminals - 41-year-old Stephen Lawrence murder suspect Jamie Acourt - was last week held in Barcelona on drug trafficking charges.

He had allegedly changed his name after going on the run and is

Brit suspect held

Fugitive had '75 identities' but others remain at large



GOT HIM: The latest suspect was held on a European Arrest Warrant.



MOST WANTED: Anticlockwise from top left, Jonathon Kelly, Mark Acklom, Dominic McNally, Shane O'Brien and Sarah Panitzke.

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believed to have spent the last 18 months in Spain, moving between the Catalan capital and the Costa del Sol.

A false passport bearing the name Simon Alfonzo was reportedly seized after he tried to pass himself off as an Italian tourist, but he is not challenging his extradition to the UK.

He became the 81st fugitive to be caught by Operation Captura, a joint venture between Spanish police, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Crimestoppers, with the crackdown forcing

criminals to go to extreme measure to avoid investigators.

NCA head of international operations Steve Reynolds told UK media: "Areas like the Costa Blanca and the Costa del Sol are the most popular with British holidaymakers and most of our fugitives. "It's been known for people to have plastic surgery after faces have been splashed all over the papers and television."

Others believed to be still at large in Spain include Glaswegian Jonathon Kelly, 36, who vanished four years ago after fail-

ing a drug test while on parole for a string of brutal assaults.

Serial fraudster Mark Acklom, 44, is wanted for allegedly fleeing a divorcee out of almost €1 million after romancing her while posing as an MI6 agent.

Twenty-seven-year-old Dominic McNally from Liverpool is wanted on drugs charges, while Londoner Shane O'Brien, 28, is accused of a 2015 murder.

And Sarah Panitzke, 42, from Yorkshire was among the masterminds convicted over a €1.1 billion VAT fraud.

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Rape reports 'on the rise'

THE number of rape cases recorded in Alicante Province rose in the January to March period of this year compared to 2017. Reports of the crime doubled in Alicante City from three to six, from none to two in Benidorm and Elda and from two to three in Villajoyosa.

Crash injury

A 35-YEAR-OLD man was seriously injured after reportedly been run over by a lorry as it passed through Benidorm on the AP-7 Mediterranean motorway. Emergency services personnel arrived at the scene early on Thursday morning and managed to stabilise the pedestrian before taking him to Alicante's University General Hospital.

'Stab' arrest

A 70-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly stabbed his roommate has been arrested by National Police in Alicante City. The man is suspected of a crime of attempted murder against the 41-year-old who was reportedly taken to the city's General Hospital bleeding heavily from wounds to his cheek on Thursday afternoon.

Forest fire

FIREFIGHTING crews including five aircraft were called out to tackle a woodland blaze in Vall d'Alcala on Sunday. Emergency services personnel were alerted at around 2.30pm and were able to have the fire under control by about 6.10pm, with the blaze having spread around three to five hectares.

Hospital land

THE Valencia Generalitat has approved the expropriation of almost 22,000 square metres of land for the expansion of the Hospital de la Marina Baixa in Villajoyosa. The almost €200,000 works have an estimated start date said to be sometime in the first months of 2019, according to management.

Money trial

MODESTO CRESPO, former president of the CAM bank, has pleaded guilty to charges of misappropriating €600,000 from the company. Crespo appeared alongside 20 other defendants who all pleaded not guilty in connection with embezzlement accusations while they worked for the firm, with the former president agreeing to pay €200,000 initially.

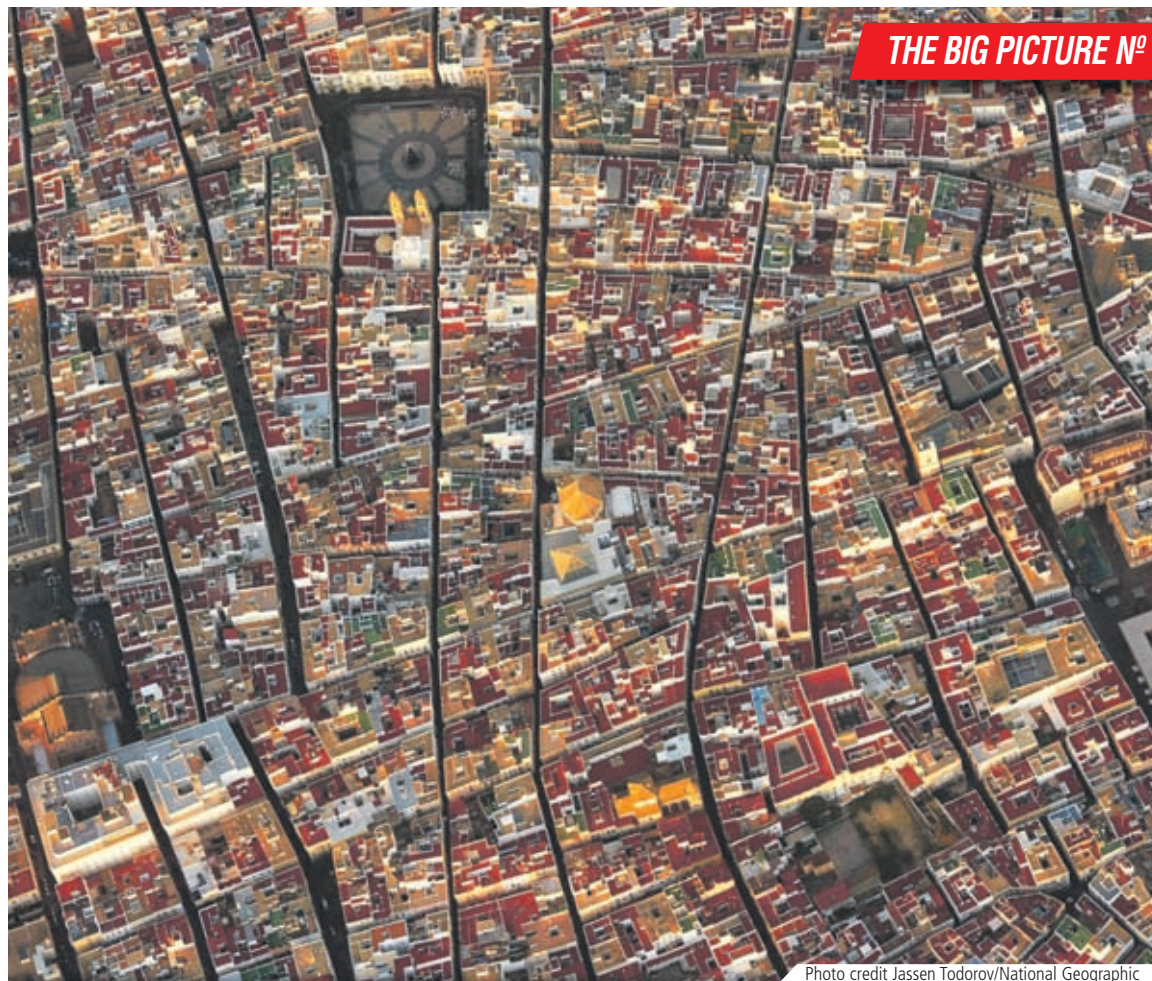


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FLIGHT CLUB: The breathtaking snap was taken from an aeroplane.

Bird's eye view

THIS is the ancient port city of Cadiz, Andalucia, as you have never seen it before.

Arguably the oldest continuously inhabited city in Western Europe having been founded as Gadir by the Phoenicians around 1100 BC, the stunning shot shows the sinuous streets and historic plazas of its centre bathed in golden light just before sunset.

Taken from a plane by Bulgarian aerial photography specialist Jassen Todorov, it is his entry in the 2018 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year contest.

There are three categories in the competition - Nature, People and Cities.

One of the category winners will pick up the overall title plus a cash

prize of \$10,000 (€8,400).

Of the snap, Jassen - who is also a renowned professional violinist and avid pilot - said: "The town of Cadiz, Spain from above is as fascinating as it is from ground level - charming streets, narrow alleys, beautiful architecture, fun markets and people, glorious churches.

"It has got it all - now go visit and get lost for a while :)"

from Front page »

Going underground

Devon-born Michelle said: "My original key snapped in the ignition a few months ago and it was a nightmare to get a new one from the States as I drive an old Chevrolet.

"It cost me €600 to replace, so I really didn't want to lose the new one!"

And her plight soon drew the attention of local bar and shop-owners, one of who called the police.

"They weren't taking me too seriously but eventually attached a magnet

to some rope before one of them lifted up a manhole cover and climbed down, but he refused to go into the tunnel under the road," Michelle said. "Then it started raining so I plugged the drain with plastic bags and called the fire brigade."

But two firefighters were unable to help and told her the keys had been washed into the sea after it started to rain.

"After three hours I got a lift home

very upset and thought right, I'm going to get those keys back!" she smiled.

And the next morning she returned, lifting up the manhole cover with her bare hands and again attracting a crowd before leaping into the abyss with a torch between her teeth.

She said: "I potholed through the disgusting slime and after a few minutes saw the keys wedged behind a lump of tarmac, I was so relieved and happy despite the cuts and bruises."

A friend added: "Michelle is amazing, what a warrior!"



LOST AND FOUND: Michelle emerges from the depths with her prize.

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WEDDING FEVER: Rhys, Inmaculada and (inset) the real Harry and Meghan.

Seeing double

THE world is gearing up to watch Prince Harry and Meghan Markle tie the knot this Saturday.

And as preparations continue, a couple have been crowned Europe's best royal lookalikes after beating more than 3,000 entrants.

Briton Rhys Whittock and Spaniard Inmaculada Serrano, both 34, were named the most convincing doppelgangers after stunning judges with their resemblance to the lovebirds.

The pair were also evaluated on royal waves, wedding proposals and bouquet throws before riding in an open-top horse-drawn carriage outside Buckingham Palace.

Property developer Rhys said: "My family and friends have often said I looked like the young Prince, but I certainly didn't think I'd be crowned the winner."

His partner Inmaculada, a teacher from Sevilla, added: "To be compared to the bride-to-be is a real honour and I'm flattered that I have been voted as the best double for one of the most famous women in the world."

Organised by low-cost airline easyJet, the

winners received a year's worth of free flights.

And the runners-up were also from the UK and Spain, with Danni Burnett and Carlos Lamothe picking up second place.

The final round of judging - led by Duncan Larcombe, author of *Prince Harry: Inside the Story*, lookalike expert Susan Scott and professional Prince William double Simon Watkinson - saw the chosen couples jet into London from around Europe.

Some of the wackier entrants included a ginger kitten, a pygmy goat and a dog.

Around 600 guests are expected to attend the official ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, with another 2,640 invited to the grounds. But Meghan's dad Thomas Markle, 73, may not walk his daughter down the aisle after recently suffering a heart attack.

It comes after UK media revealed he had staged paparazzi photos for cash.

More than 100,000 people are expected to gather in Windsor for the big day, with 79 international media networks heading to Berkshire.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Following reports that a Spanish airport is infested with cockroaches, do you think the country's airports are unhygienic?

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Do you agree that Spain has the best beaches in the world after it topped the global blue flag ranking?

Yes **72%**

No **28%**

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STREET TALK

Do you mind ‘looky looky’ men approaching you?

THEY'RE the sub-Saharan beach sellers who divide public opinion. But how much do ‘looky looky’ men really bother holidaymakers and residents?

• **Ricardo Gutierrez Sanchez, 60**, a retired stuntman on holiday from Salamanca
 “In a country like Spain, people have to do what they can to survive. They have a right to earn a living like anybody else. Buying from them means they can afford to eat. We know the products aren’t the real deal but we don’t mind. I’ve bought all sorts, from underwear to trainers and the quality really isn’t bad!”



ENTITLED: Ricardo.

kets than buy their stuff. I have bought a watch from them, which was okay and some bracelets too. They went a funny colour before long.”



ANNOYED: Carlos.

Carlos Jose Moya Perez, 34, waiter born on the Costa del Sol

“Well, the vast majority of clients don’t like the sellers.

“And it’s a pain for me when I am trying to serve a table and they get in the way.

“They are allowed to sell on the beach next to the restaurant, but we try to stop them from coming in.”

• **Melina, 19**, from Germany and working as a waitress at an Indian food



DITTO: Melina.

restaurant
 “As long as they aren’t too ‘pesado’ (annoying or bothersome in Spanish) they’re fine.

“But if I was in a really nice restaurant I wouldn’t be impressed.

“I’m often out on the promenade persuading people to eat in my restaurant, so I’m not exactly in a position to slate them!”

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USED TO IT: Linda.

• **Linda Mason, 70**, British holidaymaker from Essex
 “I don’t really like it but I’m used to it now because it’s so constant!
 “I’d rather go to local mar-



FEELING SORRY: Luciano.

• **Luciano Di Carlo, 44**, recently moved to southern Spain
 “It’s okay as long as they aren’t really pushy.

“Actually, I would prefer them not to approach me. But sometimes I just buy something because I feel sorry for them, even if I don’t need the product!”

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SHE'S the former Victoria's Secret Angel and among the world's most desirable women.

But all eyes were down as Brazilian lingerie model Alessandra Ambrosio, 37, modelled shoes at the Xti footwear collection launch in Spanish capital Madrid.

She is again the face of the brand's spring-summer 2018 campaign after succeeding Russian beauty and Irina Shayk - former flame of football star Cristiano Ronaldo - in 2016.



WELL HEELED: Alessandra Ambrosio.

REAL MADRID football star Gareth Bale has announced the birth of his third child with partner Emma Rhys-Jones.

He tweeted a photo of his baby son Kiev on May 26.

Bale force

Axel, who joins daughters Alba, five, and two-year-old Nava.

The Welsh wizard, 28, is gearing up to play Liverpool in the Champions League final in

Game of throw-ins

IT'S the hugely popular fantasy series that has been partially shot in Spain since 2014.

And fans of racy HBO hit Game of Thrones have been offered a sneak peek into the eighth and final season after cast members attended Sevilla FC's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium to watch the home team beat Real Madrid 3-2 in a La Liga fixture.

The presence of Peter Dinklage (who plays Tyrion Lannister), Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Jaime Lannister), Sophie Turner (Sansa Stark), Maisie Williams

(Arya Stark), Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark), and Vladimir Furdik (The Night King), among others, set tongues wagging as the internet rumour mill went into overdrive.

The crew have been filming at the Roman site of Italica, Santiponce, with the ruined amphitheatre having previously been used as the set of Dragonpit in King's Landing, and there will also be a shoot at the Ataranzas shipyard ahead of the six one-hour episodes being broadcast in 2019.

HE'S most famous for playing brooding ranger Aragorn who leads an uprising against the evil Sauron in epic film trilogy Lord of the Rings.

And Danish-American actor Viggo Mortensen, 59, showed his real-life rebel side after joining Catalan independence group Omnium Cultural.

The association - a driving force behind last year's illegal referendum - tweeted: 'Welcome to the Omnium family... it is an honour.'



WHAT ON MIDDLE EARTH? Viggo Mortensen.

Mordor madness

Rude interruptions spoil big night

IT was supposed to be their proudest moment.

But the Eurovision Song Contest descended into chaos for the British and Spanish entrants. A stage invader ruined SuRie's performance for the UK after bursting on stage and grabbing the microphone before shouting about 'Nazis of the UK media.'

And the singer revealed that she has bruises on her hands after grappling with the man, who was wrestled to the floor by security.

The competition later turned into bloodshed after Javier Calvo, mentor to Spanish pair and real-life couple Alfred y Amaia, was attacked in Portuguese capital Lisbon.



NIL POINTS: SuRie's stage invader (left) and Spain's Alfred y Amaia.

He was allegedly involved in a bar brawl which left him with cuts and bruises.

And BBC presenter Graham Norton sent viewers into meltdown with a witty remark as the couple wound up their performance, as he quipped: "Awww, I give it a month."

Spain finished 23rd and the UK 24th while Israel won on the night.

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Ruff justice

Pet was close to death

by Joe Gerrard

A BRITISH expatriate rescue centre worker has spoken to *Euro Weekly News* about a dog who arrived at the facility close to death.

Mary-Ann Dunning, 66, said Duque was brought to Paradise Rescue Kennels by a man claiming he could not keep him.

The 11-year-old dog's owner said this was because his wife was terminally ill, according to Dunning.

Dunning, responsible for housing dogs coming into the kennels, said it soon became clear the man had abandoned the dog because of its health.

"Duque was in such a bad way. When I arrived, the morning after, his back was caked in mud and his collar was almost stuck to his neck," she said.

Kennel workers took the dog to the vets but

there was little they could do, Dunning added.

"They pulled out all the stops to try and save him and they called us later saying he was slipping away. He died on Sunday night," she said.

Dunning, originally from the north east of England but now living in Benijofar, added it was not uncommon for the centre to take in sick animals.

"They're just dropped at the gate sometimes. We once took in three German shepherd puppies who were left in a drain near the centre."

She added the Benferri kennels received no government funding and relied on donations to feed the animals and pay vet

bills.

"We get so angry when we see dogs treated the way Duque was," she said.



TAKEN IN: Duque died last Sunday.

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Closing in on dog killers

THE Guardia Civil could be closer to discovering who has been poisoning dogs in Benissa, Calpe and Teulada.

The Seprona nature protection unit has started proceedings against six people on several counts including possessing unauthorised, out-of-date and highly lethal insecticides.

A specially-trained dog from the force's hunting service in El Pardo (Madrid) led officers to three sheds in Benissa and another in Teulada that are used for storing farm equipment.

All belonged to hunting enthusiasts and as well as the highly toxic insecticide found in each shed, Seprona found illegal snares for

catching songbirds as well as 51 hunting dogs that were neither registered nor vaccinated.

The Seprona investigators now await laboratory reports to determine whether the insecticide was present in any of the dogs that died in rural areas in Benissa, Calpe and Teulada last March and April.

At least nine dogs died and another five were poisoned, although there could be more unreported cases, Guardia Civil sources said.

Mere exposure to the insecticide could produce seizures and vomiting in animals, they added, and just 1.5 grammes would be sufficient to kill 500 foxes.

The huntsmen acquired

the product at a clandestine Benissa establishment where an inspection carried out by Seprona and the local governments's agriculture department revealed other unauthorised agricultural products.

All were highly toxic, out-of-date and lacked details of their origin.

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OUR VIEW**Rental car robbers are not to be taken lightly**

ANYONE renting a car in Spain this summer should take care. As holidaymakers flock to Spain in ever-increasing numbers, thieves are employing more brazen schemes to make off with their belongings.

And this does not just apply to tourists, after a member of the *Euro Weekly News* team was last year robbed while sitting at a restaurant less than 10 metres from their hire car.

Some might even say it is worth removing company logos and risking a small fine when returning the vehicle in order to attract unwanted attention.

Scam alert - page 11

UK should aim for EAW

THE Spanish authorities are to be applauded over the recent arrests of wanted British criminals.

Operation Captura has been a resounding success, with fugitives returned to the UK in droves as the UK has come to rely heavily on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

But what of this arrangement post-Brexit?

Senior figures in Brussels have argued that leaving the European Union (EU) necessarily means giving up the EAW and access to databases including Europol.

Labour MEP Claude Moraes, who chairs the European parliament's justice and home affairs, recently voiced concerns that the UK could become the new 'Costa del Crime.'

And after the recent breakdown in relations with Russia, it could be that the need for cooperation is now greater than ever.

Brit suspect held - page 2

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Hit and run horror

Brit expat mows down love rival

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH expatriate from Manchester has been banned from leaving Mallorca for allegedly running over her husband's new girlfriend.

Kemi Coaker, 29, was held in Magaluf after she mowed down Meghan Tattersall in broad daylight before speeding off.

Both women are said to live and work in the area.

Onlookers described how a 'small white car' mounted a pavement near the Punta Ballena party strip and ploughed into the 23-year-old from Wetherby in West Yorkshire.

She was taken to Son Espases Hospital in Palma with serious leg injuries after two police officers spotted a group of pedestrians surrounding her as she lay on the ground.

Kemi, whose maiden name is Pereira, was arrested on the nearby Cala Vinyes housing es-



CAR ATTACK: Kemi Coaker (left) was held in Cala Vinyes after ploughing into victim, Meghan Tattersall.

tate half an hour later as she and a friend sat in a vehicle matching witness descriptions.

And investigators are treating the incident as intentional after it emerged that she had been lying in wait beforehand.

She has been released from custody after handing over her passport and agreeing to stay at least 500 metres away from Meghan, but could face an at-

tempted murder charge, police said in a statement.

The ruling came after she was marched into a Palma court wearing handcuffs and with a grey hoodie covering her face.

Local media have named her ex and the victim's current partner as Andrew Coaker, 39, from Reading in Berkshire.

The pair are believed to have

split 12 months ago after being married for two years, and he started a relationship with Meghan two or three months ago.

A friend told UK media: "Meghan was getting on with her life and enjoying herself out there in Mallorca, she is not a home wrecker."

He was not present at the time of the alleged attack.



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Pay-back

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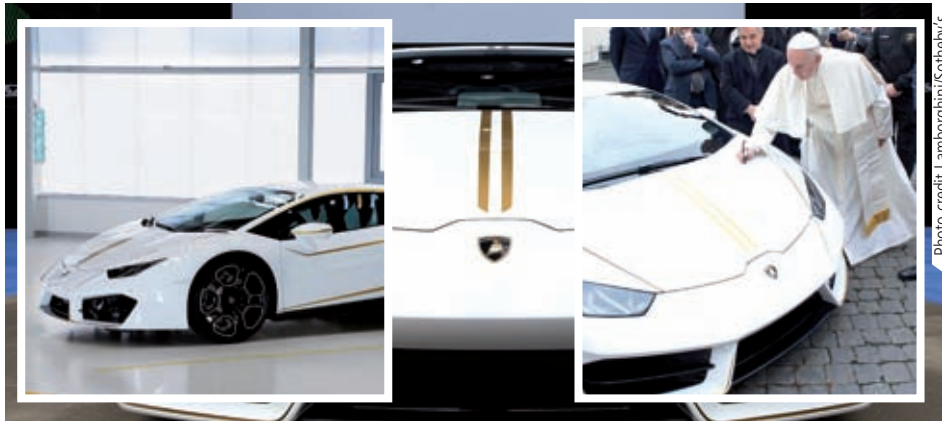


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PAPA DON'T SCREECH: It is believed the pontiff never drove the 570bhp coupe.

Holy hot wheels!

Pope's supercar sells for €715,000

by Staff Reporter

A COSTA CALIDA businessman has snapped up a Lamborghini supercar formerly owned by Pope Francis for €715,000.

The stunning white Huracán with gold trimming - in homage to the Vatican City flag - was gifted to His Holiness by the Italian car maker when it was valued at €180,000, but it has now fetched almost four times

that amount at a Monaco auction.

Signed and blessed by the pontiff himself, the 325kph coupe is now available for rent from a high-end company in Murcia, with all proceeds to be donated to children's charities.

The Pope decided to sell the two-seater car rather than give up his trademark Popemobile, with the speed limit in Vatican City just 30kph.

It was entered into RM Sotheby's Monte Carlo sale held last weekend, and was the subject of fierce bidding which smashed the €250,000-€350,000 estimate.

And almost €500,000 of the money raised from the sale itself will go to the Iraqi city of Nineveh, which was destroyed in the country's civil war, with the remainder split between three other charities.

'Sex slavery' arrests

Woman claiming to be victim speaks out

FOUR people accused of being members of a network which allegedly trafficked women from Nigeria into Europe before forcing them into prostitution have been arrested following raids in Alicante.

Officers claimed they also freed one of the group's victims during their operation against the sex slave ring. She has spoken to authorities about her experience of being held by the gang.

The woman claimed she was shipwrecked with around 150 other people as they were sailing to Europe with the ring.

She added she had witnessed the murder of women who attempted to resist sexual attacks from members of the gang.

The investigation into the alleged sex trafficking ring began several months ago. Police were contacted by an NGO who told them they had been in contact with the woman who claimed she was being prostituted by the group in Alicante.

The alleged victim added she had been captured in Nigeria where she was subjected to voodoo rights.

She was then made to travel through the desert across the country, as well as Niger before reaching Libya and setting out for Europe.

It was while at sea, on the way to Italy, that the woman said she was shipwrecked in which at least one person died.

When the woman arrived in Italy she said the gang transferred her to a house in Milan. She was then taken to Spain, arriving in Benidorm with false documents before going to Alicante where she claimed she was forced into prostitution.

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Driven mad

Thieves targeting rental cars

by Matt Ford

HOLIDAYMAKERS have been warned of a rental car scam in Spain.

Drivers on the AP-7 motorway are reportedly being targeted by thieves who flag them down after claiming to have spotted a flat tyre.

They are signalled to pull over before having their belongings stolen while distracted.

American tourist Kelly Roland said: "We were driving back from Cadeques to Barcelona when a mid-size BMW [with a few guys in it] pulled up next to us on the motorway."

She explained that a man in the front passenger seat was pointing at her front tyre and pointing to a service station ahead.

After she stopped her friend got out to look and the man came over 'speaking loudly in broken English' before Kelly herself joined them.

"Now all three of us are looking at the passenger-side tyre and you can see there's nothing wrong with it.

"[Later] I realised he had been talking loud so we didn't hear the doors opening and closing."

She added that one of the man's friends had sneaked over and removed their bags while they were distracted.

And when she reported the incident to police she was told they had seen the ploy "one, two, maybe 3,000 times before."

Other criminals are less subtle and simply break the windows of rental cars before making off with whatever they can lay their hands on.

Police recommend removing rental stickers or signage from cars, regardless of whether the companies themselves approve. They also recommend that all valuables should be kept out of sight, locking bags and other items in the boot if leaving the vehicle unattended.

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MURDER RAP: Paul Waugh (left) has been remanded in custody in connection with the death of Aaron Henderson.

Death probe goes on Brit expat bar manager held

A BRITISH expatriate bar manager has appeared in a Mallorca court on suspicion of beating a holidaymaker to death.

Aaron Henderson, from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, was on holiday with his partner Danielle Baxter and their young children when he was violently assaulted on the Punta Ballena party strip in Magaluf.

And manager of Mulligan's Irish bar Paul Waugh, 35, has now been held in the wake of a probe.

A 37-year-old Spanish colleague was also arrested and accused of withholding infor-

mation to cover up the alleged attack.

Father-of-four Aaron, 30, was found in critical condition after suffering a severe head injury in the early hours of the morning.

A witness told detectives he was pushed to the ground before being kicked in the head.

He died four days later, and it is understood that a post mortem examination revealed the blows caused bleeding on the brain.

Around 10 people, including British bar staff and promotional workers from the pub and other nearby venues have also been quizzed by investigators, according to a police statement.

Middlesbrough-born Paul has been working on the island for around 15 years and has a young son believed to be aged seven.

He has appeared in a Palma court and remanded in custody. The victim's body arrived in

Belfast on Monday and his funeral took place yesterday (Wednesday), his family confirmed.

Stop press!

THE British Consulate has announced a series of events to answer British residents' queries on Brexit and other issues.

Consul Sarah-Jane Morris will attend all four sessions, which are free of charge and open to all.

May 17 - 1.30pm Cultural Centre Auditori de la Mediterrània, Sala Ponent, La Nucia

May 17 - 5pm Casa de Cultura, Partida el Fondo S/N, Finestrat

May 18 - 11am Camping Vilamar, Carretera Albir, Benidorm

May 18 - 1pm Camping International Almafra, Partida de Cabut, 25, L'Alfàs del Pi

Children gagged as mother kidnapped

A GALICIAN man attempted to rape his neighbour and forced her to gag and tie up her two children before kidnapping her, according to statements made in an Alicante court. Jose Manuel VD has received a 15-year jail sentence for the crimes.

Jose burst into the woman's home in Benidorm yielding a fake pistol in September 2016. He forced her to tie up her two children and muzzle them. He then kidnapped her at gun point.

The children managed to free themselves and alert police who arrived just as Jose and his victim were returning. The court heard that he drove off and hid in a nearby car park where he unsuccessfully tried to rape the woman three times.

The man will have to pay a number of fines of up to €15,000 each to the woman and her two children in damages.

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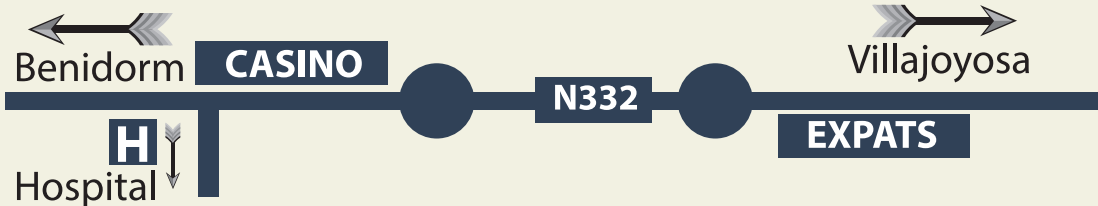
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'YOU ARE GOING TO RUIN YOUR LIFE': Dr Sampedro.

Balconing death plunge warning

Drunk Brits told to cut out hotel stunts

by Staff Reporter

A SPANISH doctor has warned young British holidaymakers to keep dangerous hotel stunts in check.

In a video produced by the UK's Foreign Office, surgeon Juan Jose Segura Sampedro from Son Espases Hospital in Palma de Mallorca urges revellers to stop jumping between balconies.

It comes after research revealed that more Britons are hurt or killed trying to pull off the risky move than any other nationality.

The medic blames British drinking culture after his survey into 'balconing' - where people leap or climb from one terrace to another - found that 61 per cent of those injured were British, while the average age of victims was 24, with 97 per cent men.

In the footage, he says: "The

typical story is a guy, probably 19, 20 years old that has come here [Mallorca] with some friends and they are having fun, they are drinking maybe a bit more than usual and they get into a fight or they take risky behaviours (sic) like climbing from one balcony to another or jumping into a pool.

"Normally, the most frequent accident is going to be a spine injury, and even more severe a head or neck trauma.

"The problem here is not to ruin a holiday, the problem here is you are going to ruin your life."

And in an earlier conference on the subject the doctor revealed that "in 98 per cent of cases the victim had drunk large

amounts of alcohol, and in one in four they also tested positive for cannabis or other drugs."

Two young Britons have already died after plunging from balconies in Mallorca this year.

Natalie Cormack, 19, from North Ayrshire in Scotland, was last month killed after plummeting from the sixth floor of a Magaluf building.

She was trying to cross to her flat from a neighbour's terrace after leaving her keys at the bar she worked at.

In March, Sheffield Hallam University student James Walton, 23, from Ealing in London, died when he fell four floors to the street in Palma after a St Patrick's Day party with friends.

Soldier crushed

His superiors regret the 'fatal outcome'

A SPANISH soldier has been crushed to death by an armoured vehicle during a training drill.

The tragedy happened at around 11pm while the army man was training at a military exercise ground in Agost (Alicante), according to a statement from the unit's headquarters.

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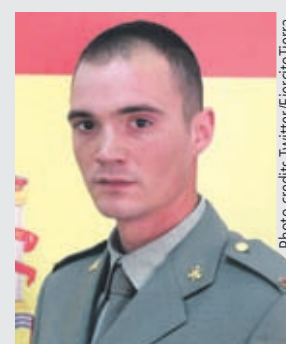


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CRUSHED: The tragedy happened during a training drill.

'Gran Capitan' unit based in Melilla, one of Spain's North African enclaves.

The Melilla general headquarters said they regretted the "fatal outcome."

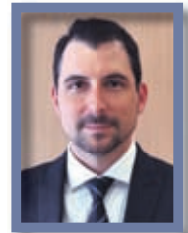
They have offered their support to the dead trooper's family and sent their condolences to his loved ones.

An act to celebrate Armed Forces Day was cancelled on Tuesday due to the accident.



"I just couldn't understand why their financial advisor had recommended that fund!"

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



A gentleman, we'll call him Mr Smith to protect his privacy, had a feeling all was not well with his portfolio. Around 18 months ago, Mr Smith's advisor here in Spain had recommended he sell all the funds in his portfolio and buy a fantastic 'exclusive' fund his financial advisory's company now had access to.

18 months later and despite strong markets, Mr Smith had barely seen any growth in his portfolio. So, what had happened?

Well, one of two things. Firstly, Mr Smith had been tied into an investment bond that was

apparently costing him 1.25% for the lifetime of his plan. This is an unusually high fee to pay for such a product.

Secondly, after several weeks of emails and research, I finally found out some information about this 'exclusive' fund. The fund was fairly new, so very little track-record to justify a recommendation, and also cost the client an eye-watering 2.8% per annum – information that had not been disclosed to

Mr Smith at any point during the recommendation. In addition to the 2 fees we now knew about, there were other associated fees within his overall advice that took his total fees way above 5%.

I wish I could say this was unusual, but sadly in Spain this lack of transparency, and over-charging, is fairly prolific. How on earth is a client expected to make returns with charges this high? Of course, as you'll proba-

bly guess, the vast majority of these undisclosed fees were actually going to the financial advisor as a 'kick back' for the recommendation – not exactly what you would call independent financial advice...

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Recognition for a popular 'Guiri'

CHARLES WILSON, known affectionately as El Guiri del Poble, has received Benidorm's Distincion Europa award.

There is debate as to the origin of Guiri, a word conveying either faint criticism or warm acceptance, but it is this second definition that applies to Mr Wilson.

During a plenary council meeting to commemorate Europe Day, acting mayor Ana Pellicer thanked him for his decades-long, altruistic contribution to Benidorm's culture and traditions. "He has known how to express his love for this town in his books and research, and has integrated into local life as few others have done," she said.

The Bradford-born Spanish teacher



Photo credit: Benidorm town hall

CHARLES WILSON: Special award on Europe Day.

was born in 1932 and since 1985 has lived in Benidorm where he soon connected with local groups and associations. These include the La Barqueta Cultural Association which each year re-enacts the discovery of a statue of Benidorm's patroness, La Virgen del Sufragio.

Accepting the award, Mr Wilson recalled how he first came to Benidorm in 1978 with a group of his pupils, forging links with the Pere Maria Orts i Bosch high school and for several years organising exchange visits.

He also thanked members of La Barqueta for their friendship and affection as well as the people of Benidorm for the acceptance and help they have always given him.

FELIX BERNALTE, a 44-year-old from Benidorm, lost a leg after his motorcycle was hit by a car in La Nucia.

He was returning home after dinner at his friends' house when a dark-coloured Seat Toledo travelling in the other direction invaded his lane.

Felix swerved to avoid it,

Search for hit-and-run Seat

hitting the kerb and running into a tree so violently that he broke his leg, which started to haemorrhage.

Hearing his cries for help, the dogs in a nearby house began to bark and eventually roused the owners who rang the emer-

gency services.

"I can't begin to imagine what would have happened if they hadn't heard him," said the victim's sister, Lourdes.

Felix spent several days in intensive care in Alicante General Hospital

where despite two operations, doctors could not save his leg.

He explained afterwards that the driver of the Toledo, which had an Alicante number plate, initially stopped but then drove off. The driver had dark hair

and he was accompanied by a blonde woman.

La Nucia's Local Police have begun their own investigations, but Felix's family have also appealed to the public to help trace the driver.

"And who knows, perhaps he will read this and give himself up," Lourdes said.

NEWS EXTRA

Pirate rentals

GANDIA Town Hall carried out inspections over Easter week and the San Vicente long weekend to locate illegal tourist rentals and found that 10 per cent were outside the law, revealed local mayor Diana Morant.

Police day

OFFICERS celebrated the Alicante Local Police day last weekend at the Santa Barbara castle in which they recognised more than 100 officers for their contributions to keeping citizens safe, according to sources.

Half-price

ALTHOUGH employers are willing to offer only 1.5 per cent, workers in Alcoy's textile factories asked for a 3 per cent pay rise, arguing that the sector survived the economic crisis thanks to their efforts



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NEWS EXTRA**Ideas invited**

VALENCIA'S Polytechnic University (UPV) is drafting its conclusions regarding uses for the abandoned Aitana air force base near Alcolecha. Suggestions include a 78-room hotel, a campsite and homes for the elderly.

Free for all

ALCOY Council announced after consulting shop and business-owners it would not be extending its contract with the Blue Zone concessionary company and parking will be free from August onwards.

No go

FOR the second consecutive year, Muchamiel failed to secure €10 million from the EU's Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (EDUSI) fund to revitalise the El Ravalet neighbourhood.

'Don't stay the night' owners warned

CALPE Council recently voted to alter its by-laws regarding mobile homes.

These will not be barred from the tow, but will be barred from parking overnight on public roads.

The motion was supported by the Partido Popular, Gent de Calpe and Alternativa Popular para Calpe parties. Even before the vote, Compromis announced that it opposed the proposal, claiming the town hall had caved in to the property sector.

The PSPV-PSOE socialists also announced beforehand that it would appeal against a 'senseless' move that could result in the unwanted label of 'hostile municipality' from motorhome and caravanning associations. This in turn would result in fewer mobile homes visiting Calpe, the socialists warned.

Modifying the by-law was a 'grave error' as well as a dis-



MOTORHOMES: No night-time parking on Calpe roads.

criminatory measure that would affect the 'important earnings' that this type of tourism brought with it, the PSPV maintained.

Complaints were not long in arriving from mobile homeowners as the Spanish Motorhomes Federation (FEAA) and the Motorhomes Platform (PACA) have since announced that they are both thinking of taking legal action against the ban.

The PSPV accused the town hall of acting 'without a plan or strategy' as it wanted to attract low-season tourism but on the other hand issued 'hostile regulations instigated by pressure groups.'

The party also announced that it plans to register a council motion proposing that a plot of municipal land be set aside and equipped so that motorhomes could park there overnight.

Trouble ahead? Ryanair pilot talks stall

by Staff Reporter

A TRADE UNION representing Ryanair pilots in Spain has warned that negotiations will collapse if its final proposal is rejected by the Irish low-cost airline.

The Sepla union represents around 65 per cent of the 700 Ryanair pilots in Spain.

In a letter to its pilot members, Sepla said that the union council that represents Ryanair pilots was 'moderately optimistic' following a meeting last month with Ryanair management.

However, the union's chief delegate, Juan Antonio Canete Ruiz, said following the meeting, the union received a new proposal from Ryanair 'which differed from the spirit of the meeting.'

The union claimed Ryanair's position is 'totally



BREAKDOWN: Union warns negotiations could collapse.

surprising and leads us to believe that they do not intend to reach an agreement.'

Mr Canete Ruiz said that rejection of the union's final recognition proposal, which was sent to Ryanair last Friday, 'would lead to a breakdown of negotiations.'

Sepla is believed to be planning to file a lawsuit against Ryanair in Spain in an effort to have the carrier subject to Spanish labour laws if it rejects the union's final proposals.



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Killed sleeping



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BED DEATH: The girl tried to harm herself after the stabbing.

A 25-YEAR-OLD girl has been arrested on suspicion of murdering her mother and slicing her stepfather's throat while they slept at home.

The brother of the suspect is said to have called police after his stepfather called for help.

When police arrived, they found the mother dead in her bed and the stepfather with a sliced neck at the property on

Gavarda street in the Benimàmet de Valencia neighbourhood.

Officers arrested the 25-year-old who was standing at the doorstep of the same property. The young woman had reportedly also cut herself with the blade.

Both of the victims are said to be 50 years old, according to emergency services.

The dead woman's daughter was also taken to hospital to be treated for her injuries, but she was not seriously injured, sources said.

A multi-service crew arrived at the scene including members of the National Police, Local Police and an ambulance.

Investigations into the attack are ongoing.

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Hopping mad

Flight axed after ploughing into hares

by **Matt Ford**

AN Aer Lingus flight to the Costa del Sol was forced to return to Dublin after a hare was sucked into one of the plane's engines as it took off.

Flight EI-582 had 287 passengers on board as it departed for Malaga.

But soon after take-off the captain contacted air traffic control in the Irish capital to

report that they had hit 'two rabbits or hares' as they sped down the runway.

And after an inspection revealed a single dead hare on the tarmac, the Airbus A330-300 jet was told to turn around as it approached the French coast, amid fears that the second animal's body had been drawn into

an engine.

The cabin crew did not declare an emergency although firefighters and engineers were standing by as the plane came into land.

A replacement aircraft flew the holidaymakers to Spain later the same day.

An Aer Lingus official said: "Flight EI582 departed Dublin Airport this morning, en route to Malaga with 287

guests on board.

"The aircraft turned back less than one hour into the flight, due to a technical issue, and landed safely at Dublin at 9.52am.

"Guests disembarked normally and will be flown to Malaga this afternoon on a replacement aircraft. We apologise to our guests for this disruption to their travel plans."



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NEWS EXTRA**Rowdy
Brits**

POLITICIANS from the centre-right Ciudadanos party reportedly have called an urgent meeting with businesses and police forces to deal with disruptive tourists, mainly from Britain, in the Rincon de Loix area.

Rape alarm

ALICANTE'S most recent figures show a 2.2 per cent fall in all crime, but registered rapes have doubled and thefts have increased by 2.6 per cent compared to last year.

Skid crash

A YOUNG woman was injured when her car reportedly skidded in the rain and collided with a vehicle driven by a middle-aged man near the University of Alicante's education faculty.

Cycling made safer

CAMPELLO has one of Alicante Province's five protected cycling routes.

The General Directorate of Traffic (DGT) created the network last summer, following a spate of cycling accidents on local roads. These claimed the lives of 15 cyclists between 2016 and 2017, with seven killed in 2016 and eight the following year.

Alicante now has 45 kilometres of the protected routes and as well as the Campello-Relleu track, there is another between Algar and Coll de Rates plus the A7-Maigmo-Agost circuit. The fourth and fifth routes connect Biar with Villena and Castalla with Ibi.

Juan Carlos Moragues, the national government's delegate to the Valencian Community, accompanied by Campello's mayor Benjami Soler, recently visited the route that links the town with inland Relleu.

During his visit, Moragues quoted DGT figures that the Guardia Civil has compiled since August 2017 when 978 people were stopped and

**CAMPELLO-RELLEU: Campello mayor talks to reporters**

breathalysed on the safe cycling routes throughout the Valencian Community's three provinces.

The majority - 687 - were stopped for exceeding the 70 kilometres per hour speed limit and a further 41 people tested positive for drugs, Moragues revealed.

Since the safe routes were introduced there have been 141 road accidents, but only three occurred on the cycle routes, Moragues pointed out.

A ZOO in Benidorm has become the only one in Spain to host a complete family of jaguars.

The clan is made up of four members. Five-year-old Socorro, the father, arrived

Ad-roar-able

at Benidorm's Terra Natura zoo from Krefeld in Germany in 2014. Mother Grecia, also five, came from Athens in the same year.

The couple gave birth to cubs Pepa and Lola last summer, but the family was reunited only recently due to the endangered animals sometimes rejecting their offspring.

Scam alert**Police issue warning****ROGUE GAS INSPECTORS: Charge hundreds for parts that cost only a few euros.**

by Karl Smallman

SPAIN'S National Police is warning the public, especially the elderly, to be on their guard for scams involving fake 'gas inspectors.'

Typically, the con artists turn up at the homes of the victims to perform installation inspections and then charge hundreds of euros for replacing any past use-by date gas hoses that only cost a fraction of the price.

They often wearing official-looking uniforms and carry dubious ID and clipboards.

The police say that official gas distributors and inspectors always 'notify in advance, by letter and set an appointment,' so an unexpected knock at your door and visit should be a reason for suspicion.

They also add that if a payment is immediately demanded in cash or even with a credit card, it also a sign of a scam.

National Police officers say that the victims are, in most cases, the elderly and the vulnerable and ask for everyone's help to spread the word and stop the scam.

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NEWS EXTRA**Truck ruck**

TRAFFIC was temporarily diverted after queues of waiting vehicles built up for several kilometres as cranes were brought in to remove two heavy lorries that collided on the A-31 Alicante-Madrid motorway near the Villena tunnel.

Fire scare

THE fire brigade was called out in Villajoyosa after a washing machine caught fire on the first floor of a four-storey building whose 65-year-old male occupier was able to leave the building unassisted.

Clean up

ALICANTE'S environment minister, Israel Cortes, has announced a plan alongside UTE waste management firm to clean up the waste which has accumulated around the cemetery, according to sources.

Unbearable stink

by Gregory Kirby

RESIDENTS of an Alicante town are struggling to live with a nearby river which is infested with mosquitos and dead fish.

Town dwellers said they have never seen the river so contaminated.

"The smell is unbearable, there are dead fish, lots of mosquitos... you can't live here," affected local, Mari Carmen Fernandez said.

"On top of that, the houses are losing value," the Denia resident added.

Fernandez said residents asked Denia and Els Poblets town councils to help but were ignored.

The area does not lack natural beauty. Its Els Molins beach wins a blue flag award each year but now the surroundings are marred by 'a crusty dry river bed' which doesn't move, the local resident said.

The problem is not new and stinky algae built up a few years ago but it was towed



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SMELLY PROBLEM: The stagnant river is making life tough for locals.

away, Fernandez added.

Last year heavy rains allowed the river to flow avoiding this year's problems.

Fernandez met with the environment head of the Jucar water confederation (CHJ) who admitted the river is a 're-

ally big problem' but couldn't step in either.

The responsibility for the issue had been deferred to her boss and president of the CHJ, Angles Ureña.

A meeting has now been organised, sources said.

Meat in the middle

AN employee who was fired for stealing and eating a pasty at work in Spain has been told by a court she should have her job back or be compensated.

The company she worked for recorded the empanada-scoffing incident on a surveillance camera which was submitted to the court as evidence.

But a judge in Cordoba said the evidence is inadmissible after the European Court of Human Rights condemned Spain for taking such evidence without the consent of the workers.

The woman had worked at the same shopping centre for 12 years and, on November 22 last year, she received a letter of dismissal for 'an absolutely fraudulent and disloyal performance.'

Now the judge has ordered the company to re-employ the woman or, alternatively, pay her €19,000 compensation.

Plane crash horror

THREE people were killed on Saturday when a light aircraft crashed in Spain, authorities have revealed.

The regional government for Cataluña has said that the plane took off from the Portuguese airport of Tires.

It was headed to Reus Airport in Tarragona, north-

east Spain, but crashed in the nearby area.

The accident caused a small bushfire that had to be extinguished by fire-fighters.

An investigation is underway and the identity of the three victims remains undisclosed at this stage.

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Legally as owner of the plot they will be considered as the promoter or developer of the project, and will be deemed responsible in front of third parties, like the town hall, etc, in case of breach of planning consent, construction problems or other unforeseen difficulties

For this reason, it is essential in these cases, that the client is advised correctly, especially in relation to the contracts to be signed, and the obligations and responsibilities to be assumed by the different agents that will be part of the construction process, especially the technical architect, main architect, builder, etc.

For example:

It is highly advisable that the client agrees with the architects in addition to the design and execution of the project, they must take charge of the delivery of all

necessary documents for the registration of the construction at the land registry and cadastre, once it is finished and in addition, they should obtain the first occupation licence and any other legal documents required.

In relation to the builders: it is essential that the client establishes on a contractual basis exactly what the builder's obligations are and to receive written confirmation the builder and architects do not have a relationship of dependence or regular collaboration, to ensure their independence and that they will defend the interests of the client in case of disputes regarding the execution of the work, materials, etc.

In some cases it could be worthwhile considering the hire of the services of an external architect who will monitor or control the work of the project.

There is no question, from the legal point of view, that the preparation of the execution of works or building contracts with builders, as well as contracts with professionals such as architects in a manner that protect the interests of the buyer of a plot on which they want to build (developer), is quite complex.

Therefore, if you wish to buy a plot in Spain, for the purpose of building, you should understand it is essential to obtain the necessary legal advice to ensure protection of your interests, obtaining the necessary documentation for the completion of the process. If you are in this situation, contact us we will help you.

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NEWS EXTRA

Out of order

A BREAKDOWN in Santa Barbara castle's lift mechanisms has forced the Alicante City Hall to run a bus service so 2,500 cruise ship passengers can visit one of the city's main sights, media reports.

Patched up

MORE than four kilometres of outlying rural roads in Villajoyosa which were damaged in the winter storms of 2016 and 197 are now being repaired with a €134,746 grant from the Diputacion provincial council.

Picture gift

ARTIST Pepe Azorin, who has lived in Altea for 40 years, donated a painting measuring 4 x 1.70 metres which will be hung in the hall of the Palau, the Culture councillor announced.

by Matt Ford

A COUPLE from Barcelona who moved to Ireland and charged clients €200 per hour for sex at their home will not be jailed.

Spaniard, David Navaro, 50, and his Brazilian wife Celia Galan, 41, moved to Ennis, County Clare, in 2015.

They were held in the wake of a covert surveillance operation by Gardai (Irish police) investigators amid suspicions they were running a brothel.

Ennis District Court heard that the pair were making around €1,200 per week after advertising themselves on the Escort Ireland website as 'Ann and Peter.'

A raid on the property saw a laptop with the saved advert, a phone and a notebook with clients' details seized, said Inspector Tom Kennedy.

The advert said: 'Ann is a woman of 30 years with a pretty face and Peter is a man of 38 years with a slender body and both are eager to please you.'

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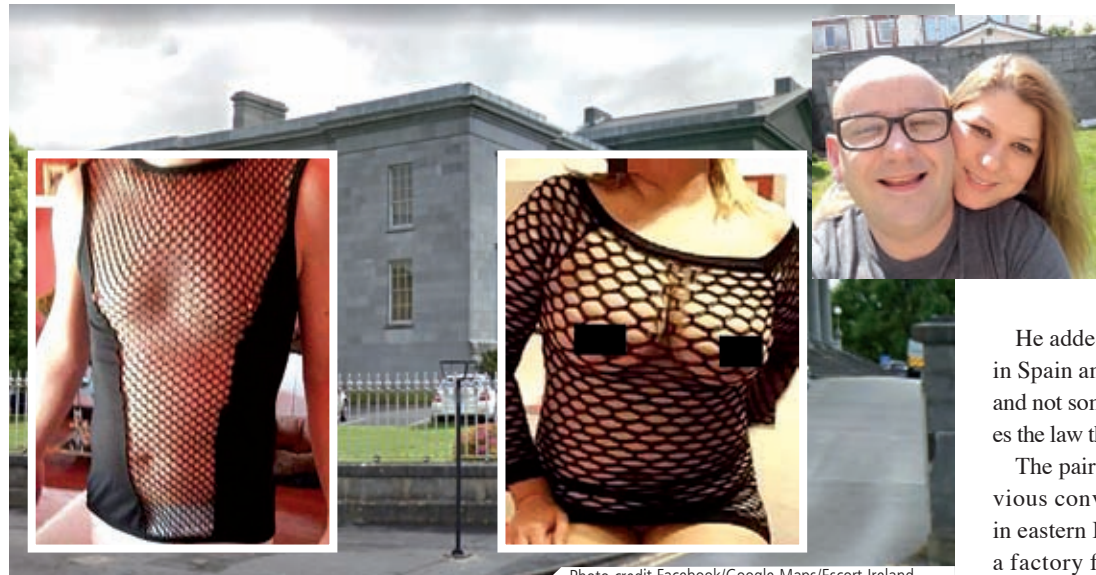


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AID BARE: Ennis District Court and (inset) David, Celia and snaps from their online advert.

firmed that the couple did not work individually, and that they would charge €200 an hour for sex, €170 for 45 minutes or €130 for 30 minutes.

He added: "Their response to

Gardai was that they didn't think there was anything wrong with what they were doing and that it wasn't illegal.

"The entire operation was conducted by both of them. It

was a joint enterprise.

"They were both participating in it willingly and with each other and it was advertised in that format."

Daragh Hassett, defending,

called the racy venture a "cottage industry," and said that when the pair were charged "they were effectively run out of the property and out of Ennis."

He added: "This is rampant in Spain and regularised there and not something that breaches the law there."

The pair - who have no previous convictions - now live in eastern Ireland and work in a factory for €400 per week after cooperating fully with the police and pleading guilty to prostitution charges, the solicitor continued.

Judge Patrick Durcan charged each of them €600 and said: "This activity is against the law and the court doesn't approve of this type of activity."



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Return visit
 A MUNICIPAL delegation from Sao Lourenco dos Orgaos on Santiago island (Cabo Verde) visited Alfaz during the town's annual Capoeira meeting. Organised by the local Oria Zambí Association, this features the Afro-Brazilian martial arts-dance form and in return, the Cabo Verde party invited Alfaz councillors to visit the island next year.

ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

Small but very important



Photo credit: Alfaz town hall

SMALL MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS (PIM) is an international programme to assist offshore land areas. Alfaz became PIM's only Spanish headquarters in 2016 and the latest expedition arrived there recently to collaborate in restoring and promoting the cultural and environmental assets of the Sierra Helada and Alfaz. At the same time PIM aims to provide international support for the type of conservation that is currently being carried out in the 24-metre Patriarc'h, the PIM initiative will visit Mallorca, Sardinia, Sicily and Tunisia before arriving in Toulon (France) at the end of August. "Alfaz was chosen because its

support for sustainability and the environment are reflected in projects like these," said Rocia Guijarro, Environment councillor at Alfaz Town Hall, following her meeting with PIM director, Mathieu Thevenet. The PIM expedition, which is supported by different institutions and associations including Alfaz Town Hall, intends to carry out conservation projects on land and at sea. "It is necessary to protect the Mediterranean islands," Mathieu Thevenet said. "These small tracts of land are increasingly important to safeguard biodiversity and the landscape that are home to plants and animals that we cannot find anywhere else."

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Taxing situation made easier

PUTTING in annual income IRPF tax returns has been made easier for Altea residents this year. The Valencian Community's tax and economic model department together with regional tax authority, IVAT have opened an Altea office on the second floor of the Casa de l'Aigua.



Photo credit: Altea town hall

TAX OFFICE: Francisco Simoes and Pere Lloret with tax officials.

This can be reached via Calle Pont de Moncau or the more accessible Plaza de l'Aigua. The office will remain open until July 2 - this year's closing date for IRPF declarations - and residents can visit the office where

three Hacienda officials will be on hand to assess their declarations. Those wishing to make use of the service should first make an appointment

by calling 901 223 344 or visit the Agencia Tributaria (Tax Office) website. Prior to the opening, the office was visited by Francisco Simoes - Territorial Director of Alicante's Agencia Tributaria - accompanied by Altea's Finance councillor Pere Lloret to ensure that everything was in place and ready for the town's taxpayers. The office opens between 9am-2.30pm and 4pm-7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 9am until 3pm on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Child's play

THE Valencian Tourist Board helped Altea Town Hall to obtain permission from coastal authority Costas, which is attached to the Environment Ministry, to enlarge the children's playground at Altea's La Roda beach. The extension will be equipped with stainless steel equipment specifically designed for children aged between three and seven.

ALFAZ DEL PI / ALBIR NEWS

Bikers book for June

THE FZ6 España annual meeting for Yamaha motorcycle owners and fans is being held in Alfaz this year.

This will be the association's third annual concentration and the meeting scheduled for the first weekend in June has been organised by the FZ6 Fazer Alicante group.

One of the bikers' principal activities will be a tourist route throughout the Marina Baja and the inland mountains, members of the local group explained to Alfaz's Sports councillor Luis Miguel Morant.

The 60 or so bikers will meet up at Camping Magic Robin Hood in Albir and from there they will set out on Saturday, June 2 passing first through Alfaz and then on to La Nucia and Polop before turning inland to Guadalest,



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JUNE MEETING: Yamaha enthusiasts will meet in Albir.

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Teulada Moraira

NEWS

Bug off

TEULADA-MORAIRA Council reminded residents to help to prevent tiger mosquitoes from proliferating in the town. Steps they should take include ensuring that swimming pools are kept in good condition while taking care to avoid stagnant water from accumulating in flowerpots or other receptacles and providing the mosquitoes with an ideal breeding ground.

Better luck next time

TEULADA-MORAIRA and Benissa's joint application for Sustainable Urban Development Strategy (EDUSI) funds from the European Union was recently turned down.

The fact that the innovative and well-planned project is sixth on the EDUSI waiting list for the Valencian Community was proof that it was highly valued, Teulada-Moraira mayor Carlos Linares told an interviewer in the Spanish media.

Linares also pointed out that the municipality was waiting to learn the outcome of a request for funds that would allow the municipality to rehabilitate the Cap d'Or archaeological area in Moraira.

This would enable the town hall to ensure that the site, with its 16th century defence tower, received the recognition and protection it deserved, while making it more visitable, the mayor said.

Signed, sealed and postmarked

AS well as the usual postmark, mail franked in Teulada-Moraira now shows the profiles of two local landmarks.

The Castillo Tower on Moraira's seafront and an outline of the gothic walls in Teulada's Old Quarter will now travel the world on envelopes and postcards, said Teulada-Moraira's mayor Carlos Linares when the postmarks were presented to the public.

He was accompanied by Pepe Ivars, president of Calpe's Ifac Filatelicos Association, together with the postmasters from the Correos branches in Moraira and Teulada and representatives from local cultural associations.

The two designs are the towns' first illustrated postmarks although all franked mail will continue to include the date and name of the town.




Photo credit: Teulada-Moraira town hall

FIRST APPEARANCE: Teulada-Moraira's new postmarks.





As the municipality has two post offices it has been possible to incorporate two designs, promoting Teulada's Old Quarter as

well as Moraira's Castillo, pointed out Linares as he thanked local philatelic associations and Correos for their input.



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JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

Spell it out

SOMEONE has been leaving aubergines and candles outside Javea cemetery for the last 12 months.

Left outside a side entrance, the last offering was still so plump and glossy that they were clearly recently picked.

Lacking the trappings of satanic rites, residents suspect that the aubergines are, at most, white magic.

Keep it clean and green

A SPECIALLY-ASSIGNED guard will ensure that Javea's green recycling points are used correctly.

Anti-social behaviour from a minority damaged Javea's image and at the same time cost the town hall money, Services councillor Kika Mata said. Each time someone left their unwanted belongings outside one of the recycling containers this incurred more cleaning and rubbish collection costs, she explained.

Although there is no problem with homeowners' prunings and garden waste, professionals who should take large quantities to the Ramblars site will also be in the guard's sights.

The situation was hard to understand, Mata said, because Javea was a municipality with ample facilities for rubbish



Photo credit: Javea town hall

RECYCLING POINT: Not good for Javea's image.

collection. The town has more than 20 green recycling points, a municipal eco-park with extended opening hours, and

door-to-door collection was available for unwanted furniture and belongings on 900 102 149.

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Spaced out

AFTER trees were 'massively felled' in the Pinosol area, the town hall found this was carried out by contractors on private land after the council required the owner to clear it to reduce fire risk. The Services department will check to ensure that there was no more than 50 metres between each pine.

JAVEA - XABIA

NEWS

Reading people like a book

JAVEA'S Cultural Diversity Week features a Biblioteca Viviente (Living Library) this Saturday in Avenida Jaume I (port) between 11.30am and 2pm.

The town hall is highlighting Javea's rich cultural diversity

by giving a voice to its immigrant residents and banishing prejudice and stereotyping.

Nine Javea residents will become a 'living books,' relating their travels, adventures and the difficulties they have overcome.

The 'books' include Nazhiha Barnoussi and Souad Merabet, two revolutionaries who have defeated the popular image of the submissive Arab woman and Milichu Martinez, who survived the Spanish Civil War.

The daughter of an actress from the La Barraca theatre group created by the poet Federico Garcia Lorca in the early 1930s, she was exiled in Chile and promotes education for marginalised women.

Enying (Ani) Chen, another Javea resident participating in the Living Library, comes from China and has organised a Gestoria to help immigrants cope with bureaucracy.

All systems go for Montgorock

THE Montgorock Festival has become a must for fans of Spanish rock, said Javea's mayor Jose Chulvi.

He was speaking during the run-up to the event, accompanied by its promoters Josan Serrano and Mari Cruz Gisbert.

The mayor pointed out that the festival was also an out-of-season tourist draw that has helped to fill hotels and tourist apartments. It was for this reason, Chulvi said, that the town hall has collaborated by ceding a site for the event, cooperating with technical advice regarding permits and providing security backup with the Local Police and Civil Protection.

The corporation was also able to cooperate with marketing and promoting the festival, es-



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SPANISH ROCK: Montgorock a low-season attraction.

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NEWS EXTRA**Women's power**

BENIDORM'S equality ministry is holding women's empowerment workshops for the second year running to help them improve communication skills and time and money management, according to reports.

City sued

A BUILDING company - Prometosa Construcciones SL - is taking the Alicante City Council to court for once again failing to pay creditors and consultant technicians, according to reports.

Water aid

VALENCIA'S agriculture ministry will fund 50 per cent of the micro-irrigation infrastructure plans with subsidies for the first time since 2011 in a move to optimise farm water usage, according to media reports.

Summer fun

AUTHORITIES in La Nucia are reportedly helping families this summer by subsidising summer camp activities and workshops for children who are aged three to 16 as a part of the 'L'Escola d'Estiu' project.

Fancy food

A TOTAL of 15 restaurants are offering high quality meals at a special price of €40 during this year's 'Benidorm Gourmet' festival which started on May 12 and runs until May 20, media reports.

Charity

STAR WARS fans joined Benidorm's fourth annual 'trophy for a smile' beneficiary event at the Guillermo Amor sports' city to raise funds for the Parents with Children with Cancer Association, according to sources.

Vandals threaten centre's safe space

THE Benidorm-based Doble Amor centre for those with learning difficulties has been broken into for the umpteenth time.

After a vending machine was recently vandalised yet again, the centre's director Luis Muñoz Saiz wrote an open letter to the

culprits, explaining that neither users nor employees could now buy a soft drink.

The director also referred to the 'defencelessness' of 'our boys and girls' on seeing their safe space invaded. The vandals had worn gloves and it would be practically impossible to trace or

identify them, the director lamented.

The management uses the slim profit it makes on the drinks to pay for minor outlay on material and also to provide treats for pupils at the end of the week.

The last robbery was the second in less than a month and al-

though little cash was taken, the break-in 'hurt those who least deserve it and who are most in need,' Muñoz Saiz said in his letter.

The director pointed out that only weeks ago it had been necessary to ask the town hall for an advance to pay off some of

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These days there are almost no Moorish ovens left. Most pizzerias and restaurants no longer work with traditional ovens, most modern ones are more efficient, but they do not give off that charm, much less imbibe the authentic flavour generated by cooking in a clay oven. In short, it is not so easy to find a place where you can taste the authentic flavour generated by these Moorish ovens.

Restaurant Al Forn de les Deveses

But all is not lost, there are some who still make their dishes in a traditional way and one of the most outstanding is Al Forn, in Denia. A delightful restaurant where the traditional cuisine of La Marina Alta has one of its last refuges, their famous 'cocas' are a worthy find all on their own.

The restaurant Al Forn de les Deveses is located around what was an old Moorish bread oven of almost four metres in diameter, which has been restored, creating in its interior an elegant rustic atmosphere, merging the conservation of the architectural and cultural heritage with the modern restaurant.

Located right in the heart of the emblematic fishing district of Baix la Mar, Al Forn de les Deveses has a large magnificent ter-

race where diners can enjoy the beauty of the square and the Mediterranean breeze on hot summer nights. It's situated close to the port and the castle of Dénia, so you can enjoy a beautiful stroll through the historic narrow streets of Baix la Mar that lead to the restaurant.

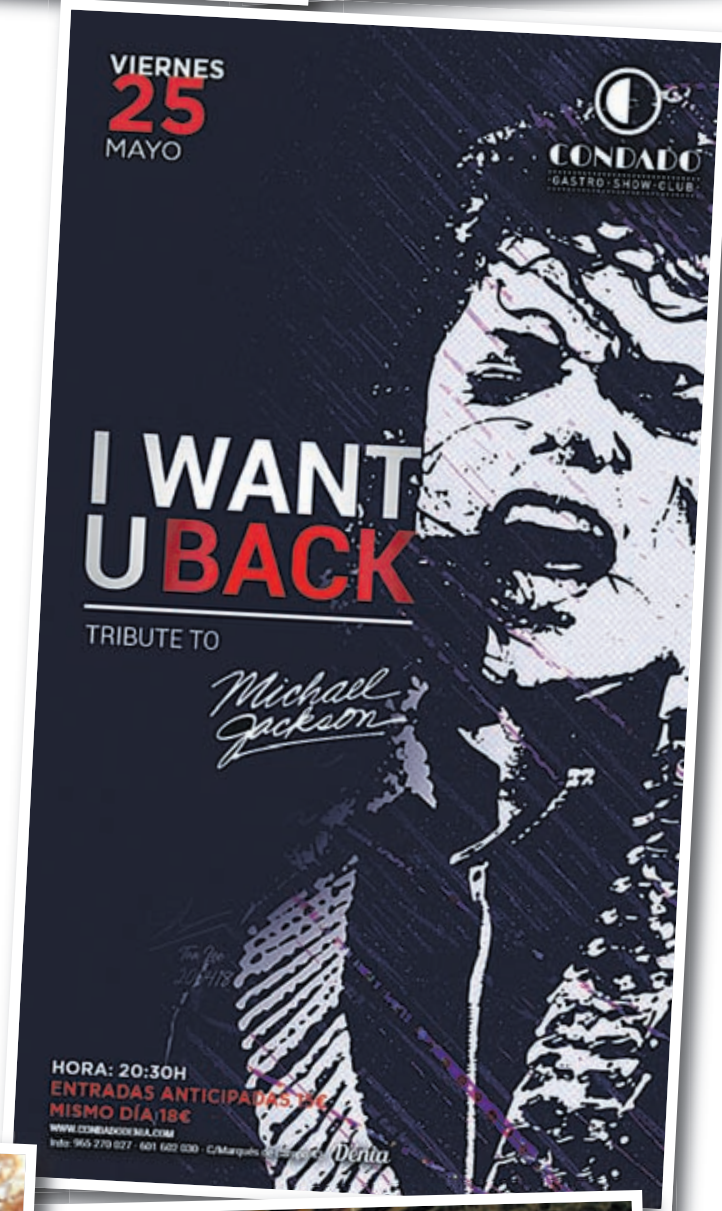
The menu includes tapas, cocas de la Marina, the cocas are similar to a kind of pizza made with natural fresh local toppings, and an excellent touch of olive oil. Take advantage of its magnificent oven to try delicious hot tapas, baked rice dishes, and meats such as 'espatarrado' chicken, lamb shoulder or lamb chops; as well as baked fish such as 'boquerones,' mackerel and octopus among others, without forgetting amazing salads made with delicious fresh local vegetables.

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Portillo Civil War link



By Joe Gerrard

THE father of a leading former British politician may have been behind one of the most famous speeches given during the Spanish Civil War, according to a historian's new theory.

Severiano Delgado said the address delivered by Miguel de Unamuno at the University of Salamanca was written by Luis Portillo, the father of ex-cabinet minister Michael.

Delgado, a historian and librarian at the University of Salamanca, added although a speech was definitely delivered it was possible the surviving transcript was Portillo's invention.

The address saw Unamuno take General Jose Millan Astray, a supporter of Francisco Franco and founder of the Spanish Legion, to task over his role in the war. It was delivered around three months into the conflict in October 1936.

"You will win because you

have an abundance of brute force, but you will not convince. To convince, you need to persuade, and to persuade you need something you lack: reason and right in the struggle.

"It seems to me to be useless to ask you to think of Spain. I have spoken," Unamuno is recorded as saying in the address in the presence of Astray.

Delgado said Luis Portillo, a professor, poet and Republican government official, knew Unamuno through the university.

He later published a piece based on the speech named Unamuno's last lecture in *Horizon* magazine in 1941, possibly with the help of Animal Farm writer, George Orwell.

"In reality Unamuno didn't deliver that speech. It was invented and written by Luis Portillo," Delgado said.

He added Portillo's version had been picked up by British historian, Hugh Thomas who included it in



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his book *The Spanish Civil War*.

"He copied out Portillo's account pretty much from beginning to end and cited it as a translation of the speech. That was the great misunderstanding," he said.

Luis Portillo fled Spain when the war ended and went to Britain where he married and had five sons. One would go on to become former Tory MP and television railway enthusiast, Michael Portillo.

NEW THEORY:
Portillo's (inset) father may have written the speech.

In the dock

POLICE are probing the theft of a vessel from their own harbour facilities in the south of Spain. The boat had recently been found drifting without a crew and it was being kept at the port in Huelva while Guardia Civil officers tried to trace its rightful owner. But now the police are investigating the theft of the boat, under cover of nightfall, from right under their noses.

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RADIO MASTS: Cluttering up Benitachell's Puig de la Llorenca.

Protection for Puig de la Llorenca

BENITACHELL'S latest plenary council meeting was one of the most important of the present legislature, said Mayor Josep Femenia.

"We have taken the first steps towards regulating the antennas on Puig de la Llorenca," he explained afterwards.

"No other town hall team has tackled the historic problems of appropriation and occupation and the need to safeguard an area of great natural and scenic value. Not one," Femenia pointed out.

"We have created a technical and political committee that will give us a clear picture of Puig de la Llorenca's urban and environmental reality," he said.

Femenia went on to emphasise that the town hall was the first to want the competent local government body to resolve conflicts arising from the use of electro-radio spaces.

The plenary session also agreed to apply to the provincial council, the Diputacion, for a grant to build a social-cultural centre. This will have an

auditorium seating 300 people that would place Benitachell at the heart of the Marina Alta and Valencian Community's cultural scene, Femenia said.

These two resolutions summed up the local government's plan of action, he added.

"These projects are transforming and exciting. As mayor, I am very proud that this town hall, in a politically unstable legislature, has had sufficient quorums to push these initiatives through."

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No quibbles over Quisi



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QUISI RAVINE: Viaduct still viable.

THE Santa Ana viaduct over the Quisi ravine in Benissa will stay where it is.

The Valencia region's rail operator FGV had planned to replace the century-old bridge as it continues modernising and renovating Line 9 between Benidorm and Denia.

As well as installing new signalling systems and safety mechanisms, all the line's bridges and viaducts are being overhauled.

Some, like those in Altea and Mascarat, have been dis-

mantled, serviced and re-assembled, but FGV decided that the 168-metre viaduct built in 1914 was eroded and needed to be substituted.

The decision was questioned by all parties on the local council which asked the regional government for an alternative to replacing the original.

The director general for public works, Carlos Domingo has now announced that following a meeting with Benissa Town Hall, the local government has agreed to rehabilitate

the viaduct instead.

"This solution will permit conservation of the infrastructure without changing its appearance. Once rehabilitated it can be used by the existing Line 9 diesel trains," Domingo said.

Meanwhile, the local government's infrastructure department is analysing what steps to take once heavier dual-purpose diesel-electric trains are introduced and will commission further studies from railway engineers.



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Shiny lifeboat

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Bus running

A BUS will service the section of TRAM line between Campello and Villajoyosa which will be closed for 20 days next September during a €3m rehabilitation of the Barranc d'Aigues viaduct.

False alarm

FIREFIGHTERS went to put out a suspected blaze in Benidorm Town Hall after two officers spotted large amounts of smoke coming out of the building, but once inside they discovered fumes but no fire, media reports.

By Staff Reporter

A JUDGE has dropped proceedings against a woman for allegedly burning pictures of the King.

The decision follows a separate European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) ruling, classing such acts as free expression.

Jose de la Mata, a judge presiding in Spain's National Court, wrote in a report to police the burning was a 'symbolic' rejection of the monarchy.

The act did not incite hatred or violence which could have made the woman liable for prosecution, the judge added. Insulting the crown is a criminal offence under Spanish law, as is hate speech.

The ruling concerned the woman's alleged burning of a photograph of the king at a protest in Banyoles.

The demonstration was called after the ECHR's decision to strike down 15-month prison sentences for two Catalan defendants accused of insulting the Spanish crown. The court in Stras-



RULING: The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Treason rap axed

Ruling fans free expression flames

bourg also ordered Spanish authorities to compensate the protestors.

The National Court in Madrid's decision to call off

efforts to prosecute the woman for the Banyoles burning follows the ECHR ruling on March 13.

Judge De la Mata cited the

ECHR's ruling in his report to police. He wrote the burning of the photos had not been a personal attack but a criticism of what the King represented,

the Spanish state.

The woman levelled political criticism at the crown over the treatment of the two Catalan defendants and over Spain's handling of the Catalonia independence push more generally, the judge added.

"The ECHR recalls that freedom of expression is valid not only for information or ideas that are favourably received or considered harmless but also for those that hurt or offend," the report said.

"Pluralism and tolerance are required. Without these there is no democratic society," it added.

The court's decision comes as Spain has wrestled recently with its monarchy insult laws. The Congress of Deputies in Madrid debated scrapping the legislation in March following proposals from a Catalan leftist party in the Spanish parliament.

Valtonyc, a rapper from Mallorca, was sentenced to three and a half years in prison for slandering the monarchy in his songs, among other things. He is yet to enter prison.

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Meeting the mayor

THE Asociación Benefica Marina Alta charity shop in Ondara recently welcomed the mayor of Ondara, Jose Ramiro Pastor, and social worker, Maria Carmen, to discuss a new project to expand the scope of the residential home for older people in Ondara.

Whilst he was there, the mayor met two of the volunteers from the Civil Protection Benidoleig who proudly showed him their new fire jackets, purchased with a grant from the charity shop. The jackets are specially designed to prevent injuries and burns whilst the volunteers are tackling fires.

The charity shop accepts donations of good quality clothes, bric-a-brac and furniture to sell on and the money raised is given to other charitable organisations.

If you would like to donate items or volunteer please visit the shop at Avenida Doctor Fleming, 49 in Ondara between 10am and 1pm, Monday to Friday.



Credit: Asociación Benefica Marina Alta

CHARITABLE CONCERN: Volunteers meet the mayor of Ondara.

Red Cross presentation

HELP of Denia and Marina Alta in conjunction with Cruz Roja will be holding a presentation about their extended services and updates to the existing tele-assistance personal alarm.

Among other issues discussed on the day will include

the new mobile phone application and health monitor.

The event will take place tomorrow between 11.30am to 12.15pm at the Hospital Marina Salud in Denia. For more information, please call 686 320 435 or email pres.helpofdenia@gmail.com.



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Gandia (El Preventorio).
Tickets are only €10. Purchase your tickets now to guarantee a table.
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For tickets, enquiries or if you are interested in joining the choir, please contact 634 301 483 or email valleyvoic eschoircb@gmail.com.

Fair do's

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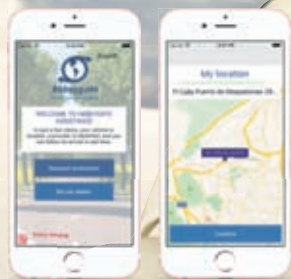
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Best foot forward

THE recent HELP of Denia and Marina Alta Fashion Show held at their Activity Centre in La Xara was a great success.

The show was organised by Amanda Rosser, manager of the La Xara shop and compered by volunteer Lindsay Hart. Music and entertainment was provided by Sonia and Andy Crabb.

All the clothes on show came from donations from both the La Xara and Moraira shops.

Candy Wright, President of Help, attended and



Credit: Camilla Wright

PRETTY IN PINK: One of the volunteer models strutting her stuff down the catwalk.

thanked all those involved for their support.

Lots of clothes and accessories were purchased and over €600 was raised on the day.

If you would like to join them as a volunteer please contact HELP on 966 427 044 or email help.denia@gmail.com.

What a legend

ALBOX Royal British Legion, on the anniversary to celebrate VE Day (Victory in Europe May 1945) attended a spectacular event organised by Angie and the staff at Legends, Arboles.

The event was attended by many members and guests from the area.

Everyone had the chance to sit in a Sec-

ond World War American Willis Jeep whilst Tony Justice and Sharon Reagan entertained the crowds with a variety of songs from the '40s and '50s, including those of Frank Sinatra and Vera Lynne.

A retro style buffet was provided and €180 was raised on the day for Poppy funds.



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The choir will be offering a wide variety of styles ranging from 15th and 16th century polyphony, motets and madrigals, to sacred anthems, folk music and close harmony, to more modern popular songs. As in previous years, the concert will be followed by an al fresco cava and canapés reception.

A donation of € 10 will reserve you a seat for this special event. All proceeds will go to support the work of the Anglican Chaplaincy on the Costa Blanca. For reservations and information, please contact Gill Atkinson on 965 757 489 or [pergillatkinson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tergillatkinson@yahoo.co.uk).



Credit: Gill Atkinson

MUSIC UNLIMITED: Joanna Baldwin with some members of her choir.

Virile veterans

THE Albir Vets will be welcoming Bex-ton FC from Cheshire along with other local Costa Blanca teams to their inaugural Veterans Tournament on Saturday.

The event will kick-off at 11am at the astroturf pitch on Calle Sant Javier, just behind Mercadona in Albir.

A Penalty Prize Competition will begin at 1.20pm and is open to everyone attending the matches.

For further information, please contact Tom Nevin on 634 198 618 or send an email to him at tomnevin@hotmail.com



Credit: Michelle McNickle

JUGS OUT: The Just Us Girls celebrating Val's 80th birthday.

Jugs, pubs and taverns

CAPLE U3A had a busy time recently with 33 members visiting the Bodegas Castafio and 40 members of the JUGS Group (Just Us Girls) holding their lunch at Mamma Nostra restaurant in Calpe.

This was also an opportunity for the JUGS group leader Val Weatherald to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Vall del Pop U3A were pleased to be able to support JVH at their annual May Fayre where they 'opened' a 1960s style pub and a skittle alley. They also recently held their

Extraordinary General Meeting to allow members of the group to vote for or against proposed amendments to the constitution. Amendments which were not passed will be reviewed and presented to members during either of the next two monthly meetings.

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NORWAY



Otter madness

BUILDING work at the Inglandsvik marina in Bremanger has reportedly been postponed after otters - protected since 1982 - were spotting breeding at the site, local media reports.



DEEP TROUBLE: The mating mammals have blocked building work at Bremanger marina.

Floods coming

THE Varsom weather service predicts serious flooding will hit eastern Norway in the coming days after warmer weather melted snows, mirroring 1995 conditions which caused €270 million worth of damage.

Dad rights

THE European Free Trade Association's discrimination body is prosecuting the Norwegian government for unfairly

treating men seeking paternity leave, which allegedly clashes with one of its founding principles.

Drilling mad

THE Ministry of Petroleum is

selling 56 new Arctic oil drilling blocks, sparking criticism from various environmental groups at a time of vanishing arctic sea ice and record high atmospheric carbon dioxide, according to reports.

GERMANY



Crime low

THE crime rate has hit a 30-year low with 5.7 million reported crimes last year and offences committed by non-nationals falling 23 per cent since 2016, according to government statistics.

and less public investment, with economists panning the move at a time when they say better physical and digital infrastructure is needed to boost growth.

loss this year down to worker shortages and more losses in the future.

Budget cut

FINANCE MINISTER Olaf Scholz has released a new national budget with more social spending

Immigrants please

THE German economy needs more immigrants according to the Institute of German Business which predicts a 1 per cent GDP

Bridge stones

PEOPLE threw rocks at cars from a motorway bridge last week near the German-Denmark border, with one reportedly smashing through a windscreen and injuring a 58-year-old woman in Flensburg.

NETHERLANDS



Separate support

A SCOTTISH independence campaign group including Catalans, Germans, Dutch - who marched in Glasgow earlier in the year - reportedly marched again in The Hague.

Suburban spike

TENANTS are increasingly relocating outside of the country's four major cities in an attempt to evade urban rental prices, leading to suburban rental costs soaring by up to 20 per cent, media said.

Lier jailed

DUTCH lawyer Alex van der Zwaan has been imprisoned for 30 days for lying in an FBI investigation into alleged collusion between Donald Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian state, according to reports.

Major mistake

SEVEN men have been jailed for up to 30 years for murdering DJ Djordy Latumahina before attempting to kill his girlfriend and child in an alleged case of mistaken identity.

BELGIUM



Chicks gassed

A VET was forced to gas around 20,000 baby chickens on a flight to Kinshasa after they were trapped in sweltering heat on a delayed plane at Brussels airport, sparking outrage.

Singer passes

FAMOUS Belgian singer Maurane, who performed with Celine Dion and Johnny Hallyday, has died in her home aged 57 just days after making her first stage appearance for years.

Us too

'NEW EUROPEANS' campaigners are reportedly asking for all British expatriates to receive national citizenship after Brexit and not just British EU officials as EU commission president Jean-Claude Juncker asked last week.

Test away

THE Ministry of Mobility has authorised driverless car tests on public roads amid growing public approval for automated vehicles, making Belgium a rare European example, national media said.

SWEDEN



'Better together'

DEFENCE MINISTERS from Sweden, Finland and the US have met to agree to strengthening their defence cooperation in the face of Russian warnings about an expanding NATO.

Hard worker

A LAWYER who won a case preventing the deportation of 23-year-old Iraqi mechanic Sameer Subhat for failing to take a holiday has lauded a victory for 'common sense.'

Killer plea

A DANISH inventor convicted of murdering and dismembering 30-year-old Swedish journalist Kim Wall last month is contesting his life sentence, but not 'the issue of guilt,' the Danish prosecutor's office tweeted.

Rogue scholar

STOCKHOLM'S Karolinska Institute - a world-renowned medical university - is reportedly investigating a rogue researcher who claims to be one of its professors in several published articles.

FRANCE



Bruno's backlash

ECONOMY minister Bruno Le Maire reportedly hit back at President Donald Trump's Iran Nuclear deal pull out by saying the US should not be the "economic policeman of the planet."

Public disgust

POLICE are reportedly probing the death of a 22-year-old woman hours after a national emergency call line operator allegedly mocked her plea for help, detectives stated.

'Harmless' gunman

AYOUB EL-KHAZZANI, a man who tried to shoot passengers on a Paris-bound train in 2015, told judges he was too much of a "psychological wreck" to kill anyone, a court report said.

Not forgotten

THE family of Seamus Ruddy, a republican activist murdered by ex-colleagues in Normandy in 1985, have pleaded for information about the remaining 'disappeared' after the inquest into his death, Irish media reports.

DENMARK



Uber's sorry

TAXI tech giant Uber want to return to the country after leaving last year amid protests, but it wants to be "different this time" its Scandinavia spokesperson, Kristian Agerbo said.

Close call

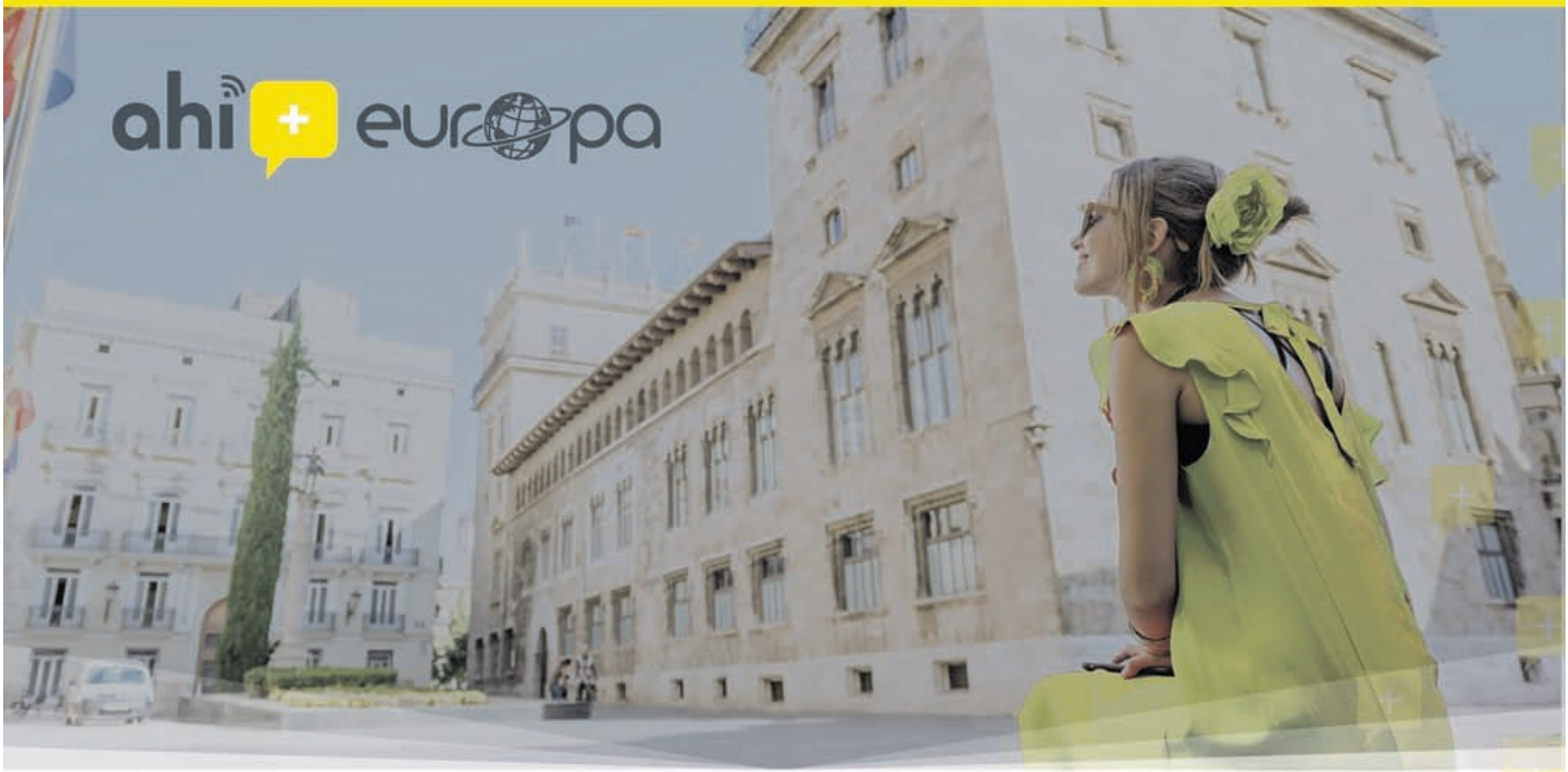
SPANISH rescue group Proem-AID has declared 'a great victory for humanitarian aid' after Danish and Spanish volunteers were not jailed for rescuing migrants in the Greek islands.

Crack down

THE government proposed harsher punishments for so-called 'ghetto' crime earlier this year, but recent police figures indicate criminality fell by 30 per cent in working class areas between 2013 and 2017.

Organic leaders

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JOINT CALL: Maas (left) and Lavrov (right) met for talks in Moscow.

Russia and Germany commit to Iran deal

RUSSIA and Germany's Foreign Ministers have both said they will work to uphold the Iran nuclear deal following the United States' withdrawal from the agreement. Sergei Lavrov and Heiko Maas added Tehran should continue to uphold its side of the deal by dismantling its nuclear weapons programme in exchange for lifting sanctions.

No third term for Putin

A KREMLIN spokesperson said President Vladimir Putin would not change rules stopping him serving for a third consecutive term. Dmitry Peskov added the change, floated by politicians in Chechnya, was not on the President's agenda. Putin's current term is set to end in 2024.

Syria missile supply

AN aide to President Vladimir Putin said Moscow is not in talks with Syria over supplying them with S-300 missiles. Vladimir Kozhin's comments come as Israeli Prime Minister and opponent of the transfer Benjamin Netanyahu visit-

ed Putin in Moscow, with the Kremlin previously hinting it would ship the weapons.

Stabber sectioned

A RUSSIAN-ISRAELI man who stands accused of stabbing a Moscow radio journalist has been committed to a psychiatric hospital for treatment after it was ruled he could not stand trial. Boris Grits allegedly broke into the offices of Ekho Moskvyy and knifed Tatyana Felgenhauer in October last year. He was later diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.

Payouts ruled out

THE Justice Ministry has said it will not obey a ruling from a court in The Hague requiring Russia to compensate Ukrainian firms following the annexation of Crimea. A ministry spokesperson said they did not accept the Permanent Court of Arbitration's jurisdiction after it ruled 18 companies were entitled to payouts for profits lost during the 2014 invasion.

Bowing out

RUSSIA did not make it to the final of the Eurovision song contest for the first time in 14 years after their entry failed to gain enough votes.

Yulia Samoylova performed *I Won't Break* at the semi-final, with the song unable to secure enough online votes. Samoylova was barred from the competition last year after performing in Crimea, prompting Russia's withdrawal from the final.

SWAN SONG: Yulia Samoylova previously represented Russia.



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FRENCH investment firm Antin Infrastructure Partners has revealed it is to fork out €2 billion for Spanish fibre optic wholesale operator Ufinet.

Formerly owned by natural gas and electricity supplier Gas Natural Fenosa, the telecommunications company was in 2014 bought by London-based global private equity firm Cinven Partners for €510 million.

Operating mostly in Spain and Latin America, Ufinet posted sales of €81 million in 2017, with the deal reportedly set to be wrapped up by July.

Party over for Club 18-30?

CLUB 18-30 - the brand notorious for cheap holidays packed with sun, sex and alcohol - could soon be heading for the departure lounge.

The news comes amid fears that millennials increasingly opt for 'ego travel,' after a report revealed that half of 18 to 25-year-old sunseekers now take posting selfies on social media in to account when booking trips.

And high street tour operator Thomas Cook, which has owned the brand since 1998, says it is "exploring options," including a possible sale.

It wants to concentrate on its new

by *Matt Ford*

Cook's Club offering, which launched last month.

Featuring its own-brand hotels with big-name poolside DJs and upmarket cocktails, creative director Remo Masala believes the offering will serve up "urban cool" for "the Instagram generation."

At its peak, Club 18-30 jetted around 100,000 people per year to party resorts including Magaluf, Kavos and Ayia Napa.

Founded in the 1960s, its first destination was Lloret de Mar on the Costa

Brava, and its racy image saw it become a tabloid staple during the 1990s and 2000s, when one advertising slogan read: 'It's not all sex, sex, sex. There's a bit of sun and sea as well.'

The young sunseekers' drunken antics even spawned the infamous ITV series Club Reps.

Thomas Cook said in a statement: "We remain committed to Club 18-30 for summer 2018.

"However, we are exploring options for the future of the brand, which could include the possibility of a sale."

Golden opening sparks new rush

A CANADIAN gold and copper-producing firm is to reopen a Spanish mine.

Nuria Menendez, managing director of Orovalle, Toronto-based Orvana Minerals' Spanish subsidiary said that the company is planning to start work at the Carles gold mine in Salas, Asturias, after a favourable exploratory survey.

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FILMMAKERS are flocking to take advantage of tax breaks in Spain.

Rebates of up to 20 per cent, or 40 per cent in the Canary Islands, have been offered to international productions since 2015.

And the scheme has worked a treat, according to industry professionals.

"Undoubtedly [tax rebates] have had a positive impact," said Peter Welter, line producer for hit HBO series Game of Thrones, which has filmed

across the country since 2014.

Spinoff TV series Snatch and upcoming Hollywood films including Solo: A Star Wars Story, The Rhythm Section, Wonder Woman 2 and the upcoming Terminator reboot have all been shot entirely or partially in Spain.

"There's a constant flow of international shoots, and it's increasingly difficult to find experienced Spanish crew for foreign productions," added Barcelona-based Nostromo Pictures founder Adrian Guerra.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Ministry of truth**

SOCIAL media giant Facebook is rumoured to have rented a 9,000 square-metre office space in Catalan capital Barcelona's iconic Glories Tower, from where it plans to employ 500 people in an 'internet content control centre' to combat fake news.

Bank on it

SANTANDER GROUP is gearing up to launch a digital business banking platform offering 'a range of products that go beyond traditional lending' for small and medium-sized businesses in the UK, the Spanish financial services firm said in a statement.

Close call

SPANISH multinational banking group BBVA will have less than 3,000 branches across the country for the first time since 2002 after revealing plans to shut down 179 local offices this year, bringing the total closed to 1,047 since 2016.

Catalans top of the class

A SPANISH school has topped a Financial Times' 2018 executive education ranking.

The Barcelona-based IESE Business School is number one for customised courses, those tailor-made for corporate students, ahead of Switzerland's IMD and France's INSEAD.

It is the fourth consecutive year that the Catalan institution - renowned for its strong interna-

tional outlook - has topped the table based on clients' votes. It achieved a top five finish in nine out of 10 criteria, including number one for international clients and faculty diversity and second for overseas programmes and partner schools. The London Business School in fourth was the UK's best-placed contender in the 20th annual edition of the ranking.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,760.00	-99.40	-5.35	25,301.19
Associated British Foods	2,849.00	99.00	3.60	22,127.29
Admiral Group	1,940.50	0.00	0.00	5,674.26
Ashtead Group	2,495.00	264.00	11.83	10,958.61
Antofagasta	1,019.50	-26.00	-2.49	10,252.91
Aviva	541.00	-1.60	-0.29	21,746.90
AstraZeneca	5,253.50	-25.50	-0.48	66,522.54
BAE Systems	622.50	-11.90	-1.88	19,762.70
Barclays	207.50	-6.95	-3.24	36,574.11
British American Tobacco	3,950.00	90.00	2.33	89,796.51
Barratt Developments	564.50	3.30	0.59	5,654.06
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,163.00	-37.00	-0.88	5,560.79
British Land Co	683.00	-11.00	-1.59	6,775.81
BHP Billiton	1,680.50	-30.70	-1.79	35,258.93
Bunzl	2,242.50	7.50	0.34	7,532.13
BP	564.05	-0.45	-0.08	112,493.75
Burberry Group	1,791.50	-14.00	-0.78	7,495.57
BT Group	219.80	2.80	1.29	21,932.37
Coca-Cola HBC	2,519.00	-1.00	-0.04	9,345.18
Carnival	4,840.00	12.00	0.25	10,021.58
Centrica	143.00	-4.15	-2.82	8,217.07
Compass Group	1,514.00	6.00	0.40	24,007.69
Croda International	4,652.50	23.50	0.51	6,109.55
CRH	2,675.00	-29.00	-1.07	22,916.16
DCC	7,535.00	245.00	3.36	6,655.95
Diageo	2,644.00	-36.50	-1.36	65,693.85
Direct Line Insurance Group	367.00	-3.60	-0.97	5,135.63
Evrax	467.50	-44.90	-8.76	7,177.45
Experian	1,709.00	-27.00	-1.56	16,132.91
easyJet	1,682.50	-35.50	-2.07	6,710.83
Ferguson	5,658.00	2.00	0.04	13,942.77
Fresnillo	1,295.00	-2.00	-0.15	9,539.09
G4S	240.00	-30.40	-11.24	4,041.90
Glencore	379.00	-7.10	-1.84	54,265.88
GlaxoSmithKline	1,463.00	-3.40	-0.23	73,248.90
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,830.75	-58.75	-3.11	8,924.31
Halma	1,288.50	-8.50	-0.66	4,927.75
HSBC Holdings	720.00	-15.80	-2.15	146,993.60
International Consoltdtd Airs Gr	695.40	-2.60	-0.37	14,204.56
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,775.50	7.50	0.16	9,197.92
3i Group	963.50	-17.90	-1.82	9,481.91
Imperial Brands	2,850.00	84.50	3.06	26,661.72
Informa	760.00	0.00	0.00	6,222.89
Intertek Group	5,105.00	-1.00	-0.02	8,231.05
ITV	168.50	-3.50	-2.03	6,454.74
Just Eat	791.00	-12.80	-1.59	5,493.24
Johnson Matthey	3,582.00	117.00	3.38	6,669.16
Kingfisher	295.40	-1.90	-0.64	6,388.73
Land Securities Group	981.25	3.55	0.36	7,237.39
Legal & General Group	279.25	-0.25	-0.09	16,684.70

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.14	0.06	0.09	48,097.98
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,460.50	29.50	0.67	15,558.49
Micro Focus International	1,312.00	12.00	0.92	5,549.35
Mediclinic International	709.60	18.40	2.66	5,116.47
Marks & Spencer Group	293.50	0.20	0.07	4,773.56
Mondi	1,975.50	-24.00	-1.20	7,370.52
Melrose	218.00	-15.20	-6.52	10,256.90
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	252.00	-1.60	-0.63	5,927.38
National Grid	836.50	-9.70	-1.15	28,322.64
NMC Health	3,285.00	-291.00	-8.14	7,443.90
Next	5,503.00	-39.00	-0.70	7,876.48
Old Mutual Group	248.00	-11.70	-4.51	12,869.62
Paddy Power Betfair	6,862.50	-242.50	-3.41	6,086.55
Prudential	1,916.50	-12.50	-0.65	50,072.78
Persimmon	2,825.00	30.00	1.07	8,582.70
Pearson	908.50	-12.90	-1.40	7,185.27
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,725.00	-31.00	-0.54	40,385.37
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	279.50	-14.60	-4.96	34,455.56
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	-31.00	-1.17	121,065.58
RELX	1,590.50	-1.50	-0.09	16,874.52
Rio Tinto	4,224.00	0.00	0.00	55,909.62
Royal Mail	608.50	-22.50	-3.57	6,114.00
Rolls-Royce Group	827.50	-8.50	-1.02	15,336.31
Randgold Resources	5,868.00	-22.00	-0.37	5,353.81
RSA Insurance Group	650.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,725.30
Rentokil Initial	268.50	-53.10	-16.51	5,935.53
Sainsbury (J)	255.00	-51.50	-16.80	6,697.90
Schroders	3,577.00	131.00	3.80	7,734.49
Sage Group (The)	720.50	41.50	6.11	7,289.65
Segro	655.00	0.00	0.00	6,562.18
Shire	4,005.00	-57.50	-1.42	37,108.66
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,955.00	-157.00	-5.04	7,443.26
Sky	1,320.00	-38.00	-2.80	23,215.33
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.90	4.10	1.11	10,949.23
Smith (DS)	545.30	-2.70	-0.49	5,826.06
Smiths Group	1,667.50	-1.00	-0.06	6,617.05
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	520.00	11.50	2.26	7,175.27
Smith & Nephew	1,303.50	5.50	0.42	11,443.70
SSE	1,397.50	-9.00	-0.64	14,227.59
Standard Chartered	755.00	-13.90	-1.81	25,248.65
St James's Place	1,119.00	-67.50	-5.69	6,238.41
Severn Trent	2,003.00	27.00	1.37	4,779.38
Tesco	244.25	-2.35	-0.95	23,891.35
TUI AG	1,765.50	0.00	0.00	10,211.72
Taylor Wimpey	200.50	5.20	2.66	6,313.81
Unilever	4,132.50	-7.00	-0.17	50,938.45
United Utilities Group	768.50	2.10	0.27	5,326.91
Vodafone Group	210.40	0.30	0.14	56,046.59
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3M	205,160	+0.06%	0,130	121,712,85
AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,4200	+0.04%	0,0400	87,232,12
APPLE	188,590	-0.76%	-1,450	926,847,57
BOEING CO	342,460	-0.47%	-1,610	199,260,17
CATERPILLAR	154,860	+0.58%	0,890	92,558,08
CHEVRON	129,84	+0.79%	1,02	248,023,50
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,930	-0.80%	-0,370	221,268,56
COCA-COLA	42,14	-0.09%	-0,04	179,295,49
DOWDUPONT	66,93	-0.03%	-0,02	155,260,63
EXXON MOBIL	81,28	-0.54%	-0,44	344,041,39
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,6000	-0.61%	-0,0900	126,762,51
GOLDMAN SACHS	242,92	-0.21%	-0,52	91,728,84
HOME DEPOT	190,3100	+1.68%	3,1500	219,396,61
IBM	144,14	-0.07%	-0,10	132,279,23
INTEL CORP	54,6700	-0.56%	-0,3100	255,246,24
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	113,8600	-0.38%	-0,4300	387,531,71
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	127,2400	+1.51%	1,8900	341,356,96
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,3900	+0.19%	0,3200	129,844,79
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,69	+2.81%	1,63	160,610,87
MICROSOFT	97,700	-0.21%	-0,210	752,346,77
NIKE	68,43	+0.75%	0,51	87,761,90
PFIZER	35,5000	+1.31%	0,4600	211,234,29
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	73,370	+0.30%	0,220	184,496,16
TRAVELERS CIES	131,25	+0.28%	0,37	35,469,09
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	124,48	+0.31%	0,38	99,599,40
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	238,28	+1.96%	4,57	229,126,76
VERIZON COMMS	48,62	+3.01%	1,42	200,975,45
VISA	131,82	+0.63%	0,82	235,344,94
WAL-MART STORES	83,3800	+0.83%	0,6900	246,193,31
WALT DISNEY CO	102,0700	+0.38%	0,3900	152,152,62

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 14

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 75.61	22.88 ▲ 43.39%
Turtle Beach Corporation	\$ 16.03	4.61 ▲ 40.37%
ArcBest Corporation	\$ 47.30	10.35 ▲ 28.01%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 19.89	3.76 ▲ 23.31%
Evolus, Inc.	\$ 13.49	1.99 ▲ 17.30%
Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.19	1.38 ▲ 15.66%
Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.80	3.14 ▲ 15.20%
Noodles & Company	\$ 8.95	1.15 ▲ 14.74%
Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 57.05	7.15 ▲ 14.33%
Verastem, Inc.	\$ 4.93	0.56 ▲ 12.81%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 2.87	0.32 ▲ 12.55%
Most Declined		
Obalon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.85	1.47 ▼ 34.03%
Symantec Corporation	\$ 19.52	9.66 ▼ 33.10%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 9.31	1.65 ▼ 15.05%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 13.27	2.18 ▼ 14.11%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 11.76	1.51 ▼ 11.38%
Casa Systems, Inc.	\$ 20.02	2.54 ▼ 11.26%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 3.20	0.40 ▼ 11.11%
Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.	\$ 7	0.86 ▼ 10.94%
MDC Partners Inc.	\$ 4.35	0.50 ▼ 10.31%
Westport Fuel Systems Inc	\$ 2.61	0.30 ▼ 10.31%
Yangtze River Port and Logistics Limited	\$ 4.16	0.45 ▼ 9.76%

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PRICE MOVEMENT

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Update on kangaroo spotting!

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



TO all of you waiting with bated breath for the conclusion of my kangaroo spotting adventure... I've decided not to tell you! I jest, I jest!

Assuming there are still some of you interested in the outcome of my Australian saga, I promise to polish it off in this edition. Last week found me and my guitarist, heavily hung over, waiting to club poor innocent rabbits over the head, as they emerged from their burrows which abounded on a hillock set in the wilds of the Australian outback.

'Rick the Roo boy', our guide for the day, had decided to catch a few rabbits before we actually set out on our kangaroo spotting expedition. He was now standing around a hundred yards away, removing his pet ferret, Freddy, from the sack it had travelled in. At this point I must reiterate the fact that there was no chance that either Mike, or myself, had any intention whatsoever of bashing some poor unsuspecting bunny's head in, whatever 'Rick the Roo boy' instructed.

"Roight, shouted Rick, "when I put Freddy into the burrow over here, be ready.

"They should start running out after a few minutes. You gotta be quick, awright?"



ROO MUST BE KIDDING: Leapy only spotted the hopping creatures from a distance.

I turned to Mike. "What we need to do, I whispered, "is to just rush about as though we were trying our best, and just miss 'em all."

Mike nodded his assent. We took up our positions.

"Roight, yelled Rick, "I'm putting him in now, be ready," he added, somewhat assertively.

Clubs poised and trying to look as though we ac-

tually cared, we stood astride our respective burrows and waited for the first little twitching nose to emerge (and be well and truly allowed to escape I may add!).

After three or four minutes Rick called out again. "Any sign yet? he asked. "No nothing," we replied with much (relieved) shaking of heads. After a few more minutes there was still no movement.

"Can't understand it, shouted Rick. "He should have chased a few out by now."

Just then I saw it. The first movement at one of the burrows. I watched fascinated as a little whiskered nose slowly hove into view. It was no rabbit.

Slowly emerging from the hole came the unmistakable head, followed by the long furry body of Freddie the ferret. Slowly he staggered out. A couple of feet from the hole he dropped down, stone dead! Well that was it wasn't it? Rick rushed over and gathered up the little body. Crying and distraught, muttering that it 'must have been a snake,' Rick cuddled up what was apparently a family pet.

This tough denizen of the Australian outback was utterly inconsolable. From then on, the day was ruined. We only saw kangaroos from a distance of about a mile. Rick totally misjudged the time and subsequently we found ourselves stumbling through the snake and spider infested Australian outback by torch and starlight, in search of the car.

We drove back in complete silence and were dropped off at the hotel some 30 minutes before we were due on stage. The show did in fact go on. Lord knows how. But one thing was for sure. Kangaroos were off my bucket list, forever!

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**TECH FOR
THE TIMID**

EAT your heart out Somalia: Spain has more pirates than you've had hot ransom demands.

We learned courtesy of this fine newspaper a few weeks back that piracy (of the digital variety) dropped by a worthy 6 per cent in Spain last year - but that some €22 billion worth of content still managed to, um, fall off the back of the internet, through four billion illegal downloads. Ouch.

Perish the thought that this column should ever encourage law-breaking, but it seems clear to pretty much everyone except those actually in the 'content' industries, that illegal downloading is a war which may never be won.

It might if there was at least a price incentive to buy the real thing. Many find it hard to be persuaded that piracy is a crime when, say, publishers insist on charging exactly the same for a physical book or magazine containing lots of (expensive) raw materials, as for its associated e-book, only made of (free) digital bits and bytes.

Music and movie streaming ser-

The share pleasure of it

Terence Kennedy peer-to-peers into the future of piracy



SUNNY AND SHARE: Spain still pirating.

vices are at least starting to make inroads into piracy. Like the movie industry, music companies took the serious mis-step of encumbering their digital versions with all sorts of complicated and irritating copyright protection which consumers absolutely hated, and by-passed, almost inevitably driving many into the hands of file-sharers.

Neither did prosecuting random

teenagers in their bedrooms sharing modern versions of the old mix-tapes do much to generate sympathy for the industry - own goals of the highest idiocy.

Is 'peer-to-peer filesharing,' or 'torrenting,' actually legal? Surprisingly, it is. Use it for legitimate purposes like public domain downloads, internet archive material, music or games shared freely by their produc-

ers, and the boys in blue will not come a-knocking. Only copyrighted material crosses the line.

The technical wizardry behind torrents is digi-magic which passeth human understanding:

A dozen or a thousand people have the file you want on their own computers and agree to share it.

Your torrent software takes a tiny bit of the file from one, a tiny bit from another ad infinitum all at the same time, and at the end cleverly reassembles the jigsaw puzzle back into the complete file on your computer. Halfway across the world, others then take tiny bits of it from your computer.

Just be sure to stay within the law.

Even if, as Shakespeare said, the law can sometimes be an ass, as in the Boston student fined a breathtaking \$675,000 a while back for illegally downloading 30 songs. By Aerosmith for heaven's sake. I would have paid him to take my copy.

Do the right thing

SEARCH for 'legal torrents' or similar if you'd like to give peer-to-peer filesharing a whirl.

Then all you need is the software, mostly free. Popular torrent 'clients' include BitTorrent, Vuze, uTorrent, my own favourite Deluge for its simplicity, Transmission (for Macs), BitComet or BitLord.

You also need reasonable broadband. No one wants your bit of the shared file if it takes next week to get it.

It's also bad form to grab and go; once your file is in, leave your computer online to share the love.

And remember the legal fine print: if you would normally have to pay for it, if it's copyrighted, if it has monetary value to anyone out there - Go directly to Jail, do not pass 'Go' and do not collect 200.



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Don't force it upon me

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I'M GETTING on a bit and I know a lot of my readers seem to be in my age group too. So I'm guessing there are a few who might relate to my dilemma.

When I was young we were all boys or girls. As we got older we became men and women. Now I have never worried about men who want to go out with men or women who prefer women partners. I honestly think that whatever makes you happy is absolutely fine and you should be able to get married and raise families.

But there is now a new thing I have to learn to live with. The thing that is confusing me is a gender-fluid person, which means that one day you're a man and the next day you're a woman. I even understand transgender folks who have decided, for whatever reason, they are now not happy with their original gender.

My understanding of gender-fluidity is when people sometimes feel as if they're male and sometimes as if they're female. This does not have to be related to sexuality or physical gender in any way, and is not a result of indecision.

My point is that in my nearly 70 years of my very colourful life I've never heard of this until

pretty recently. I have to smile about these things sometimes - I mean you can now be parents and get a Mother's and Father's Day card. I actually have no problem with this either.

My problem is all the new words that are being introduced. You don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend - now you have a date mate and after you have passed that stage you become each other's love person. Grandy is now a term for grandma or grandpa. Nieces and nephews are nibblings. And so it goes on. Words and phrases that some want changed are things like 'right-hand man,' 'gentleman's agreement,' 'forefathers,' 'mankind' and 'sportsmanship.'

So here's the deal folks, you all do as you wish - be whatever gender you want to be at any time you want and I will never be offended or make any kind of judgement about you. I just want you to be happy with your life.

The other side of the deal is don't mess about with my everyday words because they offend you. Because I must be allowed all the same freedoms as you and not be scared that minorities' feelings are more important than mine because they aren't. They are exactly the same.

You have your rights and I have mine and in some cases I may not agree with something you want and you may not agree with something I want. But you can't force your wishes on me and I won't do the same to you.

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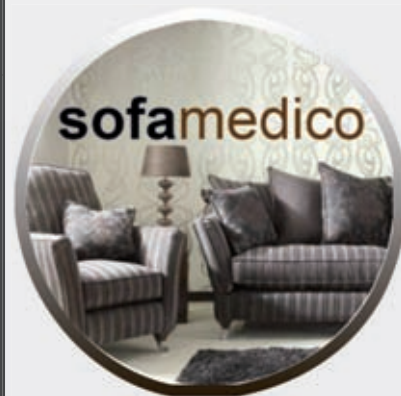
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Lost in translation: A language in a world of its own

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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DURING his recent visit to Australia, French President Emmanuel Macron was ridiculed on social media for calling PM Malcolm Turnbull's wife Lucy 'delicious.'

Some think Mr Macron's words simply got lost in translation. The French for delicious - délicieux - also translates as 'delightful,' even if it's slightly sexist. But a linguistic slip-up to avoid above all else is the French word 'excité' to describe yourself as excited. Why? It means you're sexually aroused. Oops!

Mr Macron isn't the first leader to hit translation problems. Probably the best-remembered gaffe is John F Kennedy's legendary claim: 'Ich bin ein Berliner' which translates as 'I'm a Berliner' or 'I'm a doughnut.' Take your pick.

In 2009, France's Europe minister sparked a diplomatic incident by labelling then PM David Cameron's pledge to reclaim EU powers as 'pathetic.' In French, it simply means 'moving,' 'touching,' 'poignant.' Oops again.



DELICIOUS OR DELIGHTFUL: Lucy Turnbull with her husband Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

But then, English has become a bit of a foreign language to me. I mean, just look at *Urban Dictionary*, online birthplace of words like 'nutzoid' (crazy, mad, insane) slang. The Alan Turing Institute in London recently conducted the first comprehensive scientific study of its contents - revealing (drum roll, please) the death of the word 'selfie'!

But are you aware of the 'key' words and phrases of 2018? Apparently these are: Beauty sus (When a person's attractiveness makes you suspicious of them);

Generationalis (Generalising about a generation); Momarazzi (Mums taking smartphone pics of their children's sports team); Babybottling (Guzzling a drink without stopping to breathe); LOP (Laughing off the pounds); and Boonk (Nicking someone's stuff).

Poor old Alan Turing. Brilliant mathematician, one of the key workers in the defeat of Fascism and Nazism and contributing to ending a world war for the preservation of democracy, and thereby recognised as the father of the computer, you end up with the institute named after you having to sink to the level of clearing up language and words regarded as 'ephemeral detritus' only used by the likes of Kim Kardashian!

Maybe if we use the word 'Kardashian' often enough, will it disappear too, please?

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DM (Costa Blanca)

A. First let us be sure that you are 'tax resident' in Spain. Can you show your Spanish income tax declarations for the past three years? If so, you can claim back your Capital Gains tax paid by mistake for up to four years.

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A weekly look

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

ETA has voluntarily disintegrated but the Spanish government made it clear that the extinct terrorist organisation must still pay for its crimes.

There will be no concessions to prisoners and they are unlikely to be moved nearer the Basque region.

ETA killed 854 people, maimed thousands more - including Eduardo Madina who challenged Pedro Sanchez for the PSOE leadership - and blackmailed thousands into funding them with their 'revolutionary tax.'

The victims and their families should not be asked to forget, still less forgive and forget and no-one has the right to ask them to turn the other cheek. But the government, which increasingly gives the impression that it seeks revenge, could try making it easier to heal the decades-old wounds instead of rubbing salt into them.

Don't care, won't care

WILL Carles Puigdemont, the self-exiled former president of Catalunya, respect a Supreme Court ruling?

Judge Pablo Llarena is likely to bar Puigdemont from occupying any type of public office. The same will apply to other members of his former government who are either remanded for rebellion or fled shortly after the Catalan Unilateral

A time for healing



Credit: Wikipedia

VICTIM: Eduardo Madina was attacked by ETA in 2002.

Declaration of Independence on October 27.

Roger Torrent, who emerged as speaker of Catalunya's parliament after last December's regional elections, said during his inaugural speech that he would seek dialogue and act within the law. That was shortlived and parliament has debated and approved an amendment allowing a

long-distance virtual reality vote via a video link.

All tailor-made to facilitate a pro-independence government which will have to happen before May 22 if Catalunya is to avoid another election.

But the hard line secessionists who back Carles Puigdemont don't care if a government is invested before May 22. They don't care if there's another election. They don't care if Article 155 suspending Catalunya's autonomous status remains in place.

The last thing on their minds is forming a government that occupies itself with the issues that Catalans really care about ie employment, the economy, health and education. But not, unsurprisingly, independence.

Do us a favour

THE party that Carles Puigdemont represents has changed its name so often that it's hard to keep up. Suffice to say it started life as Convergencia i Unio, a centre-right party with a strong bourgeois orientation.

The other pro-independence party is the radical Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC), whose translation says it all: Republican Left of Catalunya.

Its leader, Oriol Junqueras has been remanded for rebellion since last autumn but in a draft pre-

Fair dos for who

WELL whoopee doo! There are five women on the committee assigned by Spain's Justice department to study reforms to legislation concerning sexual crimes, following the outcry over the Manada gang rape verdict.

Only trouble is, there are 20 people on a committee analysing an issue, basically rape, that affects far more women than males. In fact, the committee was originally all male and the women were shoehorned in as a hasty afterthought.

Who's surprised? Spain's equality legislation doesn't even look good on paper, let alone in practice.

pared for its conference in June, the party admits that the time is not ripe for independence.

The 50 per cent of Catalunya's population who support independence is insufficient to declare a republic via civic, peaceful and democratic means, according to the draft.

Why don't they do us all - but especially the Catalans - a favour and go back to being a left-wing party with republican leanings and a yen for independence ambitions while waving Puigdemont goodbye?

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10:00pm Ambulance
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11:30pm BBC London News
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BBC TWO

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3:30pm Digging for Britain
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7:00pm Eggheads
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8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
10:00pm Million Pound Menu
11:00pm The League of Gentlemen
11:30pm Newsnight
12:15am Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure

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8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
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8:30pm The Sky at Night
9:00pm The Sky at Night Guides: Planets
10:00pm Missions
10:25pm Missions
10:50pm Horizon
Short film travelling around the cosmos. episode 1.
11:00pm NASA: Triumph and Tragedy
12:00am Rise of the Continents
1:00am Dissected: The Incredible Human Hand
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3:00am The Sky at Night Guides: Planets

CHANNEL 4

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7:00am Countdown
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10:00pm Humans
11:00pm First Dates
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1:10am Catching a Killer

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3:10am Best Defense
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6:00am Anon: Special
6:30am Rampage: Special
7:00am The Stolen
8:50am Basmati Blues
10:50am Anon
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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 at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The Royal Wedding: They're Getting Married in the Morning
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Home from Home
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Would I Lie to You?

BBC TWO

5:05am	The Secret Helpers
6:05am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	Royal Recipes
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
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	Victorian Farm
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Athletics
8:30pm	Extreme Wales with Richard Parks
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	The Bridge
11:00pm	Frankie Boyle's New World Order
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Being Blacker
1:35am	Police Under Pressure
2:05am	Civilisations on Your Doorstep
3:05am	My Turban and Me
3:35am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

5:00am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	Top of the Pops
9:00pm	Tap America: How a Nation Found Its Feet
10:20pm	David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust
11:20pm	The Genius of David Bowie
12:20am	Top of the Pops
12:50am	The Bee Gees at the BBC... And Beyond
1:50am	Rod Stewart at the BBC
2:50am	David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust
3:55am	The Genius of David Bowie
4:50am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers
3:10pm	Countdown
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	The Meghan Markle Effect

CHANNEL 5

9:20am	Floogals
9:35am	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
4:20pm	The Dater's Handbook
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	Secrets of the World's Greatest Mountains
10:00pm	Britain's Favourite Royal
11:30pm	Harry and Meghan: In Their Own Words
12:30am	Lip Sync Battle UK

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
12:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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10:00pm	Friends with Benefits
12:10am	The Big Bang Theory
12:40am	The Big Bang Theory
1:10am	Tattoo Fixers
2:15am	Gogglebox
3:25am	First Dates
4:20am	Rude Tube

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	World Cup of Pool
11:30am	Live ATP 1000: Rome
2:55pm	Live RL One Day Cup
	<i>The Royal London One-Day Cup continues as Durham meet Yorkshire at Emirates Riverside.</i>
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
	<i>Day two of the AT&T Byron Nelson at the Trinity Forest Golf Club in Dallas, Texas.</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
	<i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	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	Countrywise
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lethal Weapon
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Local News and Weather
11:45pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show

itv2

9:25am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Emmerdale
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!
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Hall Pass
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Hall Pass
12:10am	Family Guy
12:40am	Family Guy
1:10am	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
1:35pm	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
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	Brief Encounters
12:00am	Brief Encounters
1:00am	Lucan
2:30am	Lewis
4:05am	The Zoo

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	The Chase
8:35am	Cash Cowboys
9:35am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Avengers
1:55pm	Ironsides
3:00pm	ITV Racing: Live from York
5:30pm	Storage Wars
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Car Crash Britain Caught on Camera
11:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
12:05am	FYI Daily
12:10am	The Bourne Ultimatum
1:20am	The Americans
2:20am	The Avengers
3:25am	Storage Wars
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:15am	The Hurricane Heist
11:15am	Aeon Flux
1:00pm	The Dark Tower
2:45pm	Keanu
4:30pm	Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
7:00pm	The Hurricane Heist
9:00pm	The Dark Tower
10:45pm	Kill Bill: Vol. 1
12:45am	Kill Bill Vol.2
3:05am	Aeon Flux

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12:05pm	Happy Gilmore
1:45pm	Snatched
3:25pm	Dumb and Dumber
5:20pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:35pm	Clueless
7:25pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
9:00pm	Snatched
10:40pm	Pineapple Express
12:40am	30 Minutes or Less
2:10am	Kingpin
4:10am	Jackass 3.5

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:00am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Basmati Blues
9:00am	All About the Money
	<i>Three luckless friends travel to Colombia and hatch a dangerous plan to capture a notorious drug kingpin and claim the \$25 million reward.</i>
10:50am	Walking Out
12:45pm	Atomic Blonde
2:45pm	Anon: Special
3:15pm	Anon
5:10pm	Annabelle: Creation
7:10pm	Walking Out
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Anon
12:45am	Annabelle: Creation
2:40am	Rise of the Footsoldier 3
4:30am	Miss Hokusai

sky sports football

10:00am	Info not available
10:30am	EFL Greatest Games
10:45am	EFL Greatest Games
11:00am	EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
1:30pm	La Liga Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
2:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	La Liga Show
3:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:00pm	Info not available
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup
	<i>Greatest Games</i>
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	Info not available
6:30pm	Ronaldo
7:00pm	Magical Messi
8:00pm	Info not available
8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	20 Years of El Clasico
11:45pm	La Liga Icons
12:00am	Info not available
12:30am	The Best La Liga Goals 2016/17

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Royal Wedding: Live Coverage
3:00pm	F.A. Cup Live
4:50pm	BBC News <i>The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather.</i>
5:00pm	BBC London
5:05pm	Weather
5:10pm	Match of the Day Live
6:00pm	FA Cup Final <i>Coverage of the FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium.</i>
8:40pm	Pointless
9:30pm	Casualty
10:20pm	Info not available
11:20pm	BBC News
11:35pm	Weather
11:40pm	Match of the Day <i>Highlights and reaction to all of the latest football action.</i>
12:25am	Info not available
1:55am	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:00am	BBC News

BBC TWO

8:30am	The 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	SAS: Rogue Warriors
1:00pm	Tron Legacy
3:00pm	The World According to Kids
4:00pm	Love in the Countryside
5:00pm	Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby
6:00pm	The Forest
6:30pm	Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal
7:30pm	Dad's Army
8:00pm	The Royal Wedding: Highlights of the Day
9:30pm	Motty Mastermind
10:00pm	Motty - the Man Behind the Sheepskin
11:05pm	Countdown to the Full Motty
11:35pm	The Damned United
1:05am	False Trail

BBC FOUR

4:50am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Nature's Epic Journeys
9:00pm	Tales From the Royal Bedchamber <i>Lucy Worsley gets into bed with our past monarchs to uncover the Tales from the Royal Bedchamber.</i>
10:00pm	Inspector Montalbano
11:50pm	Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean
12:50am	Britain's Treasure Islands <i>Naturalist Stewart McPherson explores the British Overseas Territories.</i>
1:50am	Caravans: A British Love Affair
2:50am	Nature's Epic Journeys
3:50am	Tales From the Royal Bedchamber
4:50am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

9:05am	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
12:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
1:00pm	The Simpsons
1:30pm	The Simpsons
2:00pm	The Simpsons
2:30pm	Come Dine with Me
3:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:30pm	Location, Location, Location
6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Titanic: The New Evidence
10:00pm	The Martian
12:50am	Sinister 2
2:30am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
3:20am	Hollyoaks Omnibus

CHANNEL 5

9:55am	Floogals
10:05am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:25am	Shimmer and Shine
10:40am	Digby Dragon
10:55am	Peppa Pig
11:00am	Peppa Pig
11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:45am	The Gadget Show
12:45pm	Britain's Greatest Bridges
1:00pm	Police Interceptors
2:00pm	Police Interceptors
4:00pm	Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance
5:40pm	5 News Weekend
5:45pm	FIA Formula E Live
7:30pm	Britannia: Secrets of the Royal Yacht
8:20pm	The Queen Mary: Cruising with the Royals
9:20pm	Elizabeth I
10:20pm	Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family
11:20pm	Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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10:00am	Made in Chelsea
11:00am	The Goldbergs
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:30pm	Young Sheldon
3:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:00pm	Info not available
11:30pm	Gogglebox
12:30am	Gogglebox
1:30am	The Inbetweeners
2:00am	The Inbetweeners
2:30am	Tattoo Fixers
3:30am	Rude Tube
4:30am	Gogglebox
5:30am	How I Met Your Mother

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Rugby League
8:50am	To be Announced
8:55am	To be Announced
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Rugby League <i>North Queensland Cowboys meet South Sydney Rabbitohs at 1300SMILES Stadium in the NRL.</i>
11:15am	Super League Greatest Games
11:20am	Super League Greatest Games
11:25am	Super League Greatest Games
11:30am	Rugby League
1:15pm	Live Rugby League
3:45pm	Live Scottish Cup Final
6:15pm	Super League Magic Weekend
8:15pm	Super League Magic Weekend
11:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Live International Fight Night

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7:55am	Share a Story
8:00am	The Oddbods Show
8:05am	Lego Star Wars: The Freemaker Adventures
8:30am	Teen Titans Go!
8:45am	Adventure Time
9:00am	Thunderbirds are Go
9:25am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Harry and Meghan: The Royal Wedding
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK
8:30pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule
9:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
10:20pm	The Keith and Paddy Picture Show
10:50pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Jaws 3
1:15am	Change Your Tune
2:20am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Mr Selfridge
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:50am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:40pm	Britain's Got More Talent
1:40pm	Ninja Warrior UK
2:40pm	You've Been Framed!
3:10pm	You've Been Framed!
3:40pm	Peter Pan
4:40pm	FYI Daily
4:45pm	Peter Pan
5:50pm	Ella Enchanted
6:50pm	FYI Daily
6:55pm	Ella Enchanted
7:45pm	Pacific Rim
8:45pm	FYI Daily
8:50pm	Pacific Rim
10:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
11:15pm	Celebrity Juice
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy
1:05am	Family Guy
1:30am	American Dad!
2:00am	American Dad!

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5:45am	Love Your Garden
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	The Nun's Story
10:00am	The Secret Garden
12:00pm	A Touch of Frost
2:10pm	A Touch of Frost <i>When a young drug addict is found dead it is assumed that he died from an overdose.</i>
4:30pm	Columbo
6:30pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot <i>Poirot arrives in Dover to help determine if Sheila Webb is responsible for a man's murder.</i>
8:30pm	Royal Stories
9:00pm	Harry and Meghan: The Royal Wedding
10:00pm	Midsomer Murders
12:00am	Vera
2:00am	On the Buses
2:30am	On the Buses
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

9:25am	World Superbike Highlights
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	Pawn Stars
11:55am	Pawn Stars
12:25pm	Pawn Stars
12:55pm	Pawn Stars
1:25pm	Pawn Stars
1:50pm	Pawn Stars
2:20pm	Snooker v Darts
2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Newbury
5:00pm	633 Squadron
6:00pm	FYI Daily
6:05pm	633 Squadron
7:05pm	Mr. Bean
7:35pm	Mr. Bean
8:10pm	Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
9:10pm	FYI Daily
9:15pm	Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol
10:00pm	The Blues Brothers
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	The Blues Brothers
12:40am	Unknown
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Unknown
2:55am	The Avengers

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11:15am	Transformers: The Last Knight
2:00pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
4:30pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:45pm	Warcraft
7:00pm	The Great Wall
9:00pm	Transformers: The Last Knight
11:45pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story

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8:55am	The Nutty Professor
10:40am	Liar Liar
12:15pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
2:05pm	Going in Style
3:50pm	Whisky Galore!
5:35pm	Roxanne
7:30pm	The Dictator
9:00pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm	Going in Style
12:30am	The Dictator
2:00am	Brüno
3:30am	Road Trip: Beer Pong

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6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Basmati Blues <i>A young US scientist is sent to India to sell a formula for genetically modified rice, unaware what her ruthless company has planned.</i>
9:00am	Walking Out
10:50am	Anon: Special
11:20am	Anon <i>Stylish sci-fi thriller about a troubled near-future detective investigating a series of mysterious murders.</i>
1:15pm	Atomic Blonde
3:20pm	Shot Caller
5:30pm	Walking Out
7:15pm	Anon
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Shot Caller
1:05am	Rise of the Footsoldier 3
2:50am	Annabelle: Creation
4:45am	All About the Money

sky sports football

9:30am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:45am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
11:00am	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
11:30am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
12:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
1:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
1:30pm	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
2:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
2:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
3:00pm	Live Scottish Cup Final
1:15pm	Atomic Blonde
3:20pm	Shot Caller
5:30pm	Walking Out
7:15pm	Anon
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Shot Caller
1:05am	Rise of the Footsoldier 3
2:50am	Annabelle: Creation
4:45am	All About the Money
6:30pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
11:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
12:00am	La Liga Icons

Playing with fire a crackling tradition

LETTERS FROM CANARIES

By Barbara Belt
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DOWN here on the small Canary Island of La Gomera, we've been selflessly risking life and limb again for the greater good, making sure lots of babies are born and crops prosper.

Every April 24, on St Mark's Eve: "The town fills with the smell of juniper wood bonfires, which are lit and leapt over by neighbours and visitors, either for fun, or in the hope of securing good luck for future ventures" (Island Cabildo).

For mysterious reasons, the ancient practice of spring fire-jumping has survived in Agulo, La Gomera, on this date. We don't know why. Mark's story in the gospels includes: a questionable martyrdom announced four centuries after his death; a lion; a connection with public notaries, of whom he is patron saint and no mention whatsoever of fire, or of jumping over it fuelled by vino del país on a small Atlantic island off the coast of Africa, though he was supposedly born in Africa.

The date of his feast day is probably the reason. Spring fire celebrations and rituals marking



BLAZING SADDLES: The village of Agulo, with Tenerife in the background is among the few places where spring fire-jumping still happens.

the end of dead winter and the start of the fertile year were once common. They symbolised the death of winter and ensured fertility and the return of the sun.

It's likely that the locals were still jumping over spring fires in Agulo when the Catholic Church arrived, en route for the New World to save it from sin. Did priests troubled by the islanders' refusal to stop this pagan fire-leaping

nonsense sensibly absorb it into a St Mark's celebration to avoid conflict?

The only other surviving fire-jumping festival I know of is far away in Azerbaijan, where the Novruz Spring celebrations are still going strong, with bonfires in the streets. Azerbaijani adults, however, content themselves with dancing some lively pieces whilst their children do the leaping.

Hardcore Gomeros jump and dance lively pieces. As darkness falls and Mass finishes, there's an explosion of sound. Bells clang, chacarra and tabor (Canarian castanets and drum) music vibrates, San Marcos gets paraded and youths held back at the top of the cobbled street start chanting 'Fuego! Fuego!' straining for the off.

Bonfires are lit, flames leap, sparks fly... and away they go. This wonderful health and safety nightmare has an incredible atmosphere. Jeopardising important reproductive tackle, the participants leap through flames to ensure virility. When the fires are slightly lower, off go the young women, hair tied back (I proudly cheer my daughters on. Am I normal?).

Then the more cautious and elderly jump. Kids leap, too, with the tiniest on parents' shoulders. Couples holding hands hop. They all jump down the line of fires, between smoky, ash-flecked spectators, then walk back up and do it again, and again, until the fires die down, the band strikes up and dancing starts.

As the bonfires cool, people collect ash for good luck and head home on the island's winding roads, sooty, smelling of smoke and smiling.

It's a great fiesta, all the better for its mixed origins. ¡Viva San Marcos!

A video of the 2017 fiesta can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glOUH56mh1c>

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
9:15am	Match of the Day
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show
11:00am	Info not available
12:00pm	Sunday Politics
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	To be Announced
3:05pm	Points of View
3:20pm	Songs of Praise
3:55pm	To be Announced
5:35pm	Britain's Best Home Cook
6:35pm	BBC News
6:50pm	Regional News
6:55pm	Weather
7:00pm	The Chelsea Flower Show
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	To be Announced
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Info not available
12:50am	Info not available
1:05am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:35am	Glorious Gardens From Above
8:20am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein
8:50am	Gardeners' World
9:50am	Countryfile
10:45am	Beechgrove Garden
11:15am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:45pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge
1:30pm	Great Manchester Run
3:30pm	Info not available
4:30pm	Garden Rescue
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:00pm	Great Manchester Run Highlights
7:00pm	Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal
8:00pm	Million Pound Menu
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Burma with Simon Reeve
11:00pm	Atlanta
11:20pm	Atlanta
11:45pm	Later Weekend with Jools Holland
12:40am	Info not available

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Atlantis: The Evidence
9:00pm	How to Build a Nuclear Submarine
10:00pm	The Greatest Tomb on Earth: Secrets of Ancient China
11:00pm	Dina <i>Dina's getting married in a few weeks and there's still so much to do.</i>
12:35am	British Gardens in Time
1:35am	Science and Islam
2:35am	Atlantis: The Evidence <i>Historian Bettany Hughes unravels one of the most intriguing mysteries of all time.</i>
3:35am	How to Build a Nuclear Submarine
4:35am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

7:00am	Portugal Rally X
8:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:30am	Eat the Week with Iceland
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
2:30pm	The Simpsons
2:55pm	The Simpsons
3:20pm	The Simpsons
3:45pm	Cheaper by the Dozen 2
5:30pm	Location, Location, Location
6:30pm	Grand Designs
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Christmas at the Chateau
9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	First Dates
1:00am	Info not available
3:00am	Meet the Markles
3:55am	Info not available
4:50am	Gillette World of Sport 2018

CHANNEL 5

10:00am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
10:10am	Shimmer and Shine
10:30am	Digby Dragon
10:45am	Peppa Pig
10:55am	Peppa Pig
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:30am	Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:20pm	Naughty Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:20pm	Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:20pm	Garfield
3:55pm	Batteries Not Included
5:00pm	5 News
5:05pm	Batteries Not Included
6:05pm	The Lego Movie
8:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
9:55pm	5 News Weekend
10:00pm	Top of the Box: 1985 with Matthew Kelly
12:00am	Role Models
2:05am	Super Casino

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7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:30am	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
1:30pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:00pm	Young Sheldon
2:30pm	Info not available
5:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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10:00pm	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
11:30pm	The Inbetweeners
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	Tattoo Fixers
2:00am	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.
3:00am	Rude Tube

sky sports main event

7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Live NRL
9:50am	World Cup of Pool <i>The World Cup of Pool reaches its final day at the Luwan Arena in Shanghai</i>
11:30am	Sports Sunday
12:00pm	Indian Premier League <i>Delhi Daredevils take on Mumbai Indians at Feroz Shah Kotla in the VIVO IPL, Delhi</i>
4:00pm	Super League Magic Weekend <i>Magic Weekend continues as Wakefield Trinity take on Huddersfield Giants at St James' Park.</i>
6:15pm	Super League Magic Weekend
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
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
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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8:05am	Thunderbirds are Go
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	Countrywise
11:00am	Peston on Sunday
12:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent
2:15pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:25pm	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	ITV News London
8:00pm	Little Big Shots
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday
12:20am	This Time Next Year
1:10am	Great Art

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7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:35am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:05am	Coronation Street Omnibus
1:00pm	You've Been Framed!
2:05pm	Celebrity Catchphrase
3:05pm	The Flintstones
4:05pm	FYI Daily
4:10pm	The Flintstones
4:50pm	Britain's Got Talent
6:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent
7:05pm	Despicable Me 2
8:05pm	FYI Daily
8:10pm	Despicable Me 2
9:00pm	Jurassic World
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Jurassic World
11:20pm	Family Guy
11:50pm	Family Guy
12:20am	Family Guy
12:50am	American Dad!
1:20am	American Dad!
1:50am	The Cleveland Show
2:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records.

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3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Royal Stories
7:25am	Heartbeat <i>The lives of the villagers are in peril when a sniper is discovered to be lurking in Aidsfield.</i>
8:20am	Heartbeat
9:20am	Columbo
11:20am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	A Touch of Frost
3:45pm	A Touch of Frost
6:00pm	Harry and Meghan: The Royal Wedding
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
9:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs
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

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Avengers
8:00am	The Sweeney <i>A tip-off allows Detective Inspector Regan to move in on a security van heist.</i>
9:00am	The Sweeney
10:05am	Minder <i>Comedy drama series. Arthur spots a way to make money out of his brother-in-law Brian's misery.</i>
11:10am	Minder
12:15pm	MSA British Touring Car Championship
7:00pm	UEFA European U17 Championship Final Live
9:30pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Green Zone
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Green Zone
12:15am	Tango and Cash
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Tango and Cash
2:25am	Minder
3:30am	Tommy Cooper
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:00am	Tarzan
11:00am	Central Intelligence
1:00pm	The Mummy
3:00pm	Ghostbusters
5:00pm	Tarzan
7:00pm	Central Intelligence
9:00pm	The Mummy
11:00pm	Ghostbusters
1:00am	Uncommon Valor
3:00am	Domino
5:10am	Pele: Birth of a Legend

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:20am	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
11:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:35am	The Ugly Truth
1:20pm	Girls Trip
3:30pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
5:25pm	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
7:15pm	The Ugly Truth
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
1:00am	Ferris Bueller's Day Off
2:50am	This is Spinal Tap

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:15am	Basmati Blues
9:05am	Anon: Special <i>Take a special look at stylish sci-fi thriller Anon, a Sky Movies Original Film starring Clive Owen and Amanda Seyfried.</i>
9:35am	Anon
11:20am	Walking Out
1:00pm	Atomic Blonde
3:00pm	Jungle
5:00pm	Anon
6:50pm	Shot Caller
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde <i>Stylish spy thriller starring Charlize Theron as an MI6 agent despatched to a chaotic, paranoia-ridden Berlin just before the fall of the Wall.</i>
11:00pm	Jungle
1:00am	Shot Caller
3:05am	Annabelle: Creation
5:05am	Basmati Blues

sky sports football

9:00am	20 Years of El Clasico
9:45am	La Liga Icons
10:00am	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
2:00pm	Ronaldo
2:30pm	Magical Messi
3:30pm	La Liga Icons
3:45pm	La Liga Icons
4:00pm	La Liga Greatest Games
4:10pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
6:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:25pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
8:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
8:40pm	Live La Liga 2017/18
10:45pm	La Liga Icons
11:00pm	Scottish Cup Final Highlights
11:30pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
11:45pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
12:00am	La Liga Icons
12:15am	La Liga Icons
12:30am	La Liga Icons

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Info not available
12:45pm	Info not available
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	The Chelsea Flower Show
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	The Chelsea Flower Show
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Panorama
10:00pm	Peter Kay's Car Share
10:30pm	Info not available
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	Royal Recipes Wedding Special
9:00am	Info not available
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	Victorian Farm
5:30pm	Street Auction
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Eggheads Repeats
7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys
8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble
9:00pm	The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Burma with Simon Reeve

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	Civilisations Stories
9:00pm	Code-Breakers: Bletchley Park's Lost Heroes
10:00pm	Royal Wives at War
11:00pm	Castles: Britain's Fortified History
12:00am	The Secret Life of the Motorway <i>Documentary series which celebrates the birth of motorways and hails the achievements of those behind the 'road revolution'.</i>
1:00am	Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth
2:00am	Kew's Forgotten Queen

CHANNEL 4

9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	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 Pawn
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
8:55pm	The Political Slot
9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:35pm	Manchester
12:35am	Quadruplets and Homeless
1:35am	The Secret Life of the Zoo

CHANNEL 5

6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	To Be Announced
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	The Gadget Show
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	To Be Announced
4:15pm	Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	Paddington Station 24/7
11:00pm	Info not available
12:00am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:00am	America's Toughest Prisons
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Secrets of the World's Greatest Mountains
5:00am	Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink

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9:00am	How I Met Your Mother
10:00am	New Girl
11:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:30am	2 Broke Girls
12:00pm	Black-ish
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	Made in Chelsea
11:00pm	Body Fixers
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
12:30am	The Big Bang Theory
1:00am	First Dates

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	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News Live RL One Day Cup
3:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
4:00pm	Sky Sports News
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

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4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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
9:30pm	The NHS Heroes Awards
11:30pm	ITV News
12:00am	ITV News London
12:15am	On Assignment
12:50am	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
1:45am	Jackpot247

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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	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Plebs
11:30pm	Family Guy
12:00am	American Dad!
12:25am	American Dad!
12:55am	The Cleveland Show

itv3

6:00am	George and Mildred
6:25am	George and Mildred
6:50am	ITV3 Nightscreen
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	Lewis
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	A Touch of Frost

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Cash Cowboys
8:35am	Cash Cowboys
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:30am	The Sweeney
12:35pm	The Avengers
1:40pm	Ironsides
2:45pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:45pm	Minder
4:50pm	The Sweeney
5:55pm	The Avengers
7:00pm	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
8:00pm	Pawn Stars
8:25pm	Pawn Stars
8:55pm	Mr. Bean
9:30pm	Mr. Bean
10:00pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	The Bourne Ultimatum
12:15am	Payback
1:15am	FYI Daily
1:20am	Payback
2:20am	Motorsport UK
3:20am	The Protectors
3:45am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	Anaconda
8:45am	The A-Team
10:45am	Salt
12:30pm	Iron Man 3
2:45pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
5:10pm	Anaconda
6:45pm	Iron Man 3
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:15pm	Salt
1:00am	Terminator Salvation
3:00am	12 Rounds

sky CINEMA COMEDY

10:00am	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!
11:30am	Love Actually
1:55pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
2:10pm	The House
3:50pm	Fist Fight
5:30pm	Billy Madison
7:10pm	Here Comes the Boom
9:00pm	The House
10:35pm	Fist Fight
12:15am	Coming to America

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

7:15am	All About the Money
9:00am	Jungle
11:05am	Annabelle: Creation
1:00pm	Atomic Blonde
3:00pm	Shot Caller
5:10pm	Walking Out <i>An estranged father and son are forced to work together to survive after their hunting trip to the remote Montana countryside goes wrong.</i>
7:00pm	Jungle
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Camera Obscura
12:45am	Shot Caller <i>Gritty prison thriller following a family man drawn into an unfamiliar criminal underworld following a fatal road accident.</i>
3:00am	All About the Money
4:40am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:55am	Basmati Blues

sky sports football

9:00am	La Liga Icons
9:30am	La Liga Icons
10:00am	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
10:45am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	La Liga 2017/18
3:10pm	La Liga 2017/18
5:15pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
6:30pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
7:00pm	La Liga Files
7:45pm	La Liga Files
8:30pm	Ronaldo
9:00pm	Football
11:05pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:35pm	Ronaldo
12:00am	Stars of Russia
12:30am	Destination Russia 2018
1:00am	MLS Round Up Show
1:30am	Football Countdowns
2:00am	One2eleven
2:15am	One2eleven

Travel

Historical elegance

A ROMANTIC and elegant city, the first impression of Antequera is the magnificent view of 'Peña de los Enamorados' (Lovers' Rock) a magnificent mountain with the silhouette of an Indian's face, set in a vast area of flat land with neat rows of olive trees.

Folklore legends say that a young Christian man from Antequera and a Muslim girl from nearby Archidona held hands and threw themselves from the top of the mountain, as they could not be together.

The ancient Moorish Alcazaba and its castle walls look down over Antequera. The steep climb to it is worth a visit, with views of the whole of Antequera.

Archaeologists have uncovered Roman mosaics in the grounds below and right next to it is the 15th century church of Santa Maria, the first Renaissance style church in Andalucia. There are, in fact, 33 churches in Antequera, making it the city with the most churches per capita than anywhere else in Spain.

A bronze Roman sculpture 'El Efebo' was discovered in Antequera by archaeologists in 1955. It is 1.43m tall and perfectly preserved and can be seen in the local museum along with other interesting artefacts.

Last year UNESCO named two sites in Antequera as World Heritage Sites; the dolmens and El Torcal. The dolmens are ancient burial tombs



CULTURE AND HISTORY: The breathtaking city of Antequera.

dating back to 4,000 BC. There are three dolmens, Menga, Viera and El Romeral. Entrance is free and there is an information centre.

A short drive up the hills just out of Antequera leads to the natural park of El Torcal, an area of curious, impressive Jurassic age limestone formations which are 150 million years old and one of the most impressive karst landscapes in Europe. In the past, the whole area was under the sea.

Those feeling energetic may want to hike up the mountain. There are

three guided routes: green, orange and red, the latter being the most difficult. Perfect for nature lovers and all types of birds, eagles and even vultures can be seen. Afterwards why not have a refreshing drink and traditional tapas in the restaurant.

A few local delicacies include 'porra Antequerana', a cold dish of blended tomatoes and bread served cold with one of their famous 'molletes,' delicious soft, white bread rolls, usually eaten for breakfast or 'merienda' (high tea).

Gazpachuelo is a white soup with

fish, garlic, prawns, potato and mayonnaise and for the sweet toothed 'bienenmesabe,' literally meaning 'it tastes good to me,' an ancient dessert of Arabic origin, made with ground almonds, honey, egg yolk and cinnamon.

Antequera, being the centre of Andalucia, is easily accessible by car from Malaga, Cordoba, Sevilla, Granada and Cadiz provinces, or by air from airports across both the UK and Spain. The nearest airport is Malaga, just a 45-minute drive or just over an hour by train.

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4:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:45pm	The Chelsea Flower Show
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	Info not available
12:30am	Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa
1:40am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Ill Gotten Gains
8:15am	Rhs Chelsea Flower Show 2018
9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
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10:00pm	Manchester: The Night of the Bomb
11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Love in the Countryside

BBC FOUR

5:00am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	lolo's Snowdonia <i>lolo Williams explores Snowdonia over the seasons.</i>
9:00pm	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction
10:00pm	The Vikings Uncovered <i>Dan Snow uncovers the lost Vikings in America with space archaeologist Dr Sarah Parcak.</i>
11:30pm	Hogarth: One Man and His Pug
12:00am	Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
1:00am	Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth
2:00am	Time Shift
3:00am	The Vikings Uncovered
4:30am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun
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9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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10:00am	Frasier
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11:00am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA
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1:05pm	Coast v Country
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5:00pm	The £100k Drop
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9:00pm	Amazing Spaces
10:00pm	Trains From Hell
11:00pm	Mo Salah: A Football Fairy Tale
12:00am	First Dates

CHANNEL 5

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2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Celebrity Five Go Motorhoming
4:15pm	Fatal Performance
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
10:00pm	Intercity 125: The Train That Changed Britain
11:00pm	When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
5:00am	Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink
5:45am	House Doctor

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10:00pm	Gotham
11:00pm	Supernatural
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory

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	Sky Sports Daily
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Sky Sports News
4:00pm	Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
9:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News <i>All the news from the Premier League and beyond</i>
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
4:00pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
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6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
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9:00pm	Love Your Garden
9:00pm	NHS Special
10:00pm	A&E Live
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow
12:15am	Car Crash Britain
1:10am	Caught on Camera
1:10am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Loose Women
4:45am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	<i>A talk-variety show featuring special guests and celebrities and hosted by Ellen DeGeneres.</i>
11:20am	The Bachelor
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9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Fast Five
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Fast Five
12:35am	Family Guy

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:05am	Judge Judy
10:35am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:30am	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	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:00am	The Street
2:20am	The Street
3:20am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:35am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	The Avengers
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6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Road Racing Series
10:00pm	A View to a Kill
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	A View to a Kill
12:45am	Out for Justice
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1:50am	Out for Justice
2:35am	The Protectors
3:05am	Ax Men
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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8:45am	Kong: Skull Island Special
9:15am	Beowulf
11:15am	Birth of the Dragon
1:00pm	Highlander
3:10pm	The Next Karate Kid
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9:00pm	Highlander
11:00pm	U.S. Marshals
1:15am	Resident Evil: The Final Chapter

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:45am	Turner and Hooch
7:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:50am	Don't Think Twice
9:30am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
11:00am	Shallow Hal
1:00pm	The Other Guys
3:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
4:45pm	Bridesmaids
6:55pm	Hitch
9:00pm	The Other Guys
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
12:45am	Clue

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:55am	Basmati Blues
7:00am	Walking Out
8:50am	Shot Caller
11:00am	Atomic Blonde
1:10pm	The Perfect Match
3:00pm	<i>Lifelong bachelor Charlie doesn't believe in serious relationships and thinks he's immune to love, but then meets the beautiful and mysterious Eva.</i>
5:00pm	Jungle
6:50pm	<i>True-life survival thriller about a young Israeli backpacker who finds himself stranded and alone in the wilds of Bolivia.</i>
7:00pm	Walking Out
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12:45am	The Perfect Match
2:45am	Jungle
4:35am	Camera Obscura
5:00pm	All About the Money

sky sports football

10:00am	Revista de la Liga
10:30am	La Liga Greatest Games
11:00am	MLS Round Up Show
11:30am	Revista de la Liga
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
1:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
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'It's a song contest Jim, but not as we know it'



**TV COUCH
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SATURDAY saw about 300 million people tune in to the *Eurovision Song Contest*, including 3.1 million of us in Spain.

The show was hosted by our neighbours in Portugal, with Saturday's final rounding off a seemingly never ending cycle of heats and semi-finals. Lisboaetas must have been pleased when the final vote was cast and they got their city back.

Hardcore Eurovision fans are a dizzy mix of people who take the whole thing far too seriously and usually have a large collection of flags. You will have no doubt guessed that I accepted an invitation to a flag waving pool party and then thought better of it, only to find that my local abrevadero was showing the final live and yes, I came home with both a UK and a Spanish flag!

Portugal gave Spain 14 points, Ire-



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SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING: Israel's entrant Netta triumphed in this year's pop extravaganza after a tight finish.

land gave the UK 10 (the best SuRie managed all night) and there was THAT stage invasion which in reality was a non-event. I thought the UK song was good and don't think 24th place is a fair reflection of the song or the performance.

Mind you, the bottom four, Spain, the UK, Finland and hosts Portugal, in that order, didn't deserve to be so low down the placings. Well OK, the Finnish song was terrible and deserved 25th place. Sorry Finland.

This Time Next Year (ITV) ended its second series on Tuesday with host Davina McCall being her usual fantastic self. Let's just take a moment to mention that red dress and how fantastic Davina is as a host. One year on and I would look just that, at least one year older, but Davina just looks the same.

Homage over. There have been some inspirational stories, the couple who eventually had twins, the 11-year-old meningitis survivor and the



NIFTY AT FIFTY: Davina McCall just doesn't seem to age.

chap who lost half his body weight to name but three. There will be a third series, assuming that the red dress can agree terms.

TV news this week is dominated by the *BBC* announcing that *McMafia* will return for a second series. *McMafia* tells the story of Alex Godman, a Russian exile and his journey into a multinational underworld. The show is the fourth most watched on

BBC iPlayer and I can't wait for it to return. Sticking with news from the *BBC*, Matt LeBlanc has been grizzling about what a hard time he had joining *Top Gear*. Really Matt, you get to do big-boy stuff with cars, you are paid really well, viewing numbers are up and the show goes from strength to strength. It must be really difficulty for you.

First Dates (Channel 4) has moved from Wednesday evenings to a prime slot on Thursday. This week a descendant of Henry VIII and a butler who is mad about the Royals are looking for love. There is even a Kate Middleton look alike. Will she find her Prince - well there aren't too many left.

Looking ahead, the *BBC* and *ITV* are showing the *Royal Wedding* on Saturday and the *FA Cup Final* is on *BBC 1* later in the day. If that doesn't appeal, *FILM4* are showing the classic *Carry on Spying* on Saturday afternoon. This was Barbara Windsor's first *Carry On* and it's a gem.

I'm off to dust off those flags, ready for Saturday's wedding.

Happy viewing.

If paint is not enough, diamonds are the answer

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



YOU have the yacht in the harbour, the supercar at the kerb and a personal jet waiting on the apron for you at the airport, but you feel something is lacking.

That's when the paint job begins to occupy your mind. Of course you have the choice of many colours and you could try a few variations. Though of course most yachts come in white and to go too far overboard would open you up to a certain amount of banter.

The same more or less applies to the plane. What's the point of jetting about luxuriously and discreetly if your paint job is 'screaming pink'? Even a lime green Lamborghini is passé now, everyone's got one!

That's when Jean Boulle Luxury may just have the product for you. The Sun King™ Diamond Coating was presented at last year's Monaco Yacht Show. A proprietary technique, it involves transforming ethically-sourced natural diamonds into a finish that guarantees the 'highest quality and brilliance within precisely defined tolerances.'

The coating has also been applied to su-



SPLASHING OUT: A Keizer 42 'Sun King' near Monaco.

percars produced by some of the world's foremost luxury car brands with the result of dramatically altering the vehicle's visual appearance.

The Keizer 42 'Sun King' is the result of a cooperation between Jean Boulle Luxury, AkzoNobel and Bonsink Yacht Painters. Jean Boulle Luxury recently patented a pricey technique which makes it possible to transform natural diamonds into a coating.



PRICEY PLEASURE: A Rolls Royce after the Sun King Diamond Coating treatment.

For the first time, it has been applied to a yacht, the Keizer 42. AkzoNobel is going to produce it, and prices are available on request only.

For the Keizer 42 'Sun King' the partners asked the renowned Dutch yacht painter Bonsink Yacht Painters to apply the coating. With the world premiere of the Keizer 42 'Sun King', Keizer Yachts will also be introducing its Custom Editions.

The yacht debuted at Monaco shows the possibilities available to customise the Keizer 42 entirely to meet a customer's wishes. The hull is painted in diamond blue, the roof arches in diamond silver and it also features wooden details which are also painted on.

As well as an extensive list of options and diamond coating, Keizer Yachts offers the option for you to choose your favourite upholstery, colour scheme and equipment in its extensive customisation programme.

With the price for a 'standard' Keizer starting at €325, the glittering options are unlikely to be cheap but diamonds are the answer, as ever. What's not to like?



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8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelor
1:15pm	Emmerdale
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00pm	You've Been Framed!
7:30pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Hall Pass
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Hall Pass
12:00am	Family Guy

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
9:00am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
11:00am	Judge Judy
11:25am	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	Endeavour
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
8:30am	Ironsides
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:40pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Ironsides
2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Cash Cowboys
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Bear's Mission with Anthony Joshua
11:00pm	Payback
12:00am	FYI Daily
12:05am	Payback
1:10am	The Americans
2:10am	Lethal Weapon
3:00am	Minder
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

1:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
3:10pm	Premium Rush
4:50pm	Tarzan
6:45pm	The Accountant
9:00pm	John Wick: Chapter Two
11:15pm	Desperado
1:15am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
3:00am	Desperado
4:50am	Premium Rush

sky CINEMA COMEDY

7:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:50am	Don't Think Twice
9:30am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
11:00am	Shallow Hal
1:00pm	The Other Guys
3:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
4:45pm	Bridesmaids
6:55pm	Hitch
9:00pm	The Other Guys
11:00pm	Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

6:15am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
6:30am	Rampage: Special
7:00am	Walking Out
8:50am	Jungle
11:00am	The Perfect Match
12:50pm	Atomic Blonde
3:00pm	<i>Stylish spy thriller starring Charlize Theron as an MI6 agent despatched to a chaotic, paranoia-ridden Berlin just before the fall of the Wall.</i>
3:00pm	Shot Caller
5:30pm	<i>Gritty prison thriller following a family man drawn into an unfamiliar criminal underworld following a fatal road accident.</i>
5:10pm	Jungle
7:15pm	The Perfect Match
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	The Battleship Island
1:15am	Shot Caller
3:20am	Camera Obscura
5:05am	Basmati Blues

sky sports football

11:30am	Football Countdowns
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Revista de la Liga
1:30pm	Football Years
2:00pm	La Liga Icons
3:00pm	Revista de la Liga
3:30pm	Ronaldo
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Games
5:00pm	Scottish Cup
5:30pm	Greatest Games
5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
5:45pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
7:00pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	Football's Greatest
8:00pm	EFL Rivalries
9:00pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
9:30pm	EFL Play-Offs Highlights
10:00pm	La Liga: The Dark Side of Football
11:15pm	La Liga Icons
11:30pm	Ronaldo
12:00am	Stars of Russia

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Only give beach flags to those who deserve them

REGARDING your article 'Just Beachy' in this week's issue (EWN CBS 1714), I would like to inform you that the 11 beaches in Orihuela Costa have no services at all at the moment, no beach huts, no toilet facilities, not even for the disabled, no first aid, a total disgrace!

I hope that Consumer ADEAC are aware of this and do not award any flags to any of these beaches. I would suggest they award Black Flags to these beaches and insist that the councillors concerned fly them at half-mast - what a dreadful way to treat your residents and the visiting tourists, unbelievable in this day and age.

Ernie Critchley, Las Filipinas

Praise for Nora

THIS is a message for Nora Johnson.

I really enjoy your column.

Another border option is abolition so that the whole island is reunited.

Brian Mulhern

Wrong call could easily lead to danger

WE all know the danger in Spain of drivers using their mobiles while at the wheel, not only in busy city and town centres, but also when on motorways.

Well now welcome to an added twist of mobile madness.

This morning, while taking an early walk along the coastal boardwalk near my home in Riviera del Sol a cyclist nearly collided with me due in the main to the fact he was concentrating more about talking on his mobile than where he was pedalling!

What more can I say except obviously a man unconcerned about his own safety... or of others!

CR, Costa del Sol



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| BEWARE: Of cyclists on the phone.

Deadly mistake

I WAS in a waiting room the other week when I picked up a local free paper.

One of the articles concerned the introduction of new speeding devices that had been accepted into use.

One's first thoughts is always that with the introduction of these covert devices it's just another way for the authorities to collect easy money off soft targets.

However, earlier that day I heard the latest RoSPA report on the radio; shortly the report concluded that 25 per cent of road accidents are as a result of distraction and lack of concentration by the driver; quoting mobiles and GPS as the largest cause.

That made me think, the picture of the new devices (there must be more than one type as the one shown in the EWN is different to the one I saw in the other paper) is a large camera-shaped unit with an even larger lens, the unit is fixed on the top of the armco crash barrier.

Human nature will mean you will try to spot these devices; you might not be speeding or know you are doing it; however, to some extent you will, and that will add to the overall distraction and thus the number of accidents caused.

Does anyone believe this has been considered?

Ray Wenham, Ciudad Quesada

Third World?

IT was Easter week and my daughter with three teenagers came to visit me from the UK.

She parked her car late Saturday night but Sunday morning it's towed away due to a procession.

There were no signs, no info, although the police say there were signs and there was a charge of €162. Private grua was €100 and €62 for a parking fine to be paid at a local bank but in cash as they won't accept credit cards as we weren't clients.

In the end, we had to go to my bank who would not accept my daughter's cash and the fine had to be paid from my account. This is really Third World practice and I live in a small village!

Iris Read, address withheld

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Warning as thieves target rental cars in Spain

They are now approaching cars at the last petrol station before Malaga airport! I was coming from Mijas, pulled in and out of nowhere two guys were at either side of the car. Luckily I had locked car the minute I got out. Everything was in the boot out of sight, and I told them in no uncertain terms where to go. This has happened twice in this petrol station, it's large, so just be aware... don't mess with this Irish Mom!

Kate Farrell

They will insist on putting those bloody company stickers in the back window of rental cars, that's like jumping up and down and shouting... look, look, this car is full of goodies... first thing I do is scratch the thing off.

Rob Waugh

If they stopped putting them stupid yellow stickers on the rear window it would be a very good idea. Instead it just says 'Hi, I'm a hire car full of goodies. ROB ME!' Ahhhhhh!

Hazel White

Hire cars are like taking candy off a baby... people will just ignore the warnings and leave the stickers on the rear window including the one that tells you what fuel to put in.

Brian Taylor

See ya Valencia! A room with a view no more

How can you be told that you cannot rent a property? I'd like to see this decision stand up within an EU court of law... not

Comments from EWN online

a chance! If local residents do not like the tourist trade that has effectively brought this country from effectively a third world nation to what it is today, then maybe they should move to an area where tourists do not flock to in peak season. Typical Spain looking at the small picture once again!

James

I think Spain will lose out in the end. I get the idea - hoteliers are losing out but tourism is tourism and for so many places in Spain tourism is the highest income. What worries me is the people that have invested in these properties with the only intention to rent it. There will now be thousands of property owners that will have to sell as they can't afford to keep them, but can't afford to sell them at lower prices so it still won't help the locals. I think the regulations should be tighter to make sure there are no 'underground' rentals etc but I worry about the effect on Spain.

Jennifer Knowles

I cannot really see what the authorities are doing, apart from losing many tourists that want to visit. A dangerous game to play.

Richard Taylor

I agree... I have friends trying to find long term rentals and they are being quoted holiday rates... makes it difficult for locals and new people wishing to make their home in this beautiful country.

Sandra Shortland

Imagine if everyone was to put all the paperwork in. They could not keep up. The town halls all close in August. Really stupid. To a point it is truly pathetic.

Stephen Kim Raymond

Watch: Plane drunk - Passenger's legs give way as he steps off Mallorca flight

There is no fool like a drunk fool.

Mike Jones

This is appalling. It's time alcohol was banned on all aircraft. Why should fellow travellers have to put up with this kind of behaviour. It could be very intimidating or scary to be 30,000 ft up in the air with a drunk person in the plane. In an emergency, anyone this inebriated would be a danger to himself and, more importantly, others.

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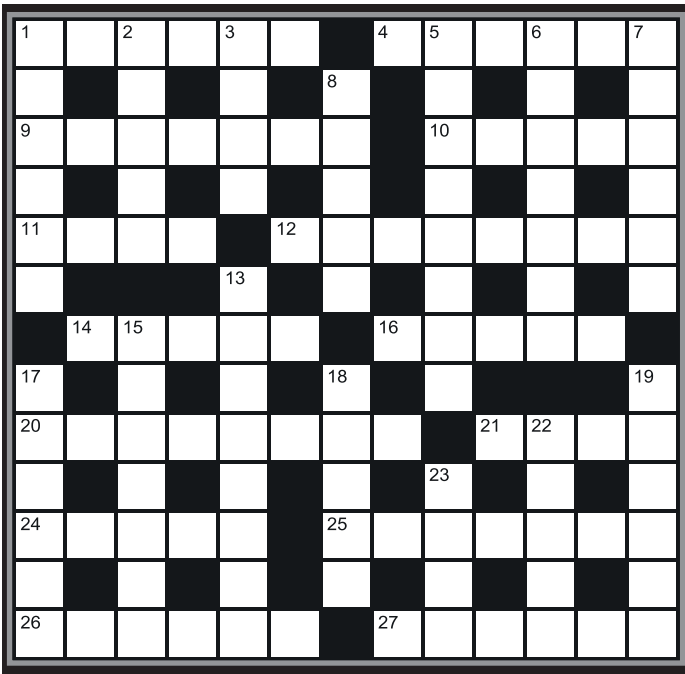


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Some here can try to withdraw (6)
- 4 Get back, for example, in wet weather (6)
- 9 Use live broadcast that's had to pin down (7)
- 10 Cathy rocks the boat (5)
- 11 Employ sound sheep (4)
- 12 Design new tin cover (8)
- 14 Force the Spanish after the little devil (5)
- 16 Too thin, the result of a grand aunt (5)
- 20 The Spectator, a UK Sunday newspaper (8)
- 21 Small duck has a drink by the lake (4)
- 24 Accept Romeo leaves a bride (5)
- 25 Deem Reg wrong to have come out (7)
- 26 Exaggerate what's contained in cover documents (6)
- 27 Claim supporter is in drink (6)

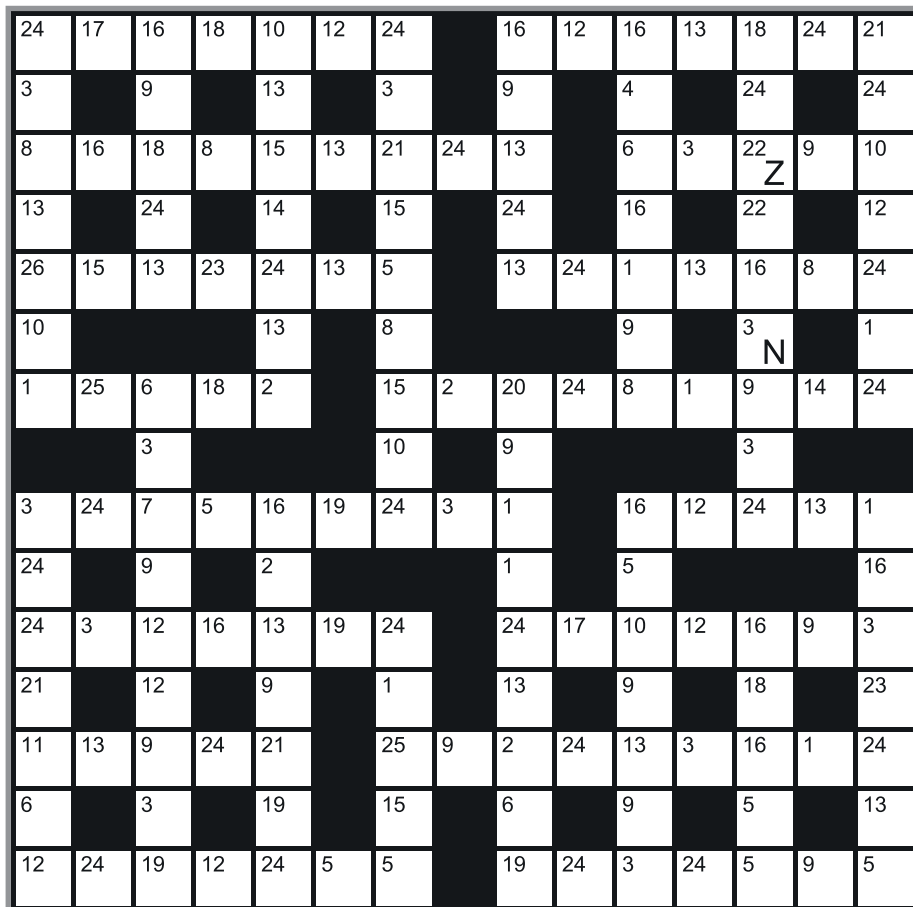


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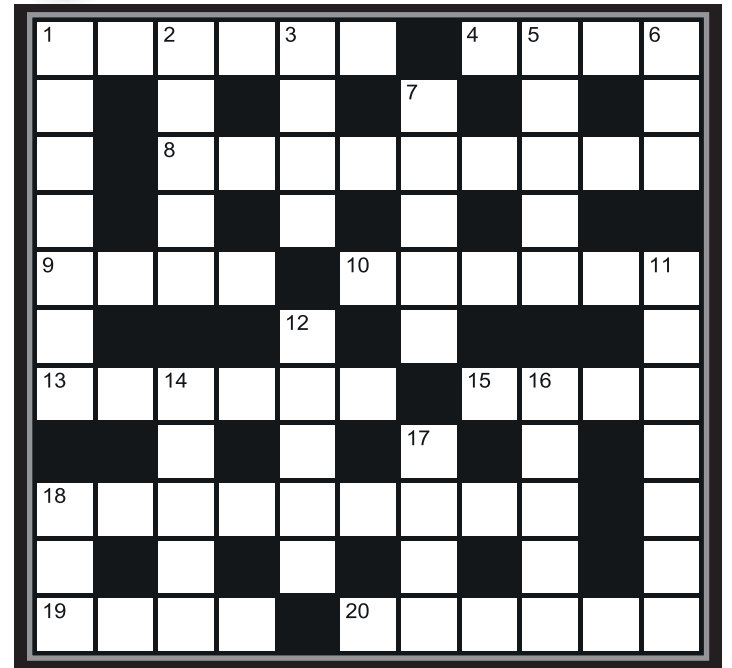
- 1 Staggered to find film by journalist (6)
- 2 Conservative getting cheeky and primitive (5)
- 3 Nothing holds a fastener (4)
- 5 Tiny page reproduced in ancient language (8)
- 6 Gold cot in jumble sale (7)
- 7 Spice Girl following eccentric (6)
- 8 Move around with new toxin (5)
- 13 Be a mate to Ben, fired indiscriminately (8)
- 15 Enormous religious service I have joined (7)
- 17 Vegetable buried in a bus depot at Orpington (6)
- 18 Fed up with hesitation and delay (5)
- 19 Promise place on the border (6)
- 22 Bird beheads the hound (5)
- 23 Pliny the Elder exposes a bounder (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents N and 22 represents Z, so fill in N every time the figure 3 appears and Z every time the figure 22 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.



Quick



Across

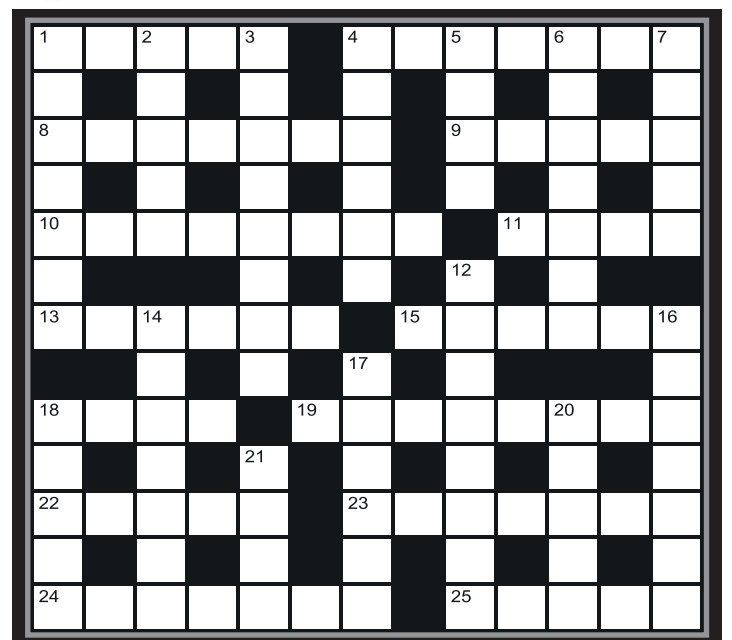
- 1 Select (6)
- 4 Give over (4)
- 8 Large seabird (9)
- 9 British nobleman (4)
- 10 If not (6)
- 13 Walk unsteadily (6)
- 15 Not excessive or extreme (4)
- 18 Drawing position in chess (9)
- 19 Chief or leader (4)
- 20 Succulent plant usually having spines (6)

Down

- 1 Remark, observation or criticism (7)
- 2 Come to pass (5)
- 3 Safe (4)
- 5 Escape or avoid by cunning (5)
- 6 Consume (3)
- 7 Discovered (5)
- 11 Quantity much larger than is needed (7)
- 12 Round flattish cap of felt or cloth. (5)
- 14 Snares (5)
- 16 Watchful (5)
- 17 Facts and figures (4)
- 18 Weep convulsively (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bag (paper, plastic) (5)
- 4 Sentado (7)
- 8 Cantantes (7)
- 9 Tuberías (5)
- 10 Arriba (8)
- 11 Mole (animal) (4)
- 13 To finish (doing something) (6)
- 15 Chain (6)
- 18 Jabón (4)
- 19 Retired (8)
- 22 Grande (5)
- 23 Inch (7)
- 24 Apellido (7)
- 25 Saint (5)

Down

- 1 Scales (instrument) (7)
- 2 Monday (5)
- 3 To threaten (8)
- 4 Tailor (6)
- 5 Kind (sort) (4)
- 6 Mejorar (7)
- 7 Taste (flavour) (5)
- 12 Toothpicks (8)
- 14 To hold on to (7)
- 16 Aguacate (7)
- 17 Morado (6)
- 18 Vende (5)
- 20 De nuevo (5)
- 21 Firewood (4)

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



'NOT AN EARTHQUAKE OR VOLCANIC LAVA - IT'S PLASTIC RUBBISH ON THE MOVE!'

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

- Average: 8
- Very good: 15
- Good: 11
- Excellent: 20

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

bake bare bark beak bear beef beer berk bier bike
birr brae kerb baker barer barre biker brake break
briar brief brier fiber fibre barker beaker bearer
breaker briefer **FIREBREAK**

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Bucket, 4 Pliers, 9 Apostar,
- 10 Nuera, 11 Sheet, 12 Testigo,
- 13 Tedas, 15 Aprons, 18 Polilla,
- 20 Loros, 23 Nieta, 24 Cleaner,
- 25 Scared, 26 Cajero.

Down:

- 1 Brass, 2 Close, 3 Estatua, 5 Lungs,
- 6 Elegido, 7 Seasons, 8 Truth,
- 13 Taponas, 14 Colmena, 16 Pulsera,
- 17 Sauce, 19 Leave, 21 Rinse,
- 22 Sordo.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Suet, 3 Prospect, 9 Unicorn,
- 10 Flees, 11 Bream, 12 Enamel,
- 14 Resort, 16 Loathe, 19 Laurel,
- 21 Shame, 24 Untie, 25 Cleanse,
- 26 Thrashed, 27 Wept.

Down:

- 1 Stubborn, 2 Exile, 4 Rennet,
- 5 Sofia, 6 Element, 7 Toss, 8 Former,
- 13 Severest, 15 Shatter, 17 Ousted,
- 18 Cloche, 20 Reels, 22 Annie,
- 23 Must.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Sparse, 4 Chop, 8 Agile, 9 Still,
- 10 Distribute, 13 Disjointed, 17 Brave,
- 18 Reign, 19 Easy, 20 Adhere.

Down:

- 1 Sham, 2 Alibi, 3/18 See red, 5 Haiku,
- 6 Pilfer, 7 Assign, 11 Trowel, 12 Edible,
- 14 Spans, 15 Elite, 16 Kneel.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
Saturday May 12



IRISH LOTTO
Saturday May 12



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Tuesday May 08



Friday May 11



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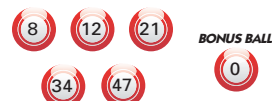
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Saturday May 12



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EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday May 13



YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Putting all of your eggs in one basket is rarely to be advised. It should particularly be avoided this week. For the sake of speed and ease it will be tempting to take short cuts and make decisions that are bland. These will, of their nature, not be of the 'good' or 'great' categories. You are capable of better.

questions. Being honest with your answers this week will lift a cloud from your horizon.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

With high energy you are seeking to get as much done as possible in a small amount of time. Rather than go at it 'hammer and tongs', it could be easier. Let someone help you out.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

How you feel about someone will change dramatically during the week. This will surprise you. Thinking about it logically, though, you have been missing the point for some time. Someone who you always thought of as a friend turns out to be much more. How you deal with this is very much an individual thing.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You are freer than you imagine. Your imagination is letting you down a bit at the moment. Not for some time have opportunities been throwing themselves at you like this.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

With your engine revving and the road ahead clear, a sense of great freedom is with you. There are those for whom this week is a chance to really make headway. For some, though, it is an irksome task. The difference is that some of you are taking a negative attitude. Make sure that yours is positive and you will have a chance to make real progress.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Give others the benefit of the doubt and your infinite patience this week.

Situations will change from minute to minute. It would be a waste of energy to take anything at face value.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Wanting to put things right with someone close is a good instinct to have. It would certainly give you peace of mind. Indeed, this should be a quiet and peaceful week and one that is long overdue. Being successful in business is only one part of success. The light is dawning that what you have always wanted has changed.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Although you are only too aware that you are capable of great good when you put your mind to it, it would be wise to bide your time this week. You may not realise that you are expending too much energy until your weary head hits the pillow. Be kind to your body. Some things that are taken for granted should not be so. This can lead to neglect. In neither home nor business is this recommended.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Someone very special could come into your life. You must, however, be at the ball to meet the prince. This opportunity for happiness is not going to jump up and bite you. A phone call could be the start of it all. Accept invitations and get out and about. Be aware of what is going on so that you can be in the right place at the right time.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

It may seem that everyone wants your attention at the moment. There are times when you would like nothing more than to go away and clear your mind. This is not only possible but essential. You need some quiet moments. Even a day away can renew your spirits and energy.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

What is the reason that you are being held back? Are you sure that you are, in reality, being held back at all? These are not trick



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

So strong have been the practical considerations of late that you have been in a bad position. You need to live more for the 'now' and less for the 'tomorrow'. Of course, life should be a mixture of both but sometimes it all gets a bit jumbled.

Getting a few hours peace and quiet on your own may be all that you need. Getting enough sleep is also important in this situation.

QUIZ: FOLLICLY CHALLENGED

All the questions concern famous people who, like myself, are somewhat lacking in the barnet department:

1. Actor Yul Brynner played the role of which Egyptian pharaoh in the 1956 American biblical epic film produced, directed and narrated by Cecil B DeMille, The Ten Commandments?
2. Actor/investigative journalist Ross Kemp first rose to prominence in the 1990s playing the role of which 'hard-man' in the BBC soap opera EastEnders?
3. American musician and singer-songwriter Michael Stipe is best known as the lead singer and main lyricist of which alternative rock band from their formation in 1980 until their dissolution in 2011?
4. Born in New York in 1965, Richard Melville Hall is the real name of which American musician, DJ, record producer, singer, songwriter, photographer and animal rights activist?
5. In which city was the 1970s American crime drama television series starring Telly Savalas as the title character Kojak, principally set?

6. Killer (1991) and Kiss from a Rose (1994) were both UK Top 10 hit singles by which British singer/songwriter?
 7. Vicky Pollard, Dafyd Thomas, Bubbles DeVere and Andy Pipkin were all characters played by comedy performer Matt Lucas in which character-based sketch show?
 8. Which American actor and film-maker, born in New Jersey in 1944, gained prominence for his portrayal of the taxi dispatcher Louie De Palma in the television series Taxi (1978-1983), which won him a Golden Globe and an Emmy?
 9. Which Grand Slam Singles title has Andre Agassi won on four occasions (1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003)?
 10. Which two-time world heavyweight champion was knocked out just before the end of the eighth round by Muhammad Ali in the historic boxing event nicknamed the 'Rumble in the Jungle'?
- Not a lot of people know that... bald eagles are not actually bald; the name derives from an older meaning of the word, 'white headed'. The adult is mainly brown with a white head and tail.**

Answers:

1. RAMSESSES II (also known as RAMSESSES THE GREAT),
2. GRANT MITCHELL,
3. REM,
4. MOBY,
5. NEW YORK,
6. SEAL,
7. LITTLE BRITAIN,
8. DANNY DEVITO,
9. AUSTRALIAN OPEN,
10. GEORGE FOREMAN

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Keeping stress at bay

THE focus of this year's Mental Health Awareness Week (May 14 to 20) is stress. Perhaps no surprise, given that research shows that stress is a key factor in why two thirds of Brits experience a mental health problem in their lifetime. By tackling stress, you can go a long way to tackle anxiety and depression, and reduce self-harm and suicide.

Stress can be a natural reaction to increased pressures caused by work, money issues and relationships. It can have a cumulative effect, with each issue building on top of the other.

It can create feelings of being overwhelmed and of constant worry or anxiety. Making it difficult to relax and causing mood swings and short temper. It can also affect your sex drive.

To tackle stress, try to identify its causes and sort these into three categories. Those with a practical solution, those that will get better over time, and those you can't do anything about. Try to let go of the worry of those in the second and third groups.

Then review, reorganise and prioritise your life, changing the practical things you can. During this process don't be too hard on yourself and try to keep things in perspective. Remember, we all have bad days.

Over the long-term, stress can put you at risk from heart attacks and strokes, so it's important that you deal with it. Seek professional medical help if you are experiencing prolonged periods of stress. For more information visit www.mentalhealth.org.uk.

UNDER PRESSURE: Work, money matters, relationships and family life can cause stress.



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Clearing the air

ALTHOUGH sneezing and wheezing is something we often associate with the outdoors, research shows that indoor allergens also increase as the weather warms up.

These allergens can be found in dust, pollen, mould spores and pet hair and can cause us to experience 'hay fever' within the home. Letting them linger in the air means that you may develop an allergic reaction, an asthma attack or another allergy such as rhinitis.

The good news is that there are products designed for the home that can get rid of up to 99.97 per cent of unwanted allergens and keep your family in good health.

One option is to use a vacuum cleaner. Ideally a cordless one as this allows you to move around your home with ease. A pricey, but effective option is Dyson's new cordless Cyclone V10 Absolute.

This has a

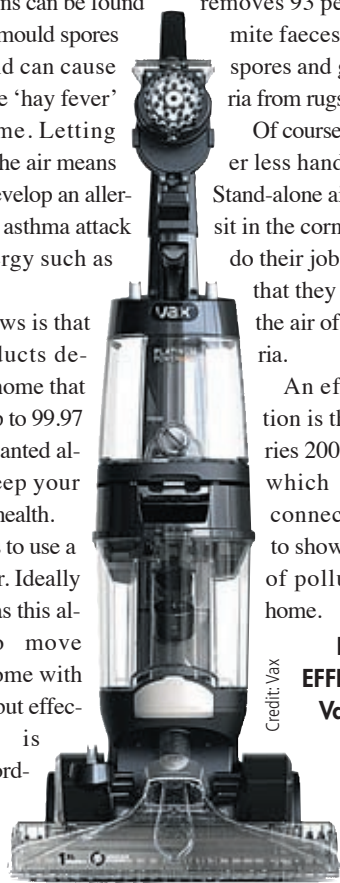
special sealed unit for improved filtration that captures allergens as tiny as 0.3 microns.

For a more thorough clean, you could try the Vax Platinum PowerMax Carpet Washer. This removes 93 per cent of dust mite faeces, dust, pollen, spores and general bacteria from rugs and floors.

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An effective solution is the Philips Series 2000i Air Purifier which can even be connected to an app to show you the level of pollution in your home.

PRICEY BUT EFFECTIVE: The Vax Platinum PowerMax Carpet Washer costs £249.



Credit: Vax

Choose to go smooth

WHETHER for aesthetics, comfort or hygiene, it is increasingly common for men to shave off more than just their beard.

And whether you chose to go smooth from top-to-toe or just in more select areas, such as your chest, back or legs, it would be wise to take note of these words of wisdom so you don't look like you've just been chased by Jack the Ripper.

The easiest, fastest and cheapest way to shave is to use a razor blade. However, this instrument can damage delicate skin in certain parts of the body so be sure to buy one of good quality.

Before you shave, jump in the shower to moisten your skin beforehand. Use warm water and lather up with shaving foam, bath soap or even body cream. Never shave your body dry.

To avoid any pain when shaving, always shave in the direction in which the hair grows. Once finished, take a cold shower as

this will help to close over and tighten your pores. Finally, moisturise all over.

Of course, if taking a razor further south than your chin sends shivers down your spine, then an effective alternative is to use hair removal cream.

And, of course, if you want to say goodbye to all that hair forever, you can opt to have laser or pulsed light treatment. This will allow you to have that smooth all-over feel without suffering unpleasant and painful cuts, but remember this treatment is irreversible.

BODY GROOMING: Don't be careless when going hairless.



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Number one for Brits

RECENT figures from the UK's Office of National Statistics confirm that Spain is the top choice for British pensioners looking for a new life in Europe.

There were no surprises among the main reasons given, which included some Spanish delights such as the sun, sea, sand and... healthy Mediterranean diet.

Other reasons included the outdoor lifestyle and access to leisure facilities, including the many golf courses and swimming pools.

There are just under 300,000 British citizens registered as living in Spain, a staggering 37 per cent of the total three-quarters of a million Brits who live in EU member countries. And of this figure living in Spain, 41 per cent are over the age of 65.

Of course, the true figure could actually be much higher as not all Brits who live here go to the trouble of registering with their local authority.

If you're lucky enough to live in Spain, but unlucky enough to need the support of Spain's healthcare



THE GOLDEN YEARS: Most Brits abroad in Europe choose to live in Spain.

services, then never fear. Spain has a high-quality health service which, for Brits, is free at the point of delivery.

And with the availability of rea-

sonably cheap accommodation which is suitable for British pensioners, there's really nothing to stop you from saying 'Hasta Luego' to Blighty.

Munching in the Med

LOVED the world over, the Mediterranean diet isn't just delicious. It is a diet which has been proven to be beneficial for the heart, lowering cholesterol and even helping to reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.

Although the diet varies from region to region and country to country, it does share things in common.

In general, it contains a lot of fruits, vegetables, seeds, cereals and fish. And excludes a lot of meat and dairy foods.

Don't fret, however, if

you don't live along the Med. There are aspects of the Mediterranean diet you can incorporate into your cooking regardless of where you are.

Replace butter with healthy fats such as olive oil, and instead of salt

flavour your food with herbs and spices. And reduce your intake of red meat, replacing it with lots of poultry and fish.

One of the wonderful surprises about the Mediterranean diet is that you can continue to enjoy your starchy foods, such as bread and pasta.

Nor do you have to decrease your intake of red wine, be it splashed in the pan for flavour or in the glass to accompany your favourite dish.

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'I have been very lucky'

EWN chats with a member of The Beatles' inner circle

EXCLUSIVE

By Joe Gerrard

THE childhood best friend of Beatles guitarist, George Harrison who became a leading member of the band's team has spoken to *Euro Weekly News* about his time in music.

Tony Bramwell, 72, was speaking ahead of planned appearances in Estepona and Benalmadena for the Festival of Legends tomorrow and on Saturday respectively.

He said in an exclusive interview ahead of the shows he was looking forward to a few days in Spain. "I do these Beatles tribute shows all over the world. I was in Spain at the end of last year for Chris King's (of the Festival of Legends) concerts in December," he said.

He added he had been in the country several times before, including with George Harrison in 1963. "Me and George went to the Canary Islands on holiday together in 1963. The Beatles did a few small tours in Spain around 1965 and I went to Sevilla in 1967 to make a film about the city's feria for their film company."



'VERY LUCKY': Tony Bramwell (right and inset) in the studio with the band.

Bramwell was with The Beatles from their early days gigging in Liverpool. He bumped into school friend, George, while the band was going to one of their first gigs and offered to carry his guitar, according to his official website.

When The Beatles achieved success with songs such as *Please Please Me*, *Love Me Do* and *All My Loving*, Bramwell found himself along for the

ride. He began by working on the promotional videos for *I Feel Fine*, *Help!*, *Day Tripper* and others before heading up the band's Apple Films company in 1968.

"I have been very lucky," he said.

His association with The Beatles' members dated back further than their days as stars and that he still sees Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr to this



REVOLVER: Meeting with John Lennon and Yoko Ono (right).

day. "George was my best friend when we were kids. I still go on the road with Paul occasionally and I spoke to him last week, he's doing well," he said. Bramwell went on to work with a number of other artists after The Beatles split up in 1970. These included James Taylor, Nine Cassidy and Bruce Springsteen, as well as Roxy Music who he joined on a tour to Barcelona.

"I did some tours with Roxy Music in Barcelona. Bryan Ferry got taken seriously ill. He was stuck in an ambulance on the way back to England so we had five days in Barcelona just enjoying ourselves," he said.

Eat Well
to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



SINCE we are in Spain I thought it was time I shared some Spanish tapas recipes with you.

The definition of tapas is: 'small Spanish savoury dishes, typically served with drinks at a bar.' Cooking tapas is very labour intensive and is more suited to places where food can be cooked in bulk and served in a large number of small portions. This would normally preclude tapas at home for a dinner party or a family meal, but it can be done, here's how: Delicatessen bought alioli, gazpacho, bread, chorizo, Iberian ham, canned anchovies, olives and Manchego cheese can be served with wine while the following are cooking:

• Spanish omelette (tortilla Española)

Serves 8

- 500 grams potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 whole onion, peeled and sliced
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and black pepper, ground
- 1. Microwave potatoes for 12 minutes until soft. Roast at 200 Celsius fan oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) for 30 minutes with 1/2 the olive oil until golden. Allow to cool.

Spanish tapas

2. Fry onions in pan with rest of oil until golden, then add eggs and seasoning.
3. Keep flipping omelette until cooked through, then serve in slices.
4. Serve.

This next recipe also needs potatoes, so they can be cooked at the same time.

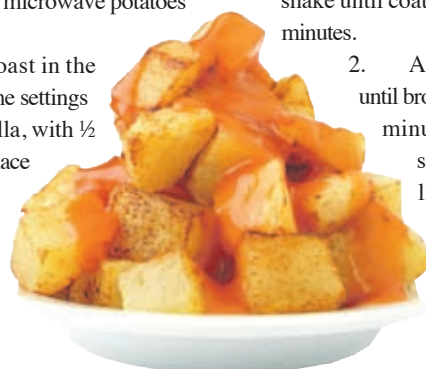
• Spicy potatoes (patatas bravas)

Serves 8

- 1 kg of potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, grated
- 3 whole garlic clove, peeled and crushed
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1 can tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons dried chilli flakes
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 whole bay leaf
- 1. Peel and microwave potatoes for 12 minutes.
- 2. Then roast in the oven using same settings as for the tortilla, with 1/2 the olive oil. Place to one side.

3. Use the rest of the oil to gently fry the onion and garlic until transparent.
 4. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to simmer.
 5. Remove bay leaf and blend.
 6. Pour over potatoes and serve.
- Garlic Chicken (pollo al ajillo)**
Serves 8
sea salt to taste
black peppercorns ground, to taste
2 tablespoons paprika
2 tablespoons flour
1.5 Kg chicken breast, no skin, no bone and cubed
100 ml olive oil
10 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
2 bay leaves
2 cups sherry
1. Put salt, pepper, paprika and flour in a large plastic bag, add chicken and shake until coated, place in fridge for 30 minutes.
 2. Add oil to pan, fry chicken until browned, add garlic, fry for 2 minutes, add bay leaves and sherry, put in oven proof lidded dish and place in 200 Celsius fan-oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) and cook for 20 minutes, then serve.

SPICY: Patatas bravas.



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The hope is to bring contemporary dance to the eyes of the public in Denia and Marina Alta as this is a discipline that is not always recognised or understood locally.

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MOROCCAN MARVEL: A stylish riad home in Marrakesh.

Look across the water for property

ON the doorstep of Europe, only 14km across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, Morocco attracts the highest number of international tourists of any African nation.

The city is modernising at pace and flights from Britain to the bohemian city of Marrakesh are full again (there are 93 flights a week, up from 52 in 2012).

Shiny shopping malls are emerging, roads have been refurbished, and the fringes of the charmingly chaotic souk are beginning to be gentrified with boutiques.

With villa values having fallen 8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2017 and transaction volumes increasing, it could well be

the time to buy there.

International tourism to Morocco rose 10 per cent year on year in 2017 to €12.9 million, and the country gets the most foreign direct investment in Africa.

Hotels expanding their influence in Morocco include the Four Seasons, Fairmont, the Hilton, the Marriott, and Banyan Tree.

The first Oberoi hotel is arriving in Marrakesh this year, and an 80-room Ritz-Carlton will be opening its doors in the city in 2019.

The city also houses 13 of Morocco's 44 golf courses and is

pitching itself as an affordable golfing alternative to Spain and Portugal.

For those who want to be in the heart of ancient Marrakesh, it is a good time to buy a riad property.

There was a fire-sale of properties after the global downturn, as many French owners sold up, so it is a buyer's market.

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LOVE NEST: The show has become a TV hit.

Love Island is back with a bang

THE location of 2018's 'Love Island' villa has been confirmed and it will be a revamped version of last year's venue in Mallorca.

The luxury property is in Sant Lorenc des Cardassar and the show is set to kick off on Monday June 4.

Contestants this year will be able to enjoy a super-sized hot tub and a bath big enough for two in the most lavish surroundings yet.

There will also be an infinity pool looking out onto the lush countryside, an outdoor kitchen with firepit, gym and terrace.

Mallorca is also the home of the notorious party destination Magaluf, which has previously played host to reality TV show 'The Magaluf Weekender.'

The largest of the Balaeric islands, Mallorca is the 'sister' island to Ibiza and Menorca and flying time from the UK is around two and a half hours.

The island is known for its beach resorts and is a popular destination for British tourists.

Those with deep pockets do have the opportunity to stay in the Love Island's luxury villa, but it will set you back €3,000 for a week's stay.

Vukile snaps up retail centre for €80 million

VUKILE PROPERTY FUND has cemented its presence in the Spanish retail market with the purchase of Habaneras Shopping Centre in Torrevieja.

The €80.6 million acquisition was made through Vukile's 98.7 per cent owned real estate investment trust (RE-it) subsidiary, Castellana Properties.

It is a move that boosts the total value of Vukile's Spanish portfolio via Castellana to almost €400 million.

The easily accessible open-air shopping centre is in the popular coastal city of Torrevieja, in the south-eastern province of Alicante on the Costa Blanca.

Vukile entered the Spanish retail property market in July 2017 when it acquired 11 Spanish retail parks for €193 million via Castellana.

It then went on to purchase another two retail parks in December last year for €70 million.

Laurence Rapp, the Chief Executive of Vukile, said "We entered the Spanish market less than a year ago and have made swift progress in growing an investment of scale and substance



SHOPPING AROUND: Vukile continues to expand its retail portfolio in Spain.

in Spain.

"Our Spanish retail property exposure is now nearing €400 million and comprises quality assets located in territories with good growth metrics."

Developed in 2005 and refurbished in 2014, Habaneras is a high-quality asset that is 93.3 per cent occupied, with nearly half of its space dedicated to fashion.

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Would you like to buy a property in Spain?

Real Estate Expert

by Adrian Barbudo



IF the answer is yes, you need to read this article so you can find out more about taxes in Spain when you are buying a property.

There is a difference in tax rates between a new property and a previously inhabited home and the taxes are:

New property

1. VAT (Value Added Tax) is charged at the current rate of 10 per cent so that the buyer has to pay the agreed purchase price plus 10 per cent on the property.

Should you wish to purchase additional parking spaces for example then a higher rate of 21 per cent could apply.

2. AJD (Stamp duty) is between 0.5 and 1.5 per cent depending on the location of the property although there is the possibility to reduce the rate to 0.1 per

cent if you are buying a permanent residence.

Second property

The purchase of previously inhabited properties is subject to the Property Transfer Tax (PTT) and the rate will range from 6 to 10 per cent depending on the location of the property.

In addition, the purchaser has to pay the notary and registry fees, which will total in the region of 1 per cent of the purchase price.

The average price of the purchase will be the property price plus 12 per cent.

Should you require a mortgage from a Spanish lender then expect to pay an additional 2 per cent to cover the cost of arrangement of the mortgage and additional notary and registry fees.

I will be here every Thursday to advise you on the real estate market in Spain and if you have any questions please send them to me at hola@adrianbarbudo.com so that I can reply to you directly.

Questions and answers will be published in future columns.

Caring for the lemon tree for its fragrant scent

A fruit with so many uses and benefits

GRAEME TYRRELL

ONE of the greatest assets to any garden in the Mediterranean is the lemon tree.

The climate allows them to flourish with little care. They are emblematic of the Mediterranean garden, as traditionally, most gardens would have a lemon tree. The secret to their success is: if you care for the soil around them they will thrive with minimal watering.

I love to walk around the garden just to smell the lemon and other citrus blossoms of mid-spring. My two lemon trees still have an abundance of lemons in spring, even though we pick them regularly and have given so many away to visitors, but they are also in full flower making it a pleasure to spend time seeking out the best lemons still on the tree.

One lemon tree is next to a window of the house so opening the windows allows the natural per-

fume to permeate the house. The other larger one is by the vegetable garden as a feature with the fruit ripening on the tree for more than six months, making them easy to pick when needed in the kitchen along with the rest of the harvest.

The strong evergreen leaves add an intensity of lush greenery to a garden area that contrasts wonderfully with the yellow fruits.

Left unattended the trees can grow very large but with careful pruning they can be kept to the size that fits the place where they are planted.

They can even be grown in pots and containers on balconies and terraces with a good potting mix,



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LEMON TREE: Very pretty and the lemon flower is sweet.

frequent pruning and regular watering. Dwarf varieties are available that help to grow them when space is limited. The lemon tree needs regular soil moisture to thrive so to minimise the need for watering, good soil preparation is necessary.

Existing trees which need a lot

of watering can have the amount required greatly reduced by applying a generous layer of mulch on the soil under the tree from the trunk to the outer extremes of the leaf canopy.

A good compost and straw mixture works wonders as it provides

nutrients and bulk.

Some compost which provides nitrogen will greatly assist to keep the tree bright green and flourishing, although in containers it should be used sparingly but regularly to not gain too much growth.

If planting a new tree in a garden make sure that a lot of compost is added to the soil and mixed into the existing soil before planting. The area prepared with compost can be as large as two metres in diameter to allow for the tree's future growth.

A large prepared area will allow the roots to spread out faster into the soil.

The roots of a new tree that has been grown in a pot should be spread out so they are not tangled before planting.

Give them a good watering after planting and apply an organic mulch to at least a metre out from the new tree to conserve water and maintain soil temperatures cooler in summer and warmer in winter.



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AS technology begins to infiltrate all aspects of our lives, so too will it be moving into our homes. From raising the temperature to lowering the bedroom blinds, technology will be integrated into the most trivial aspects of our daily routines.

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SMART CHOICE: Technology will control every aspect of our home.

incorporate high-tech bathtubs, which will induce brain waves that promote relaxation.

Of course, if you can't wait for the future to arrive there are elements of this technology which already exist. Intro-

ducing a voice assistant of some kind (like Alexa or Google Assistant) into your home will allow you to become familiar with this future technology and enjoy some of the benefits of tomorrow, today.

A right r

WITH the royal wedding this weekend and a garden party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday to celebrate Prince Charles' 70th birthday, let's take some inspiration from blue blood and see what flowers to choose to create a royal sensation in your home and garden.

Word has it that Harry and Meghan will have white garden roses, foxgloves and peonies inside St George's Chapel and at the reception in St George's Hall afterwards. Generously, the couple have committed to distribute the flowers to charitable organisations following the event.

It's no surprise, perhaps, that Meghan revealed that peonies will be included as she has previously revealed on Instagram that these are among her favourite flowers.

The royal couple have also revealed that their lemon elderflower wedding cake will be covered with buttercream and decorated with fresh flowers.

Horticulture might be new territory for the new royal couple but



ROYAL COUPLE: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are set to marry this Saturday.

the Prince of Wales, on the other hand, is known for his love of nature and the countryside and few doubt his skill as a gardener and

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WHAT A BUNCH: Peonies are among Meghan's favourite flowers.

FIT FOR A KING: Harry posted this exclusive picture of his wedding cake.

garden designer.

Charles' favourite flowers are known to be delphiniums. These fill his 15-acre Highgrove garden. Of the garden, three acres are wild flower meadows, in which he has almost 200 orchids. He has also planted thousands of thyme plants and flowers including lilies, roses and hydrangeas.

And simply because it's royal, doesn't mean it has to be serious. Apparently, Prince Charles planted wild thyme along his footpaths so that he could joke with visitors about walking through time!

So, even though you may not have a palace to entertain your friends and family, there's no reason why you can't create a palatial look to give your visitors the wow factor.

The nation's favourites

THERE are three flowers which are almost synonymous with Spain itself, given how popular and loved they are in the country.

These are the flowers - or at least the seeds - you should take home with you if you want to experience something of Spain even after your holiday has come to an end.

In addition to being Spain's official flower, the pomegranate is particularly important in Granada in the south of Spain. In fact, the city itself was named after the flower!

However, it is the carnation which is generally held to be the nation's favourite flower. Representing love and also used as a common religious symbol, the red carnation is the most popular.

Finally, while many in the UK regard them as invasive, Spanish bluebells offer a broader



NATION'S CARNATION: Spaniards have adopted the carnation as their national flower.

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Collaring your dog

THERE are a whole variety of collars available, from the conventional plain leather or nylon ones to the controversial choke chain, banned by several organisations of trainers, and the often frowned-upon pinch collar.

There are also head collars which give a greater degree of control. The four basic head collars available in the UK are the Halti, the Gentle Leader, the Dogalter and the Kombi.

The Halti is a UK registered

design made in five sizes of very fine nylon and is loose fitting.

The Gentle Leader is a design first patented in the United States and then Europe. It is made in three, snug-fitting sizes of 19mm nylon.

The Dogalter is also in three snug-fitting sizes and is made from 15mm and 19mm polypropylene but with a padded nose band. It can be left on the dog and used for behavioural problems where it is necessary to correct the dog,

ie when it whines, chews, or gets excited etc. The calming effect on some excitable dogs can be remarkable.

Personally, I use the half-check Kombi designed by the highly respected George Grayson, though the Halti is also very good. The Halti was designed by the famous Dr Roger Mugford, Britain's first animal behaviourist. He based it on a halter used 100 years ago in America to control weaning calves.

The advantage of head collars is that they control the dog by the head, like a horse, and using one increases the handler's control. They also have a calming effect on some dogs, putting pressure on the shoulder and neck, however, not all dogs like them.

They are a training aid, assisting control in many cases. If the dog is anti-social or too strong for the handler, they are vital as long as the owner is



prongs pointing outwards as a neck protection for the dog.

When people are in a formal training situation at a class, the dog tends to behave quite well. As long as a trainer is there telling them what to do, and when, they gain control.

But when some slow learners are away from the class, they do not have the same control at all. It must be admitted that some trainers believe the use of a pinch collar in these circumstances can be most effective, but I do not recommend it.

The respected dog trainer, Lou Castle of the Los Angeles Police Department believes that they are a far better tool for aversive work than a choke chain. He says: "No damage to the neck is possible with that tool. A top trainer I know goes so far as to say that it is the only completely humane training collar that exists."

GOOD BOY: A collar is an effective way to control your dog.

taught how to use them properly.

Many people do not like them because they look like muzzles, but most find that their use has enabled them to walk happily with their dog

when before it was a struggle.

Pinch collars are not to be confused with the generally frowned upon choke collar with prongs turned inwards. Initially these were used the other way round with the



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VOLKSWAGEN has revealed its most powerful Golf GTI ever.

The German company introduced the TCR concept at the annual Worthersee VW fan show in Austria, with production set to start at the end of this year.

Designed for the road, the touring-car inspired hot hatch will feature a modified version of the standard GTI's 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine, cranking out 286bhp and 370Nm of torque.

The car will be limited to 250kph with 18-inch forged wheels as standard, but an optional performance pack includes 19-inch rims, adjustable sports suspension and a top speed of 264kph.

Acceleration figures have not been announced, but it should reach 100kph considerably quicker than the standard

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GTI's 6.2 seconds. All TCR's come with a seven-speed dual clutch paddleshift gearbox, true locking front differential and upgraded brakes, while there is an optional Akrapovic titanium exhaust. Other details include TCR-specific front and rear bumper, a chunky spoiler, an exclusive 'pure grey' paint scheme and optional honeycomb vinyls. The seats, door inserts and gear knob are decorated with microfibre. Pricing details are yet to be confirmed, but expect it to cost in the region of €40,000.

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Rough diamond

Rolls-Royce reveals luxury SUV

LUXURY carmaker Rolls-Royce has unveiled its first off-road vehicle.

Named the Cullinan - after the largest diamond ever found - the €270,000 SUV will go on sale later this year.

Based on the brand's new lightweight aluminium production platform

used in the latest generation Rolls-Royce Phantom, the car retains the company's iconic grille and Spirit of Ecstasy bonnet ornament.

Chief designer Giles Taylor said the bodywork, with design elements derived from the Phantom and Ghost saloons, took five years to develop.

Much of the opulent interior is also plundered from the new Phantom, including the digital instrument panel and sloping centre console.

"We didn't want to be shy, we wanted a functional aesthetic look with no apology," he added.

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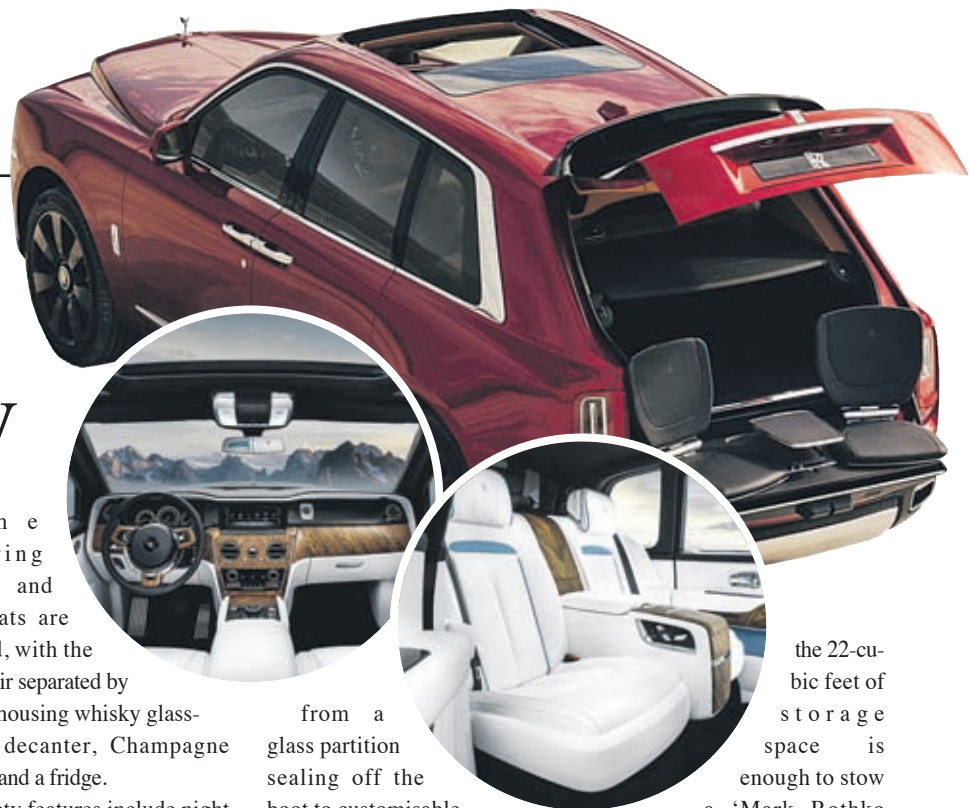


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Actor's Austin to be auctioned

A 1961 ASTON MARTIN once owned by English actor Peter Sellers could fetch €3.4 million at auction.

The rare DB4 GT appeared with the Pink Panther star in the 1963 comedy film *The Wrong Arm of the Law* before he snapped it up.

And after changing hands several times since, the car is set to go under the hammer at RM Sotheby's in London later this year.

The green coupe - which still carries the 41 DPX

registration it had in the film - was fully restored in

“The car is offered in stunning condition and is a product of a glorious age of British cars.”

1999 at a cost of €143,000.

It is one of only 75 DB4 GTs built between 1959 and 1963.

Felix Archer, car specialist at the auction house, said: “This is a historic car that simply can't be missed.

“Not only is a DB4 GT one of the most desirable grand touring cars of the 1960s, but it's fitting that this particular Aston Martin, with its close ties to British cinema, should become one of our headline

lots at this year's London sale.

“Peter Sellers' love of cars was undeniable - he'd owned 83 by the age of 39 - and he's been long linked with the Aston Martin brand. In addition to its on-screen past, the car is offered in stunning condition, and is a product of a glorious age of iconic British car manufacturing.”

ASTON-ISHING: A Sotheby's official said the car could fetch €3.4 million.



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La Liga Preview

BARCELONA'S dream of lasting the whole La Liga season unbeaten ended in their penultimate game, as they were beaten 5-4 by lowly Levante in a high octane match.

Amazingly, their hosts stormed into a 5-1 lead with Emmanuel Boateng scoring a hat-trick, along with two Enis Bardhi strikes.

Barca's Philippe Coutinho scored a hat-trick of his own and Luis Suarez netted a penalty to set up a tense finale.

But having rested Lionel Messi, manager Ernesto Valverde suffered his first league loss with the team, which fell to its first defeat in 44 games.

The result makes next Sunday's final game against Real Sociedad something of an anticlimax for Barca, except to make

Barca lose unbeaten streak

sure captain, Andres Iniesta gets a fitting send off.

Gareth Bale scored twice to boost his chances of starting in the Champions League final as Real Madrid thrashed Celta Vigo 6-0 at the Bernabeu.

The rout, in Real's last home game of the season, means they can still overtake Atletico Madrid into second place.

Atletico Madrid warmed up for the Europa League final on Wednesday with a 1-0 win at Getafe.

Diego Simeone's men took the three points thanks to Koke's

eight minute strike, and means they only need a draw at home to Eibar this weekend to finish as runners up.

Elsewhere, Villarreal cemented their Europa League position of fifth with a 4-2 win over relegated Deportivo La Coruna, and can look forward to hosting Real Madrid on Saturday without pressure.

Real Betis earned a hard fought 2-2 draw at home against Sevilla, which was also enough to keep them at bay for sixth position and Europa League football next season.

Premier League preview

Liverpool secure fourth place in style

MOHAMED SALAH broke the Premier League scoring record for a 38 game season as Liverpool qualified for the Champions League in an eventful final day of the campaign.

Salah's 32nd goal took him past Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez in the history books, as Liverpool steamrollered Brighton 4-0 at Anfield.

A thumping Dejan Lovren header was followed by a first goal for the Reds for both Dominic Solanke and Andrew Robertson.

The result sealed fourth position in the league for Liverpool, and a crucial place in Europe's showpiece club competition next season.

Third-placed Tottenham stayed above the Reds with an incredible 5-4 victory over Leicester in what could be their final game at Wembley before moving back to the revamped White Hart Lane.

Mauricio Pochettino's side fell behind three times, but a brace each for Erik Lamela and Harry Kane - the latter of whom reached 30 goals for the season - inspired them to a dramatic win.

Kane's England team-mate Jamie Vardy scored two of Leicester's four goals, but it was the Spurs target man who had the final say with a curling

effort from the edge of the box.

Chelsea's late bid to qualify for Champions League football combusted in a 3-0 defeat to Newcastle.

Ayoze Perez scored twice after Dwight Gayle's opener to ensure Rafael Benitez's side finished a respectable 10th in the table.

Needing Southampton to lose to Manchester City and an improbable 10-goal swing to avoid relegation, Swansea slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Stoke and will play Championship football next season.

A sublime injury-time lob

from Gabriel Jesus secured Man City's 32nd win of the campaign against Southampton, and the club reached the incredible and unprecedented 100 point mark in the process.

Arsene Wenger ended his 22-year Arsenal reign with a 1-0 win at Huddersfield, courtesy of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's first-half strike.

The Frenchman was given a rousing reception by both sets of fans in a carnival atmosphere, and Huddersfield boss, David Wagner made a special presentation to him before kick-off.



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BRITAIN'S Simon Yates stormed to a superb win on stage nine of the Giro d'Italia on Monday. Meanwhile, his twin brother Adam Yates claimed third place on the second stage of the Tour of California.

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Formula 1: Lewis Hamilton "rejuvenated" by victory

LEWIS HAMILTON said his dominant Spanish Grand Prix victory had revitalised him after a difficult start to the season.

The reigning world champion extended his lead in the Formula One champi-

onship, securing his second successive race win and leading a Mercedes one-two for the first time this season.

"Not every win feels as great as this one. It's my 64th but feels special and

unique," he said.

Hamilton blasted out of the blocks from pole position at Barcelona's Circuit de Catalunya, and from there his win was never in doubt with a faultless performance.

The result gives Hamilton a 17-point lead over rival, Sebastian Vettel, who could only finish fourth as they both fight for their fifth world title.

Vettel dropped to fourth from second when Ferrari decided to pit him for a second time, when none of the other front runners did the same.

Valtteri Bottas came home in second to make it a perfect day for Mercedes, while Red Bull's Max Verstappen completed the podium despite damaging his



Credit: Lewis Hamilton/Facebook

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION: Hamilton's win in Spain put him 17 points clear of Vettel.

front wing.

However, both Hamilton and Wolff have expressed concerns about the next race in Monaco on May 24-27, where Mercedes struggled last year.

"Monaco is going to be a

serious challenge and the others are going to be hard to beat," said Hamilton.

"Daniel Ricciardo was much quicker in the final sector. That is all down-force. They are going to be rapid in Monaco."


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