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Safe jackers

INVESTIGATORS have held 16 people in connection with a multi-million Euro burglary plot in which luxury homes were ransacked on the Costa del Sol and across Spain.

Four diamonds valued at €2.6 million, solid gold coins worth €1.1 million, 15kg of jewellery, 14 designer watches, antique religious icons, a sports car,

€390,000 in cash, three guns and more than 30 properties have been seized during police raids in Marbella, Alicante, Madrid and Salamanca.

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DIAMOND GEEZERS:
 More than €3.5 million-worth of gems and gold coins were seized.



Chasing rainbows



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Name of the game

NEW data from the National Statistics Institute has revealed there are more than 800 children named after media figures or screen characters in Spain, including 135 Rihannas, 159 Neymars, and 516 (Princess) Leias.

Flight mare

CABIN crews for Ryanair in Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Italy warned in a statement they will go on strike this summer unless the low-cost carrier accepts their demands over working conditions by June 30.

Vagi-what?

OPPOSITION political parties in Lepe, Huelva, have demanded that posters advertising a 'vaginal acrobat' show at a brothel in nearby Alamoonte be torn down after they appeared next to publicity for a local water park.

Brit fraudsters held

By Matt Ford

A FATHER and son who fraudulently claimed almost €1.2 million in VAT rebates before fleeing to Spain have been captured at a Benidorm villa.

Former builder Brian Colwell, 76, and his chartered surveyor son Jamie, 51, used the cash to fund luxury lifestyles, but have now been brought to justice after being sentenced in their absence at Bournemouth Crown Court earlier this year.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) said, during the January trial, that the pair were behind a scam with Jamie's former girlfriend, Briony James, 45, in which they falsely claimed to have forked out more than €16 million constructing properties between 2009 and 2015.

Colwell Jr, who was the 'ring-leader,' set up bogus firms in Dorset before recouping €1.1 million in VAT payments for new houses which were never built.

He used some of the cash to rent an expensive home on the exclusive Sandbanks peninsula,



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LIVING THE HIGH LIFE: From left, Jamie Colwell, Brian Colwell and Briony James used the money to fund lavish lifestyles.

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also blowing money on designer clothes, high-end cars including a Porsche 911, and a speedboat.

His father was installed as director of the two companies and enjoyed 'good living' in a four-bedroom rented property in Hares Green, Bournemouth, HMRC told the court.

Judge Jonathan Fuller QC added: "All the money obtained went to fund the lifestyles and living costs of those involved.

"Particularly in the case of the Colwells it was extravagant, high-end sports cars and the like.

"No documentation exists sup-

porting any legitimate activity at all, their sole purpose was to facilitate the fraud."

Colwell Jr was jailed for five years three months, while Colwell Sr was handed a two-year eight-month term, but they failed to present themselves for the sentencing, sparking a manhunt.

Former dressage competitor James, of Bouverie Avenue South, Salisbury, was jailed for 20 months over her role in the plot after splashing the proceeds on stabling, saddles and vet bills for her four horses.

A probe into the trio's activi-

ties revealed that the companies' office was Colwell Sr's bedroom, where investigators found fake invoices stuffed into carrier bags.

But after Colwell Jr and James admitted a VAT fraud charge and Colwell Sr pleaded guilty to acquiring criminal property, the two men vanished.

It is now known the younger used a light aircraft to reach northern France, with the elder joining him after catching a ferry from Portsmouth to Caen, from where they drove into Spain.

They were eventually held on a European arrest warrant and will face additional breach of bail charges in the wake of their extradition to the UK.

Richard Wilkinson, of HMRC's fraud investigation service, said: "The Colwells thought they could evade prison and use their criminal cash to fund a new life on the Costa Blanca.

"We will pursue those criminals who blatantly steal from the public services we all rely on, and look to recover the proceeds of their crimes."

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Gigolo sex fraud trial

A FUENGIROLA woman is on trial at a Malaga court on charges of tricking 310 men with offers of work as male escorts. The suspect allegedly raked in €124,000 after setting up a bogus company and website offering 'companionship and sexual services' which her victims paid set fees to be listed on with promises of 'big profits.'

Death plunge

POLICE are probing the death of a still-unnamed man who plummeted to his death after falling from the famous Puente Nuevo bridge in tourist town Ronda. His body was recovered from the bottom of the Tajo gorge after he apparently lost balance while sitting on a wall overlooking the beauty spot, firefighters said.

Burgle spree

THREE men suspected of belonging to an Albanian mafia-style gang have been held on suspicion of burgling at least 26 family homes between Malaga City and Marbella. In some cases the properties were ransacked while the residents were asleep, and in one a car parked in the garage was stolen as the Benalmadena-based trio made their getaway.

Child shame

A 34-YEAR-OLD man from Malaga City has been held on suspicion of having a girlfriend aged under 12 since last summer, with the parents of both parties also arrested after reportedly being aware and 'proud' of the relationship. Police were alerted by an anonymous phone call to the regional Child Protection helpline.

€25m boost

THE Junta de Andalucía regional government has revealed it will fork out €25.2 million in order to recruit 3,700 doctors, nurses and other medics in Malaga Province this summer. The investment is set to ensure that essential health services are maintained over the peak tourist season, when many full-time staff take holidays.

Protest rap

MALAGA-BORN Francisco Molero, 29, has entered prison 12 months after being sentenced to a five-year term by Spain's National Court after participating in an anti-government rally in Madrid. At the gate he protested his innocence and accused police officers of giving contradictory evidence during their testimonies, claiming "they have no evidence."

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 16

World beater



A GRAND TOUR:
Sevilla's Plaza de España.

IT'S known to split opinions among locals.

But whether over-the-top or a magnificent example of Spanish architecture, Andalusian capital Sevilla's Plaza de España remains a sure-fire tourist hit.

And the grandiose square has just been ranked the world's second-best landmark in TripAdvisor's annual Travellers' Choice Awards, beaten only by Cambodia's sprawling temple Angkor Wat.

Built for the Ibero-American Exposition World's Fair in 1929, the bombastic 50,000 square-metre plaza is the size of five football pitches.

It is the most celebrated example of a style dubbed regionalist architecture, which combines the Renaissance Revival and Moorish Neo-Mudejar Revival styles.

Designed by Aníbal González, the complex was designed to showcase Spain's industrial and technological strengths.

Located inside the impressive Maria Luisa Park, the plaza is surrounded by a huge semi-circular building fronted by a 500-metre canal and, love it or hate it, it remains a must-see on any visit to the regional capital.

Now housing government offices and museums, the sweeping building has also featured in Hollywood blockbusters including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones.

Drugs swoop

A BRITISH expatriate man is among eight people being quizzed in connection with a large scale Costa del Sol drug smuggling plot.

Investigators swooped on a warehouse in Antequera - an hour inland from the coast - after the interception of a lorry containing 970kg of hashish sparked a probe. The gang had reportedly set up a number of sham haulage companies which they used to send drugs from Morocco via Spain to

France, Belgium, Holland and Poland.

They used a sophisticated frequency detector and GPS devices to avoid traffic police while their vehicles were on the road.

Those arrested in Malaga, Cadiz and Alicante also include Spanish, Belgian, Dutch, Moroccan, Afghan and Pakistani passport holders, and all have been remanded in custody on charges of criminal gang membership, drug trafficking and money laundering.

Lover push hell

AN unnamed Spanish man faces a nine-year prison term for throwing his girlfriend out of the window of their Fuenengirola flat while high on drugs and alcohol.

The pair had reportedly been consuming 'alcohol and cocaine throughout the afternoon,' at a local bar before partying at the home of friends.

But an argument broke out when the suspect became "jeal-

ous of the victim's happiness over her new job," prosecutors said.

And when they returned home at dawn he pushed his partner through a balcony window 'with the intention of killing her.'

The victim suffered serious disfiguring injuries including brain damage, a broken eye socket and collarbone, internal bleeding, and a fractured pelvis.

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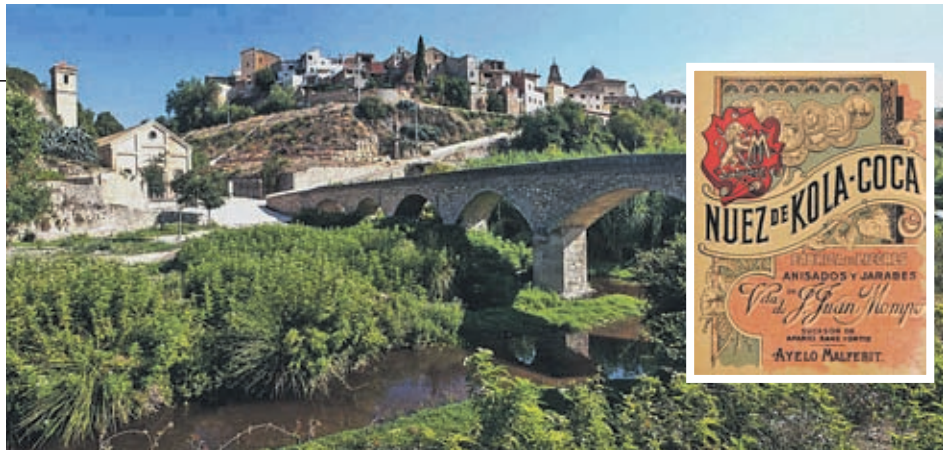
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MADE IN VALENCIA? Aiello de Malferit and (inset) a label for Kola-coca liqueur, which the distillery still makes today.

Taking a pop!

A RURAL Spanish village has laid claim to inventing soft drink Coca Cola.

The American beverage is widely reported to have been concocted as a medicine by pharmacist John Pemberton in the late 19th century, before he sold the recipe and trading rights to business tycoon and company founder Asa Griggs Candler.

But 79-year-old Juan Juan Mico, who owns the Ayelo distillery in Aiello de Malferit, Valencia, believes he owns a notebook containing the original secret recipe to Kola-coca.

And the council of the village, which has a population of 4,706 and lies around 40 minutes inland from the Costa Blanca, has just written to the giant multinational asking for permission to make the connection public, although the evidence is far from concrete.

"Everything points to this being the case," argues Mayor Jose Luis Pinter. "Our aim is to get Coca-Cola to acknowledge the project so that the town will get recognition. We're not seeking anything more than that."

According to residents, local entrepreneurs Enrique Ortiz, Ricardo Sanz

and Bautista Aparici opened the distillery 138 years ago, with the municipality already on the map for its liqueurs and American vines, which continue to be cultivated in the area and sold to La Rioja and other wine-producing regions.

An 1892 document signed by Maria Cristina of Austria, regent of Spain, named the distillery as a royal supplier, allowing it to use the official crest.

Señor Aparici was in charge of sales, travelling internationally with a suitcase of samples, and rumour

has it that he visited Philadelphia in 1885, a year before Pemberton began marketing Coca-Cola in his home city of Atlanta, Georgia.

Juan - who bought the distillery in 1971 - says the only difference between Kola-coca and Coca-Cola is that in the former, coca leaves and kola nuts were mixed with soda, while in the latter fresh water was used.

He, and many of the village's residents, believe that the brand was sold to its American rival during the first half of the 20th century for around €180 to €300, a pittance of what the €60 billion firm is worth today.



POLL OF THE WEEK

Following Lidl's announcement that it would stop using plastic bags by the end of this year, should all supermarkets follow suit?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

Will you be supporting England or Spain in this year's World Cup finals?

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Toff life

SHE'S known for her hectic social life.

But Lottie Moss, 20, took a breather as she sizzled in a striped bikini for a day by the pool in Ibiza.

The sister of super-model Kate looked totally relaxed as she stretched out on a sun lounger, after recently insisting she had no interest in fame or reality TV.



Photo credit ITV2

For your rise only

HE recently confirmed his return for a fifth James Bond movie after signing a rumoured €115 million deal.

And British actor Daniel Craig, 50, looked to be in character as he hit the set to film a beer commercial at the Parador Cardona Hotel near Barcelona.

Danny Boyle is lined up to direct the 25th 007 flick, but Daniel's return was unexpected as he revealed three years ago that he would rather 'slit his wrists' than make another.



BOND MORE TIME: Daniel Craig will again play the spy.

T-rextasy

HOLLYWOOD star Chris Pratt wowed the crowd in Madrid as he stepped out for the Spanish premiere of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom in Madrid.

The 38-year-old leading man look at ease as he posed alongside co-star Bryce Dallas Howard, flashing a broad smile and peace signs at fans.

It comes after the pair reunited for the sequel to Jurassic World, which was a hugely successful reboot of the Jurassic Park movie series.



ROAR-SOME: Chris Pratt.

Hot property

SHE'S landed in Mallorca ahead of presenting the summer's steamiest show.

And Caroline Flack, 38, was clearly over the moon to be back in Spain as she posted a series of teaser snaps and videos on social media.

The star wrote 'guess where I am' over a moving shot of rolling Spanish countryside taken through a car window.

BACK ON THE ISLAND: Caroline Flack.

And she followed it up with a picture of three bags of jamon-flavoured Ruffles crisps lined up on her pillow, captioned: 'When you get to the island and he has three packs of Ruffles waiting for you.'

The suggestive mention of 'he' could suggest she is to be joined by fiancée and former Apprentice contestant Andrew Brady, 27.

The pair got engaged in the wake of a whirlwind romance which saw him pop the question in April, just three months after they are believed to have got together.

Brazil's Ron bags double

HE'S the former Barcelona and Brazil star who made his name as one of the most technically-gifted footballers in the world.

But World Cup winner Ronaldinho, 38, has been forced to take a step backwards after denying he is about to marry two women at the same time, or even one of them.

The retired midfielder, who quit the beautiful game earlier this year, is rumoured to be living with 'fiancees' Priscilla Coelho and Beatriz Souza at his €5.7 million Rio de Janeiro mansion.

But he has never publically confirmed his re-



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HERE COME THE BRIDES?: From left, Priscilla, Ronaldinho and Beatriz.

lationship with either of them, despite them accompanying him to events, and has moved to scotch claims he is marrying them in August.

"The whole world is calling me... I'm not going to get married, it is the biggest lie," he told a Brazilian sport channel.

Polygamy is illegal in Brazil, according to reports.



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STREET TALK

A strip in the right direction?

Holiday hotspots including Magaluf, Marbella and Barcelona have introduced new laws which will see tourists fined up to €750 for roaming the streets topless, clad in swimwear, or otherwise semi-naked. But do holidaymakers and residents agree sun-seekers should cover up away from the beach?

Lennart Osterdihl, 59, on holiday from Sweden with 42-year-old son, Matias

“I’M not a strict guy but I think they should cover up. Sleeveless shirts are fine, but anything less is not proper,” Lennart said. But son Matias had a different view: “When it’s hot it is nice to have the option to strip off.” Both disagreed with the fine: “It’s too much, a telling off would work better. I jumped a red light in Australia once and the officer who caught me made me drive up and down the road 10 times. It definitely worked, he was huge!”

Bar workers Matias Vasquez, 28, born in Norway to Chilean parents and colleague Cristina Dimitrova, 34, from Bulgaria

“It does not matter if they are shirtless. It’s like when women breastfeed in public, it’s absolutely natural.” Cristina: “You can do what you want at home but it’s disgusting to show your body on the streets. Matias just likes looking at the pretty women,” she joked. “It’s not true. It’s fine for both sexes,” he replies.

Tina Bakke-Gusjass, 30, holidaying from Norway with partner and two children

“On the beach it is OK but not in shops. “Sometimes you see people shirtless when buying food and it is not hygienic. A €750 fine is a bit heavy though. Police should just tell them to dress properly.”

Bas Dekker, 24, on holiday with girlfriend Melissa,

22, from the Netherlands

“In a country as hot as Spain it is normal to wear less clothes. “But it depends on the behaviour. If you are drunk and making lots of noise while shirtless it becomes a problem.”

Ulf Sundberg, 60, holidaying from Sweden with wife Dures from Sweden

“It’s common sense to dress properly in public. “You have to think about others and teach your children you can’t just do what you whatever you like. People have to respect each other.”

Isabel, 55, a traffic warden from Malaga

“Stripping off is what the beach is for! “I usually put a dress on when going into the centre, it’s just more elegant! Fines are the best

way to get humans to stick to laws unfortunately. I’m a traffic warden, I know what I’m talking about. If we were all a bit more civic, we might not need them.”

A LITTLE RESPECT: Ulf.

SUN’S OUT, GUNS OUT: Bas.

TOPLESS TANGLE: Cristina and Matias.

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NEWS EXTRA

Migrants' slave hell

A GROUP of Pakistani 'slave' migrant workers freed by police in raids leading to 39 arrests at Costa del Sol restaurants have told investigators they were being paid 'five to 10 Euros for a 12-hour shift,' according to reports.

A fine mess

MARBELLA Council is giving away free bags and bottles to collect and clean dog mess in La Represa Park from 10am to 1pm tomorrow (Friday) and at the Pilar Calvo roundabout in Puerto Banus on Saturday.

Stubbed out

MORE than 2,200 packets of cigarettes bought in Gibraltar have been seized at Malaga Airport after five London-bound passengers tried to smuggle them through customs in their baggage, the Guardia Civil said in a statement.

Abuse rap

A 26-YEAR-OLD children's football coach in Malaga City has been remanded in custody for using fake social media profiles to intimidate 'at least six' underage players into sending him sexually explicit images found on his computer, a Malaga court heard.

Cabbie ban

A BELGIAN expatriate from Estepona has been held for allegedly running an illegal 'pirate' taxi service on the Costa del Sol, evading capture by swapping the number plates on his minivan after two previous offences, police confirmed.

Coke killer

A COCAINE-FUELLED motorist faces a four-year prison term on charges of reckless homicide for mowing down the driver of a broken-down vehicle as he waited on the hard shoulder of the A-7 motorway near Alhaurin de la Torre.

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Jewel thief ring busted

A 'virtual wallet' containing RIPPLE, BITCOIN and other cryptocurrencies to the value of €220,000, while a number of Spanish and Bulgarian bank accounts have been shut down

Led by a Bosnian expatriate, the mob - which specialised in prising open safes to loot gems and precious metals - also includ-

ed Spanish, Colombian and Bulgarian members.

Money made from the stolen goods, which were typically stored in the back rooms of apparently legitimate shops prior to sale, was laundered by a raft of frontmen, who made significant

investments in real estate, expensive artworks and virtual currencies.

Gold items were also melted down on the premises or at members' homes before being moulded into ingots, plates or other forms and sold legally on the na-

tional and international markets.

The organisation had also set up an office in a former Madrid bank where they maintained safes to store bank notes, while renting CCTV security systems as a front.

The gang had been operating

for more than a decade and were known to detectives over their earlier involvement in tax fraud and drug trafficking schemes.

Those arrested by the Spanish National Police and Europol have been remanded in custody on charges of money laundering, membership of a criminal organisation, forgery, illegal arms possession and drug trafficking.

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by **Matt Ford**

It's only fare

Jet2 passengers win €11,500 payout

A BRITISH holidaymaker is to receive almost €11,500 after winning a four-year court battle against budget airline Jet2.

Nick Taylor, 43, took on the Leeds-based carrier after 36 passengers walked off a flight from the Costa del Sol to the UK in the wake of a security scare.

He was returning to Manchester from Malaga with his wife and young son when a fellow traveller started to behave oddly.

After demanding to enter the cockpit ahead of takeoff, the 'agitated' man snapped photos including selfies before breaking his mobile phone's SIM card, triggering fears of a terrorist attack.

The culprit was quizzed by police before being allowed to return, sparking outrage and leading Nick and 35 others to abandon the aircraft.

But after he forked out €850 for new flights the following day, the low-cost travel firm refused to cover the costs, so 22 of those affected got together to launch



COMPO CLAIM: Passengers left the aircraft amid fears of a terror attack.

a legal case.

Nick, who hails from Blackburn in Lancashire, represented the claimants at Burnley County Court, where a judge has now ruled that Jet2 must pay compensation.

Nick told UK media: "These big firms think nor-

mal people like me don't have what it takes to see it through.

"But it just goes to show justice can be served if you keep at it and don't give up.

"We just wanted the company - who treated us like morons - to take us seriously.

"We were just normal peo-

ple just trying to get our money back - and it's paid off."

He said of his decision to disembark from the plane: "It was very unsettling as we thought that our lives would be in danger if we flew with that man still on board.

"There was absolute chaos around us - children crying, people shouting and scuffling.

"Obviously we were thinking it could be some sort of terrorism issue.

"And an air hostess was crying and in distress, which didn't exactly reassure us.

"I couldn't help but think if the professionals are scared for their lives and not happy with that idiot remaining on the plane, then why on earth should we risk it for the sake of around £1,000? So we decided to get off."

OUR VIEW

Corruption crisis leaves Spain bereft of stability

AFTER digging his heels in for longer than anyone thought possible, the Spanish Prime Minister has surely now eroded any semblance of credibility.

Dogged by corruption, the ruling in which 29 officials and associates of Mariano Rajoy's ruling People's Party (PP) were found guilty in the Gürtel kickbacks scandal spells out that the leader's groundbreaking testimony in the case was questionable.

The time for excuses is over, and the PP's silence at a time when the country's stability is threatened by the Catalan independence crisis deafening.

Whether Rajoy survives tomorrow's vote of confidence or not, it is time the country sought an alternative government.

Crisis of confidence - page 32

Celebrations full of bull

THE shocking video clip of a bull writhing in a Valencian street during a traditional celebration has shocked many in the country.

But the battle against the use of live animals in Spanish fiestas has been running for centuries, and some progress has been made with the practice already banned in some areas.

And anyone still in favour should check out director Jaime Alekos' 2017 documentary Tauromaquia, which recorded bull-fights from the animal's perspective. It is a brutal insight into the terror and humiliation these poor creatures experience.

Shunning of the bulls - 31

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Every Lidl helps

SUPERMARKET chain Lidl is set to stop using single-use plastic bags in Spain by the end of this year.

The measures, already in place in the Balearics, pre-empt EU proposals banning the use of light single-use bags by 2020 throughout Europe.

Managing Director Claus Grande said their new rules goes 'much further' than the EU initiative as it will ban all single-use plastic bags and will instead use raffia - fibres from a type of palm tree and recycled plastic - and paper bags which are more environmentally friendly.

In a press conference the company said the new measures would stop the production of more than 100 million bags a year.



GOING GREEN: The chain is to ditch plastic shopping bags.

The new bags for life will cost 50 cents each and Mr Grande said this would result in a drop in sales of bags of around 30 per cent.

"This reduction will result in the loss of €1.5 million a year," he added.

Child snatch hunt

Missing Brit, 6, 'abducted by mum'

by Matt Ford

POLICE are probing the disappearance of a young British boy in southern Spain.

It comes after the 48-year-old Polish mum of David Thompson, six, failed to return the child to dad, Davy after spending the weekend with him on the Costa de la Luz.

Davy, 38, who has had custody of his son since the couple split up in 2015, reported him missing on Monday amid fears that his ex, named locally as Mirka, has fled the country with him.

In local media interviews he and his Spanish mother Rosario Sanchez, who live in the coastal village of La Antilla, Huelva, explained how they have been unable to make contact since her mobile phone is 'discon-



Photo credit Facebook

'VERY, VERY WORRIED': David Thompson has not been seen since Friday, says Dad, Davy.

nected.'

And when they visited her home in nearby Lepe they found it empty.

Davy Jr was last seen when collected from his grandmother's home last Friday as per an agreement between the couple that sees him spend every second weekend, plus two hours every Tuesday and Thursday with his mum.

Davy said outside a local court in Ayamonte: "I'm very worried. His mum had visiting rights from Friday to Sunday but on Sunday she didn't appear so I reported that my son was missing to the Guardia Civil.

"His mum is not at home,

there's no car, she's not answering her phone and she's not taking him to school.

"It's possible she could have taken him to Poland, last year she took him there without asking me."

He added: "He never wanted to be with her, he told me that she has kicked cupboards in front of him and even locked him in a room."

Davy's lawyer, Juan Carlos Gomez, added: "Police and judicial enquiries are underway, and they have told that us that a full line of investigation has been opened, for which we have provided all the information we could."

He explained that David's disappearance was 'not en-

tirely a surprise after she took him to Poland last August,' and that accusations of domestic violence made against him in court had been overturned.

A Lepe womens' association dubbed 'Libres y sin miedo' [Free and without Fear] confirmed that the suspect had been in touch by the messaging service WhatsApp on Friday afternoon, writing that 'she was not ok,' although president Delia Perez added that she had not been the victim of domestic abuse but was a collaborator.

Her last message was sent just after midnight on Saturday, and no-one has heard from her since.

It is believed Davy Jr has a British passport but it remains unclear whether he was born in the UK or Spain.

Grandmother Rosario said that her son had won six court battles against David's mum, whose full name is thought to be Mirosława Duk, and that she was worried about the child's safety.

"The most important thing for us is that we get him back safe and well," she added. "I haven't eaten or slept for two days."

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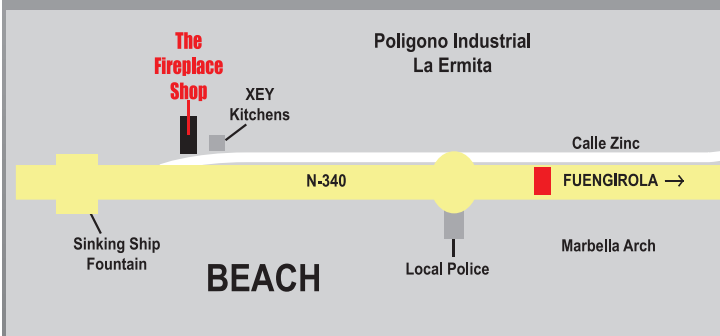
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PUENTE ROMANO beachfront restaurant Sea Grill has transformed itself into a multi-choice foodie venue.

For lunch, Sea Grill is offering a salad buffet and a wide choice of hot dishes. For dinner, a fine dining a la carte menu, with dishes from Tandoori oven, Mediterranean Sea and Brazilian grill.

On top of that, it has just launched its new and trendy tapas concept - Petit Sea Grill. The upper area of the restaurant has changed its look to oversized sharing tables and comfy high chairs.

The tapas menu includes traditional Spanish bites such as 'Salmorejo' with Cured Cheese and Iberian Ham Fritter or 'Pisto Machego' with Quail's Egg, aside to international bites, such as Sea Bass Ceviche or California Roll.

All tapas can be paired with high quality wines. As from this week onwards Sea Grill has an impressive wine selection, served by the glass.

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by Matt Ford

Anfield rap

Brit drug lord held at Liverpool game

A BRITISH drugs kingpin who went on the run to Spain has been convicted after breaking cover to watch Liverpool FC play in the Champions League.

Peter Atherton, 43, was found guilty of conspiracy to supply class A drugs in England and Wales and jailed for 18 years and nine months after being held in Andalucian capital Sevilla on a European arrest warrant.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that he was among the ringleaders of a Wirral-based gang who sold 303kg of cocaine worth more than €10 million across the UK in the space of just five months.

Detectives found his fingerprints on ledgers revealing the movements of the eight-man cabal, of which members must now serve a total of 106 years behind bars.

The probe - code-named Operation Wessex - saw investigators swoop to seize a €1.6 million drugs stash including more than 9kg of co-



Photo credit: Merseyside Police

RED LETTER DAY: Liverpool's Roberto Firmino scores during the game at which Peter Atherton (inset) was arrested.

caine, 7kg of pure heroin, 10,000 MDMA pills, 11,000 diazepam tablets plus €225,000 in cash.

Atherton's trial comes after he was extradited to the UK in the wake of his arrest at the 3-3 group stage draw between Sevilla and Liver-

pool last November.

He was one of three men managing the group's accounts and was initially arrested in a July 2017 raid at his home on Mostyn Avenue, Heswall. A gold-coloured iPhone and luxury Rolex and Audmars Piguet watches

were also recovered during the bust.

Atherton flew from Manchester to Malaga the day after being quizzed by police before failing to answer bail on December 6.

Nicholas Johnson QC, prosecuting, described him as 'the three principals in the conspiracy' and added he was involved in buying and selling 'on a commercial scale' as the hearing progressed.

The court also heard that the seized drugs were stamped with designer logos with the codes 'LV' and 'Burb' appearing in the ledgers as references to fashion brands Louis Vuitton and Burberry.

Speaking after the hearing, Detective Sergeant Katherine Ashburner said: "Working alongside our partners with Europol and the NCA, we were able to bring Atherton back to the UK to face justice. We will be relentless in tracking down those who think they can run and hide in other countries."

Brits quizzed over laughing gas rape case

TWO British holidaymakers are being quizzed in connection with an alleged sexual assault on the Costa del Sol.

The victim, also a Briton, has been taken to a Marbella hospital for a medical examination in the wake of the incident in Puerto Banus.

She works promoting a bar in the popular tourist spot, and is believed to have left with the two suspects after a night out partying with a larger group.

Police received an emergency call early this morning, during which she claimed to have been raped in a room at the

four-star Marbella Banus hotel.

A source close to the probe said that the pair may have been high on laughing gas when they were held.

One is thought to have carried out the attack while the other reportedly stood by and let it happen.

Investigators said in a statement: "We received a call about an alleged sexual assault this morning.

"Two men have been arrested. They are both from the UK. A woman is receiving medical attention.

"I cannot say any more at this stage because the investigation remains open."

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BRAZEN AND DEFIANT: Drug cartels in Algeciras and La Linea de la Concepcion.

Drug war goes on Officers hurt in attacks

DRUG traffickers injured five policemen during a violent confrontation in Algeciras.

It comes as the battle against drug smuggling along the coast near Gibraltar continues to intensify.

The officers were attacked on approaching the smugglers after they unloaded a hashish shipment from a speedboat on El Rinconillo beach into a van before driving it to the cartel-run Botavara neighbourhood.

They were spotted by two Guardia Civil patrols, who requested backup from the National Police.

But as the officers approached the vehicle, which

was parked outside a house serving as a hideout, they were challenged by 'a large group of people,' seven of who were arrested, according to a statement.

A day later, two officers were hurt when they tried to stop a suspicious car occupied by two men which was driving the wrong way down a road in the Campo de Gibraltar, near La Linea de la Concepcion.

The driver accelerated 'at high speed' when signalled to pull over, breaking sharply as he tried to force the chasing police to crash.

And after taking a turn down a dead-end street the men reversed into the front of the po-

lice car, causing serious damage, before the two occupants fled on foot.

They were eventually caught after the chase continued on foot, with €48,000 in cash recovered from their vehicle, which turned out to have been stolen a few days earlier.

The officers suffered cuts and bruises during the chase and final struggle.

A powerful speedboat believed to have been used to transport hashish from Morocco was also found abandoned on Artola beach in Marbella this week, days after a similar vessel was ditched in Torreguadiaro.

Battle for the streets

POLICE have seized a total of 145 kilos of cannabis and 17,000 packets of illicit cigarettes in an operation in Malaga and Sevilla provinces.

Twenty people made up of 14 Spanish and six Polish nationals have been arrested for suspected drugs trafficking and organised crime in connection with the haul. The courts have remanded 10 of them in custody.

Two firearms and a fake gun, as well as 14 vehicles including a lorry and seven high-end cars, were also seized.

Around €59,000, electronic items and material used in packaging and rearing marijuana also featured in the haul.

The National Police and Guardia Civil began probing the shipment in Marbella after

receiving reports of a drugs running ring operating out of Palmar de Troya in Sevilla.

Officers probing the alleged smugglers claimed the smuggling operation consisted of shipping drugs into Palmar de Troya which were then packed into vehicles bound for elsewhere in Europe, including Poland.

Police made an initial search of a vehicle and found 50 kilos of marijuana inside a sealed metal hiding place. Another 11 raids were later made in the towns of Utrera, Los Morales and Dos Hermanas in Sevilla Province.

The raid comes as Spain's Interior Minister Juan Ignacio Zoido announced authorities had declared war on drugs runners smuggling substances into the country via the southern coast.

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MARBELLA Council has unanimously agreed that a new boulevard in the Arroyo Primero area should be named after Pablo Raez, the young local man who last year captured the hearts of Spain after documenting his terminal leukaemia battle.

Pole axed

A 38-YEAR-OLD Polish expatriate has been held on a European Arrest Warrant in San Pedro de Alcántara on suspicion of kidnapping, violent robbery and vehicle theft in his native country, Marbella police said.

Jack knife

A 62-YEAR-OLD lorry driver six times over the drink-drive limit and 'unable to speak in sentences' is set to lose his licence, with police alerted after a motorist spotted him 'swerving all over' the MA-20 road near Torremolinos.

Sex beast

A GRANDDAD from Fuen-girola faces a restraining order and five years behind bars after being charged with getting into bed with and fondling his 15-year-old granddaughter 'with his hand inside her pyjamas,' a court statement said.

Looky looky shakedown

By Staff Reporter

INVESTIGATORS have held 17 people and raided a warehouse used to store counterfeit trainers, handbags and jewellery as Marbella's crackdown on 'low rent' tourism goes on.

More than 2,700 unlabelled fake fashion items were seized during the swoop, and detectives believe the facility was used to supply 'looky looky' street vendors.

A second, smaller building nearby, thought to be the distribution point, was also shut down.

And police say the move is only the first phase in a series of planned exercises as the city battles to claw back its glamorous image.

Five stalls in local markets have also been shut down this month, including one in Puerto Banus at which 131 imitation handbags and 149 pashminas were found on sale.

It comes after the council revealed a raft of new measures aiming to reduce rowdy holidaymaker behaviour, including spot fines for being overly drunk in public or wandering the city centre semi-naked.



DESIGNER DUPES: Some of the items seized during police raids.



OIL BE! Some of the stolen olives were still being stored in vehicles.



STEAMBOAT WILLIE: The ship arrived in Malaga last week.

It's magic Disney liner docks

By Joe Gerrard

THE Disney Magic cruise ship has docked in Malaga City's port following a transatlantic voyage from Miami.

The liner, the oldest of the four vessels in the Disney Cruise fleet, arrived in the city's harbour last week. It has space for more than 2,700 passengers across 875 rooms and a crew of around 950.

The 11-deck vessel was first launched in July 1998. It is more than 52 metres tall, almost 300 metres long and it has a cruising speed of 21.5 knots.

Those aboard the 83,338-ton ship have the chance to meet Mickey and Minnie Mouse as many more of Walt Disney's cartoon creations.

A Broadway-style show, two cinemas, two theatres, several clubs and lounges, pools and themed parties are also offered on board.

The ship left Malaga for Ibiza at it is due to arrive in Barcelona tomorrow (Friday). A northern European route is scheduled for later in the year.

Feeling the squeeze

MORE than 70 suspects are implicated in one of the Costa del Sol's biggest-ever olive scams.

The Malaga-based gang is believed to have stolen tonnes of kilos of the valuable fruit from farms in Almeria, Granada, Cordoba and Sevilla, before selling them cheaply to local oil producers.

A probe was launched after a number of landowners filed reports claiming their crops had disappeared overnight.

And 25 people have now been held for questioning, with another 46 being tracked, after almost 44,000kg of stolen olives and more than 590 litres of illegally-pressed oil was seized.

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Hotel blaze probe

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker has spoken of how she feared for her life after a Magaluf hotel prank by four fellow Britons went horribly wrong.

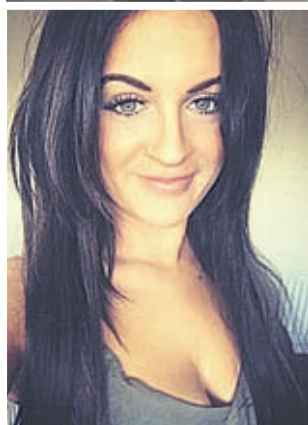
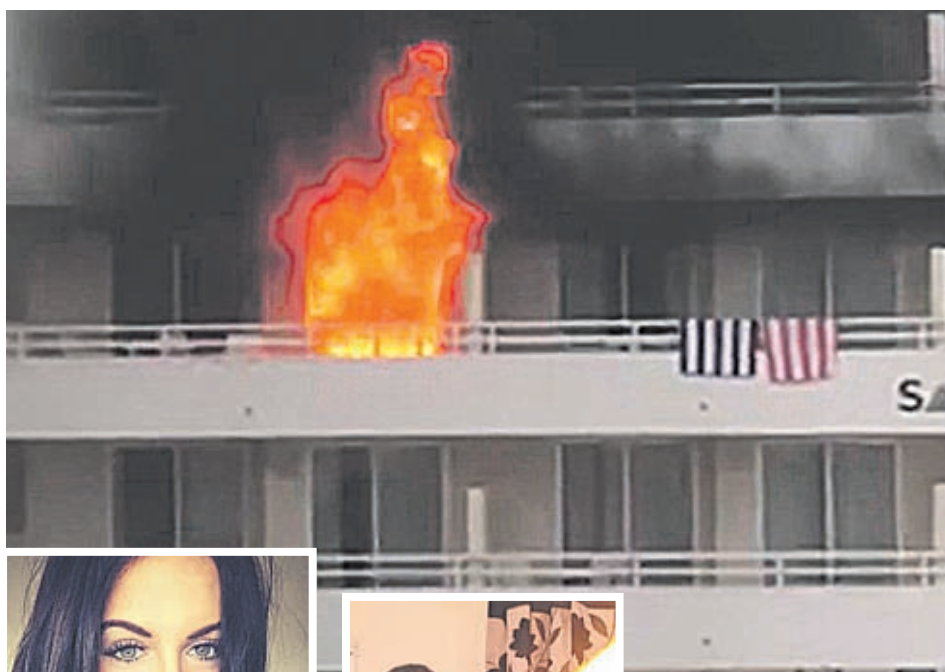
Mum-of-two Kristina Emma, 28, from Newcastle Upon Tyne, said that she is "very very lucky to be alive" after fleeing her room at the BH Mallorca wearing a bikini when four drunken revellers allegedly set fire to the floor below.

Writing on Facebook, she added: 'I've never ran [sic] so fast in my life. My room is directly above this fire! Asleep in bed! Woke up to my room filled with smoke and flames and windows banging.'

And in an interview with UK media she said: "When I woke up and I opened my eyes the room was black with smoke and I thought the fire was in my room."

"I started screaming. By then the flames were so high they were up above my balcony. I've never ran so fast."

"The ground was so hot I thought the floor is going to fall through. I thought it was going to cave in. I feared for my life - I thought that was it."



'LUCKY TO BE ALIVE': Kristina Emma.

It comes after Georgia James and Lauren Smith, both 19, and 21 year olds James Brown and Brandon McCahill had their passports confiscated and were ordered to pay a €30,000 fine after reportedly sparking the blaze with an



'JUST BEEN A LAD': Brandon McCahill.

aerosol and cigarette lighter while trying to set fire to a sleeping friend's feet.

But it is believed they ignited a mattress, leading to the evacuation of more than 100 guests and causing an estimated €200,000-worth

of damage.

Footage of McCahill using a lighter and aerosol as a makeshift flamethrower emerged online in the wake of the drama, but dad Lee McCahill, 47, defended his son as he said: "He's just been a lad."

"It's something that's got out of hand. More than likely something he's done when he's drunk too much."

"I don't think anyone is stupid enough to do it on purpose."

A probe is reportedly ongoing before a decision is made on whether the quartet will face criminal charges.



HERO HAILED: Mikey in action for Greenock and (inset) his sooty face in the wake of the fire.

Footy star's balls hailed

A PROFESSIONAL footballer has been hailed after he rushed to help holidaymakers trapped in their rooms by the BH Mallorca hotel fire.

Mikey Doyle, 26, plays for Scottish Championship outfit Greenock Morton and pulled two people to safety before insisting it was 'no big deal.'

The defender from Glasgow was in a room on the other side of the complex when the blaze broke out, and he said: "We were sitting on our balcony having a drink and we heard girls screaming that there was a fire."

"We could see that a fire had started opposite our block. The fire was in the

bedroom and it looked like the boys in the living room hadn't even noticed.

"So we just got up and ran."

When he arrived with friend Anthony Harvey he found one of the young men trying to douse the flames with a bottle of water.

He added: "I got there first and I just thought I had to get these boys out."

"I dragged one of them out and Anthony dragged someone else out. One of the boys was crying about his suitcase and his passport. So I went back in."

He later posted a selfie captioned: 'Pre season will be easy after this.'

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Tractor tragedy

POLICE are probing the death of a farm worker in Antequera - an hour inland from Malaga - who reportedly fell off the front of a tractor he was driving before it ran over him.

Flying high

TWO people of unconfirmed nationality have been held at Malaga Airport after being caught trying to smuggle 42kg of hashish and cannabis buds in sealed plastic bags which was concealed in their luggage onto an Amsterdam flight.

Lag assault

OFFICERS at Alhaurin de la Torre prison have demanded that a 'dangerous and violent' inmate already in solitary confinement be transferred to a high security facility after he broke a window and attacked guards with glass shards.

Pilot murder rap

Culprit battered wife with saucepan

By Staff Reporter

A BRITISH pilot who battered his estranged wife to death with a saucepan after she refused to lower the asking price of their home has been jailed for life.

Andrew McIntosh, 54, texted friends to say "I'm f**ked" after leaving Patricia McIntosh, 56, bleeding to death on the kitchen floor.

The brutal episode came after he piloted a TUI return flight packed with holidaymakers from Birmingham to Palma de Mallorca.

Patricia was found dead at the couple's €340,000 property in Knightcote, Warwickshire, on November 15 last year.

In court, her "arrogant and manipulative" former partner admitted he 'lost control' and beat her after grabbing a pan full of peas and water from the hob.



'NO REMORSE': Andrew McIntosh was flying for travel operator TUI before killing wife Patricia.

He made no attempt to call an ambulance, instead drinking in a pub where he confessed to friends in a text message: 'I've done the unthinkable and I'm f**ed.'

He was eventually held by police almost 30 kilometres away, in Rugby, and will now serve at least 17 years in prison.

Judge Andrew Lockhart QC said: "This was a very violent and callous killing - a sustained and horrific attack with the use of weapons and feet, rained down on her, time and time again.

"Unlike anyone with an ounce of compassion, afterwards you simply pulled the blinds down and left."

Detective Sergeant Gareth Unett, of Warwickshire Police, added: "Andrew McIntosh claimed he didn't know what he was doing and that he was not culpable for his actions.

"However, the jury saw McIntosh for what he is, a violent manipulative man. Following their separation he had the arrogance to believe he could continue to control Patricia.

"Andrew McIntosh went to the house that night with the intention of getting his own way; when he didn't, he beat Patricia to death.

"This wasn't a moment of madness, this was a ferocious and sustained attack that left Patricia with multiple injuries to her head and body."

Patricia's family released a statement which said: We still don't understand and accept how or why this happened and why he has put us through a tri-

al; he had the choice to do the right thing and plead guilty.

"He has shown no remorse. No sentence is long enough and no sentence will bring her back.

"We will continue to go on with our lives and make her proud, as we were of her. She is always with us."

During the trial, McIntosh claimed that he had been suffering from depression and had tried to commit suicide in 2013 a year after suffering a heart attack.

He returned to work with travel firm TUI in September 2017 after time off with stress amid divorce proceedings which saw him move out of the marital home that June.

Peter Grieves-Smith, prosecuting, said that he had been drinking before he drove 'across country' to confront his victim.

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THREE people have been held on suspicion of drug dealing in Alhaurin el Grande after police raided their home, with the trio accepting telephone orders for cocaine, hashish or heroin before delivering by car, according to investigators.

Mugged off

TWO men have been held in Malaga City for allegedly robbing pedestrians in public parks, with one approaching victims and begging for a Euro while the other raided their pockets after launching a sneak attack from behind.

Unfair cop

THE national government has come under fire from Malaga's provincial opposition parties, who slammed the decision to not send a single one of 1,300 new National Police officers contracted to start work in June to the Costa del Sol.

Putin critic Bill Browder freed after 'invalid' arrest

By Matt Ford

BRITISH financier and anti-corruption campaigner Bill Browder, a leading critic of Vladimir Putin, has been freed after being held on a Russian Interpol arrest warrant in Madrid.

The US-born 54-year-old wrote on Twitter that he was released after an hour in custody when Spanish authorities were advised the warrant was invalid.

Interpol said in a statement: "There is not, and never has been, a red notice for Mr Bill Browder."

"Mr Browder is not wanted via Interpol channels."

After earlier tweeting his arrest with a photo taken in the back of a police car, he posted a copy of Spanish interior ministry documents accusing him of fraud.

He added: "Spanish National Police just released me after Interpol general secretary in Lyon advised them not to honour the new Russian Interpol red notice."

"This is the sixth time that Russia has



Photo credit Bill Browder/Twitter

'NOT WANTED': Mr Browder in the wake of his release and (inset) the arrest document.

abused Interpol in my case."

As CEO of investment fund Hermitage Capital Investment, Browder fronted a campaign to expose alleged corruption by Russian officials after his employee Sergei Mag-

nitsky, a lawyer, died in a Moscow prison after being held for 11 months without trial on charges widely claimed as false.

In the wake of his death, Browder worked with US Congress to pass the 2012 Magnitsky Act, a range of sanctions against top Russian officials.

Hermitage Capital Investment was at one time among the largest investors in Russia, but Browder was later accused of tax fraud and refused entry to the country.

He said he was in Spain to give evidence to anti-Russian mafia prosecutor, Jose Grinda about the 'huge amount of money from the Magnitsky case that flowed to Spain.'

British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson said that he spoke with Browder and 'is very glad that he has now

been released.' He tweeted: 'Moscow should concentrate on bringing those responsible for the murder of #Magnitsky to justice.'

Cruise control

A HOLIDAY hotspot council is refusing to back down over plans to revolutionise tourist boat cruises.

It comes after a decision by Benalmadena Town Hall to charge 50 cents per passenger, plus an additional fee each time they dock at Puerto Marina, sparked outrage.

A total of 17 local firms slammed the decision in a collective statement, describing the move as 'abusive' in terms of their profit margins and job security.

The companies affected claim that lawmakers are ignoring the 'thousands of Euros' they bring to the marina, plus the money that many have invested in their boats, which some are still paying off.

But the council claims that operators have been creaming holidaymaker cash 'for years without paying any fee,' with the services operating 'unlawfully' for more than a decade.

And the ruling has now been ratified by the Andalusian port authority, which has agreed to modify its existing management contracts to include holidaymaker excursions.

Under the new rules, the 17 existing slots will be maintained but put out to public tender in a winner takes all bidding process, but the cruise firms, who have submitted an appeal, argue that it is unacceptable to do so at the start of peak tourist season.

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Leading the way

A SWEDISH priest has become the first clergyman in Spain to conduct a gay wedding.

Father Gunnar Sjöberg, 60, married fellow Swede Soliman Herrera Johansson, 38, and his Venezuelan partner Luis Ricaute Madriz, 28, in a sun-drenched ceremony in front of a Costa Blanca beach.

Thousands of same sex unions have been registered in Spain since being made legal in 2005, but this was the first-ever church wedding.

The nuptials took place next to the 14th century Torre del Morro in Torrevieja.

Sjöberg said: "It's a question of love, not a question of gender."

"It's a happy day when I can spread more love in the world."

The vicar has been working in the expatriate hotspot for 12 months after landing a five-year post.

"For me as a priest it is important not to see the difference in people, so I'm not



Photo Credit: Facebook



WE DO! Father Sjöberg, left, and bridegrooms Soliman and Luis.

bothered by the gender of a couple," he continued.

"If a couple want to celebrate their love in a world that really needs more love than that's great."

"For me every wedding is a demonstration of love and love makes the world better. I hope this will be the start of many more gay weddings here."

The priest explained that the

option is only available to couples if one of the partners is Swedish, and cannot include Spaniards since "the law here doesn't allow that."

Bridegroom Soliman, who works for a multinational IT firm, added: "Having worked with LGBTQ rights for many years, this really means a lot. We are absolutely thrilled."

Peace and love-fifteen

Naked hippy occupies Becker's €15m mansion

by Matt Ford

BANKRUPT former tennis star, Boris Becker's €15 million Mallorca mansion has been taken over by a nudist hippy squatter.

Bearded free spirit, George Berres, from Germany, says he plans to 'save' the empty property near the rural village of Arta after pruning weeds and collecting litter with friends also thought to be staying there.

But the 44-year-old only discovered the identity of its owner after German media descended on the idyllic retreat last week.

The former carpenter told reporters that he would leave peacefully if the police asked



Photo credit Prestige Property Group/George Berres/Facebook

BREAK-IN POINT: Guru George Berres says he'll move off the estate if the police ask him to.



him to.

Three-time Wimbledon champion and ex-world number one Becker, 50, is believed to have 'abandoned' the villa, called Son Coll, after being declared insolvent by a London court last year.

He owed a large sum of money to a private banking firm, and his request to pay the debt by remortgaging the 3,000 square metre Mallorca estate was knocked back.

The BBC pundit bought the mansion in 1995 and it briefly appeared on the market in 2007 before almost being auctioned off in 2012 when he forked out €400,000 to pay a local gardening company.

And in 2014 he reportedly managed to avoid it being sold off for a second time after he raised €470,000 to settle with a local building firm which sued him for unpaid maintenance work including carpentry, electricity, plumbing, and a new basketball court.

Bohemian Berres, who has lived on the island since 2014, has previously squatted in a number of empty houses and spent time in a caravan.

He said he has "big projects" in mind, adding that the residence "could be a

place for meetings, we would like to plant vegetables, offer seminars about renewable energy and other things that interest people."

Speaking to a local German paper, he earlier spoke of an organisation dubbed 'intergalactic relief and rescue commando' which aims to occupy and regenerate empty properties.

"We do not occupy houses, we save them, we do not make claims to property, we are concerned with nothing other than to live in a rent-free home and give something back to the house," he added.

And on Facebook he wrote in his mother tongue: 'I am not real. I am everything and nothing. This has big advantages. Every day is different.'

A PayPal account he links to urges internet users to 'send money to Jesus,' but the balance is currently zero.

Becker himself took to Twitter to deny owning the villa as he wrote: "Just to be clear: I don't own any finca on the beautiful island of Mallorca! Amused by the 'story' myself."

But the German legend is thought to retain the deeds via a third party, according to reports.

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By Matt Ford

THE owner of an illegal fireworks business has been remanded in custody and charged with reckless homicide in the wake of a deadly explosion in northern Spain.

A Moroccan couple who left behind two children, aged 13 and eight, were killed and 37 people injured after a house packed with unlicensed rockets and other pyrotechnics exploded.

And while probing the fatal accident investigators unearthed two additional hidden storerooms containing more than 1.5 kilos of outlawed explosives, including gunpowder.

The huge blast on a residential estate in Paramos, Tui, near Pontevedra in Galicia, destroyed or damaged 60 surrounding homes.

It triggered a shockwave which smashed windows across an 800-metre radius, with flames sending a giant plume of toxic white smoke into the air.

Seven children were among those hurt, medics confirmed, while 200 residents were evacuated to a nearby sports centre.

"We thought it was the end of the world, everything was



Photo credit Vigo/RadioMTui/Twitter

SHELL SHOCKED: Sixty homes were destroyed or damaged.

Fireworks blast horror

One held after explosion kills 2 and injures 37



burning," said one victim.

Another added: "The house fell in on us and flames shot through the door."

Firefighters and police offi-

cers with rescue dogs spent hours scouring the debris for bodies amid fears of more deaths, while the Red Cross set up a tent as a field hospital.



Vice President of the regional Xunta de Galicia, Alfonso Rueda, travelled to the scene and said in an interview that several wildfires sparked by the

blast were quickly brought under control.

The owner of the property, named locally as Francisco Gonzalez Lameiro, was physi-

cally assaulted by a neighbour who lost his home as he arrived to court yesterday (Wednesday), while onlookers chanted "scoundrel."

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy spoke with regional president Alberto Nuñez Feijoo before giving a televised speech during which he expressed "solidarity for the sad events that have happened in Tui," adding that "the government of Spain is at the disposal of Galicia for anything it needs."

And former Tui mayor Enrique Cabaleiro told Spanish media that the fireworks were previously stored in an unauthorised warehouse registered to a decades-old family company called La Gallega in nearby Baldrans, which he shut down "years ago."

The court order he signed came in the wake of earlier explosions at the firm's facilities in 1980 and 2005.

He added: "It appears the boss moved the fireworks to the ground floor of a relative's home after the facility was closed."

Detectives have failed to rule out further arrests as the enquiry continues.

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by Joe Gerrard & Matt Ford

THOUSANDS of anti-bullfighting campaigners have taken to the streets of Madrid to protest against animal cruelty at Spanish festivals. In the Puerta del Sol square they threw red powder into the air to symbolise what they regard as unnecessary and cruel bloodshed, with more than 20,000 bulls and cows killed during bullfights and other celebrations each year. Organised by activist group Tauromaquia Es Violencia (Bullfighting Is Violence) and backed by more than 170 animal rights associations, around 40,000 people are estimated to have turned out for the march.

Spokesperson Laura Gonzalo claimed bullfighting is an outdated practice as she said: "We are demonstrating because society wants to change.

"We demand courage from politicians, we want them to start listening to us and to take steps to abolish bullfighting."

Juan Carlos Monedero, the co-founder of the far left Podemos party, also voiced his support and said bullfighting could no longer be considered a part of Spanish culture.

"We do not tolerate someone who mistreats a dog, why do we tolerate someone mistreating a



CREDIT: Partido Animalista, via Twitter

'BULLFIGHTING IS VIOLENCE': Campaigners threw red powder to symbolise bloodshed.

Shunning of the bulls Thousands march in giant cruelty protest

bull?" he said.

It comes after distressing footage online of a Spanish fighting bull collapsing in the street sparked outrage.

The disturbing clip shows the animal unable to support its own weight after being released during the traditional 'Bous al Carrer' bull-running celebration in Villareal, Valencia.

In the video, it struggles for a few steps before falling to the floor, where it repeatedly slams its horns

into the tarmac as it writhes in apparent pain.

Onlookers then pull it to its knees by the tail but it quickly slumps to the ground again.

The issue of bullfighting in Spain has become increasingly divisive over the years. Those in favour argue it is a part of Spanish culture and a way of life for those involved.

But campaigners say the sport is nothing more than cruelty towards defenceless animals.

Sex trade mutiny

Brit holidaymakers chant 'go home'

by Staff Reporter

BRITISH holidaymakers have joined a protest against street prostitutes in Magaluf.

The early morning rally was organised by a group of local, mainly expatriate-owned, businesses operating on the Punta Ballena party strip, and demonstrators were heard chanting 'go home' and 'you're not welcome' at women.

Passing revellers joined in the march, while others filmed the police-approved action on their phones, as one entrepreneur said: "We are fed up with a group of undesirables spoiling our activity season after season."

It comes in the wake of a fresh wave of trouble in the resort, with the mostly African women accused of robbing drunk tourists after enticing them with promises of cheap sex.

And it is believed that their pimps often target 'rich-looking' foreigners as they head



DAWN PROTEST: Local businesses claim woman and pimps target drunk tourists.

back to their hotels.

One alleged incident saw a group of prostitutes use tasers to stun their victim, while a German partygoer told police that a €4,000 gold chain was ripped from his neck.

Half a dozen clubs, acting as fronts for brothels, have recently been closed down as police attempt to crack down on the problems.

The raids followed residents' complaints about 'nocturnal'

noise, leading to the discovery of condom-filled hidden rooms with beds and bidets behind walls.

The Guardia Civil said in a statement that the demonstration was 'within the rules' and that no arrests were made, with similar events reportedly planned throughout the summer high season.

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Dirty cash scandal

By Matt Ford

A FORMER treasurer of Spain's ruling People's Party (PP) called his 33-year prison sentence 'political' after he was jailed without bail.

Luis Barcenas, 60, who previously worked closely with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, was also fined €44 million after being found guilty of fraud, accepting bribes and money laundering.

But the former official told Spanish media he intends to appeal the charges.

And the party itself must pay €240,000 after judges at the country's highest criminal court ruled that it profited from an underhand kickbacks-for-contracts scheme.

Dubbed the Gurtel case - after the German word for belt, correa in Spanish - the enquiry was triggered by businessman Francisco Correa, 62, who

was probed for paying bribes to party officials between 1999 and 2006 in order to win public contracts.

Correa was sentenced to 51 years, while his close ally Pablo Crespo, 58, received 37 years and six months, although both men were already behind bars.

For their roles in the corrupt network Barcenas' wife Rosalia Iglesias will serve 15 years and Correa's ex-wife, Carmen Rodriguez Quijano 14 years and eight months.

Investigators believe that the jailing of Iglesias could spark further confessions about the party's internal finances from Barcenas.

Rajoy last year became the first serving Spanish leader to testify in a criminal trial when he was called to give evidence after serving as the PP's vice-secretary general at

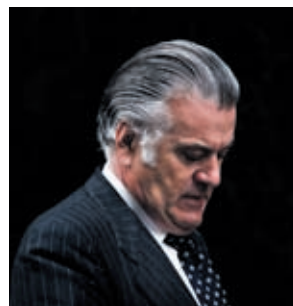
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He denied wrongdoing and claimed his role did not include party finances, before denying the existence of a slush fund used to pay illegal bonuses to senior officials.

But in a 1,687 page ruling, the court found 29 of 37 defendants guilty of crimes ranging from forgery and embezzlement to influence peddling.

It said Correa had designed 'an effective system of institutional corruption by manipulating the awarding of central, regional and local government contracts through his close and lasting relationship with influential [PP] members.'

The PP has confirmed it will appeal against its fine, and said in a statement: 'No member of the current leadership or past leaderships has been charged in relation to this case.'



JAILED: Luis Barcenas, left, Francisco Correa and Pablo Crespo.

Crisis of confidence

LAWMAKERS in Spain's parliament are set to discuss and decide on the fate of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy in a debate and vote of confidence today (Thursday) and tomorrow respectively.

The moves, triggered by the left-leaning opposition Partido Socialista (PSOE) come as Rajoy's conservative People's Party (PP) continued to reel from the fallout of the Gurtel case.

The ruling led to the introduction of a motion of no confidence, in the Spanish Parliament's Congress of Deputies on Friday.

PSOE leader Pedro Sanchez said if the no confidence motion passed and the PSOE ousted the PP his party would seek stability before calling national elections.

UNDER FIRE: Mariano Rajoy will learn his fate tomorrow.

"The question that the 350 deputies have to ask is very simple: if after the sentence of the Gurtel plot, Mariano Rajoy can continue to be prime minister, yes or no," Sanchez said.

The PSOE's version of the no confidence motion would see Sanchez made prime minister thereby unseating Rajoy.

Sanchez's party currently has 84 seats in the 350-seat Congress of Deputies, Spain's lower house of parliament.

The motion will need the backing of 176 lawmakers to succeed, with the far left Podemos party's 47 members having said they will support it.

The popular centrist Ciudadanos has supported the minority PP government in parliamentary votes, but its leader Albert Rivera said it would walk away from the pact after calling for early elections.



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Migrant rape claim

'He forced me to have anal sex'



SEX ASSAULT: The Moroccan victim worked on a Huelva strawberry farm.

By Staff Reporter

INVESTIGATORS are probing alleged cases of labour and sexual abuse in southern Spain in the wake of complaints by immigrant strawberry pickers.

It comes after a Moroccan woman told officers in Huelva that a farm manager made her have sex as she worked in a covered field.

The unnamed victim - who was working on a sea-

sonal temporary contract - said that her boss "made me kneel and forced me to have anal sex with him," according to a police statement.

"I did not know anyone and when I learned some Spanish he threatened me and told me not to tell anyone," she added.

A number of similar cases have been reported to the Andalusian Workers' Trade Union and will be passed

onto the national Labour Inspectorate so that an official enquiry can be launched.

Additional complaints have also been sent by the Junta de Andalucía regional government's Directorate-General of Migration Policy.

The association of Andalusian strawberry growers, Interfresa, has reportedly requested a full report of the accusations.

School horror

TWO children under the age of 13 died while on trips with their school in Cadiz and Cordoba yesterday.

The child in Cadiz reportedly collapsed while playing football on the Valdelagrana beach in El Puerto de Santamaria. Attempts to revive him with CPR failed.

The pupil in Cordoba was visiting the Villares and Trassierra areas with his classmates from the Fuente Palmera Colonial secondary school.

He got lost while walking with classmates through the Baños de Popea area which passes through fresh water

ravines and waterfalls.

A search party including Guardia Civil officers was despatched to trace him and his body was found in a pool several metres deep at around midnight, according to local media.

Susana Diaz, the President of the Junta de Andalucía, sent her condolences to the families of the children on Twitter today.

"Dismayed by the death of two Andalusian children when they were enjoying school trips. All my love and support to their families in these difficult times," she said.

BRITISH tourists can get drugs delivered when arriving at Ibiza airport via a WhatsApp 'pirate' taxi service, according to claims made in Spanish media and reported in the British press.

Holidaymakers have also bought drugs over the counter at hotel receptions who receive commissions from criminal gangs. Sales are arranged over WhatsApp in drugs group chats before trav-

Cocaine cabbies

ellers arrive, reports have claimed.

Taxi drivers working legally said they were fed up with their illegal, 'pirate' counterparts who are allegedly mainly British.

Tourists who have not

arranged to buy drugs are targeted by such drivers who add them to a WhatsApp group for the future if they decline.

The service reportedly also handles sales to British people working in Ibiza in bars, nightclubs or as venue promoters.

Drugs sellers allegedly post pictures on WhatsApp groups of the drugs they have on offer. All messages are deleted once sales are made.

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Porn and bred

Sex films 'my calling' says feminist star

By Staff Reporter

A SPANISH adult film star raised as a feminist has defended pornography as a 'dream' career in a BBC documentary.

Paulita Pappel - born in Madrid but currently based in Berlin where she has become established as an icon of alt porn culture - said she loves the lifestyle associated with making sex films.

"You go somewhere, you have a great shoot on location with a great group of people, and you have amazing sex, then you get food, then you're being paid really well," she told BBC Three's 'What I Wish I Knew About Porn.'

The self-confessed feminist argues that she is aiming to transform the traditionally macho industry by making it more 'authentic' for women.

"I don't want to live in a world where shooting porn has a negative impact," she said. "So if that's the way we're living, I am going to do porn and I am going to try and change that world."

"What I wish I'd known about porn from the very beginning is how empowering and wonderful it can feel personally."

The performer turned director also runs a



Photo credit: Paulita Pappel/Instagram

NAKED TRUTH: Paulita Pappel.

website called Ersties, which showcases work by female film students and photographers.

"I always felt a huge fascination for porn but I was raised as a second-wave feminist, so I thought every kind of sex work, like pornography, was to enable the patriarchy to exploit women... I thought that was wrong," she added.

'What I Wish I'd Known About Porn' can be seen on BBC Three's YouTube channel.



GLOBAL CITIZENS: The Henley 2018 Passport index top and bottom five.

Ticket to ride

Spanish passport trumps UK

THE Spanish passport is now the third most-powerful in the world, according to a new report.

It comes as Jersey-based global citizenship and residence advisory firm Henley & Partners published its annual passport index.

The listing ranks each country's passport based on how much visa-free travel it grants its

holders. And Spain shared third place with Finland, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden and South Korea, all of which provides visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 187 countries. The UK, with 186 destinations, placed joint fourth alongside the United States, among others, although its position could be weakened in the wake of Brexit.

Japan maintained its grip on top spot with a record total of 189 destinations, while Germany and Singapore were joint second with 188.

The two worst-rated countries were Afghanistan and Iraq, with only 30 countries accessible visa-free using their passports.

This year's index surveyed 199 countries.

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No expat fear

A MAJORITY of European Union (EU) member states have said they do not want to enforce special residency arrangements for British nationals living in the bloc after Britain's withdrawal.

Representatives of the EU 27 member states met in Brussels to discuss residency arrangements for British expatriates last Friday.

Most officials reportedly agreed on a 'smooth' and 'simple' approach to residency. Britons who move to the bloc before the end of the Brexit transition period on December 31, 2020 will be granted rights similar to those enjoyed by expatriates today.

The proposals stand in contrast to those of Britain's, with Westminster reportedly favouring charging EU nationals around €82 to remain in the country following withdrawal.

Ten EU member states wanted to impose a similar regime to Britain's proposals while 17 were against at the Brussels summit.

By Joe Gerrard

THE Spanish National Court has put out an international arrest warrant for the detaining of a Mallorcan rapper whose deadline to voluntarily enter prison lapsed last week.

The court issued national, European and international arrest warrants for Josep Miguel Arenas, 24, who was due to start a three and a half year prison sentence.

Rafael Catala, Spain's Justice Minister, said: "This is the normal system when someone

Rapper 'on the run'

who's due to serve a sentence flees justice."

Arenas, who performs under the name Valtonyc, was previously found guilty of slandering the crown and lauding terror groups in song lyrics.

He failed to have the verdict overturned earlier this year on free speech grounds and he has been on bail and a countdown to freely enter prison ever since.

The artist posted a tweet on

Wednesday in which he said he would not make things 'easy' for authorities.

"They will knock down the door of my house to put me in jail for some songs. I'm not going to make it so easy, disobedience is legislate and obligatory against this fascist state," he wrote.

Guardia Civil and police sources were reported in Spanish media the same day as sa

ing he may try to evade arrest. Arenas was permitted free movement as part of his bail conditions.

The rapper's whereabouts are reportedly unknown, with Spain's Prosecutor's Officer having said he is

"unaccounted for."

There is speculation he may have fled to Belgium due to his connections with the Catalan independence movement.

Some of those involved in last year's push for independence, including former Catalan president Carles Puigdemont, went to the country after Spain issued arrest warrants for them.



CREDIT: Josep Miguel Arenas

| WANTED: Valtonyc was due to begin a three and a half year sentence.

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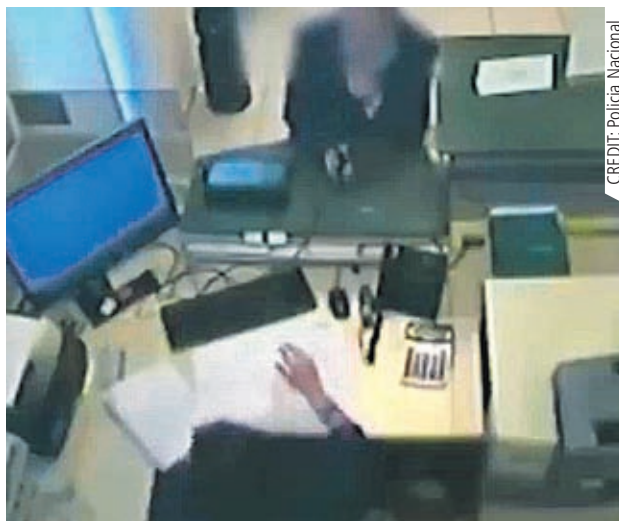


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IT'S A STICK UP: The suspect filmed on CCTV as he held up a bank.

A 66-YEAR-OLD pensioner has been arrested in Getafe, Madrid, in connection with violent bank heists in cities across Spain.

Investigators believe the suspect is responsible for at least nine robberies at local branches in Alicante, Madrid and Toledo during the last month alone.

He is believed to have used public transport to his chosen targets before covering his face and demanding cash after producing a gun.

Authorities tweeted a video which appears to show officers in armoured uniforms storm into a hotel room or apartment before handcuffing the suspect while he lies on a bed. The footage then shows him led away to a police car in handcuffs.

Police also suspect the man - who has previous convictions - of illegally possessing weapons as well as escaping custody for separate offences. Proceedings have been sent to the courts.

UN: 'Urgent' action needed on migrants

MORE THAN 600 people attempting to reach Spain have been rescued by coast guards since the start of last weekend, with the UN calling for urgent action on the issue.

Salvamento Maritimo officers picked up 293 migrants from nine vessels on Saturday following plane and boat searches. A further 286 from eight boats were rescued in the Strait of Gibraltar on Sunday.

The maritime rescue service said on Twitter three of the eight boats migrants were travelling in sank after their passengers were rescued.

Another 48 migrants were rescued from four boats on Monday, bringing the total to 627. They were taken to reception centres at the ports of Almeria and Granada and one of those found on Monday reportedly died while another is missing.

People travelling in the vessels were believed to be mostly from north and sub Saharan Africa.

Maria Jesus Vega, a spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Spain, said the situation required urgent action from the government, border forces and coast guards.

"Government action is more urgently needed than ever and we need to see proper infrastructure for welcoming, registering and identifying these people," she said. "All the organisations working on this situation are overwhelmed," she added.

The UN call comes as concerns continue that Spain is becoming the new main route for migration into Europe.

The number of those arriving in Italy and Greece, the route traditionally taken by people from Africa and the Middle East to the continent, has fallen in recent years. Figures for Spain have risen during the same period.

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Al's annual sponsored hike and walk

RAMBLING WITH AL'S annual fundraising sponsored walk recently took place departing from the Los Llanos area of Coin into the nearby woods or out into the countryside, depending on the length of route chosen.

Over 50 walkers took part between the two routes with both groups arriving back at the same time to enjoy a shared picnic. With food and drink available to purchase, this was another great opportunity to raise a further €270. A raffle was also held with numerous donated prizes.

In total, the event raised over €3,050 which will be split between CUDECA Hospice, SOS Animals, AID (Animals in Distress) and ARCH (Andalucian Rescue Centre for Horses).

Summer ball

THE Lions will be celebrating their 20th anniversary Summer Ball and Charter Night on Friday June 8 from 7.30pm.

Tickets for the event cost €45 and include a three-course gala dinner at the Hotel Tamisa Golf with a free bar until midnight and some great entertainment.

Tickets can be purchased from the Lions Charity Shop in La Cala de Mijas or from

the hotel. For more information, please call the Lions on 677 059 661 or the hotel on 952 663 893.

This year, the organisation is on target to once again donate over €60,000 to the local community.

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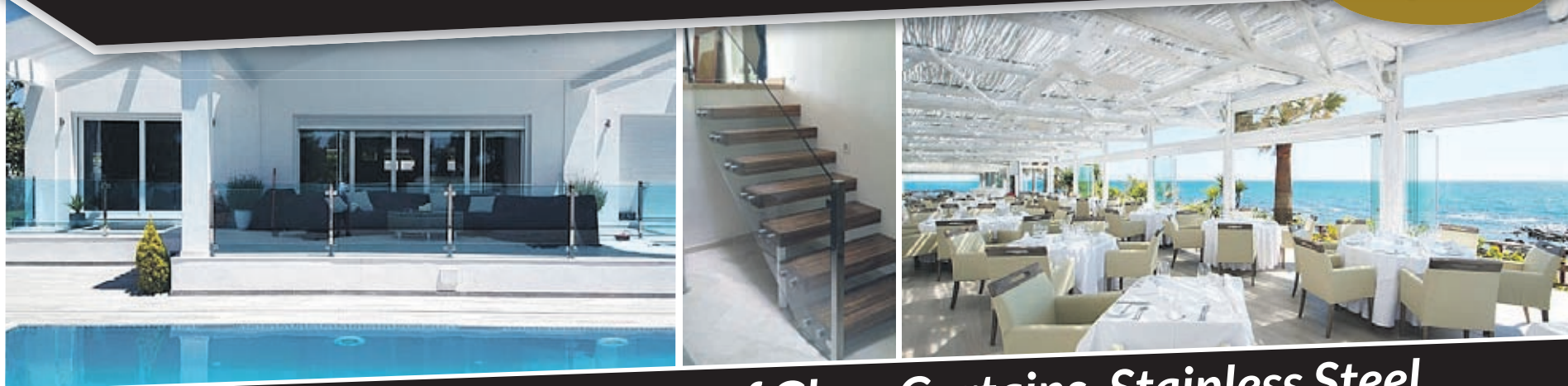


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EXPAT FACTOR: From second left, Anne Hernandez of Brexpats, Mayor Jose Ortiz and British Consul Charmaine Arbouin.

By Staff Reporter

THE Brexpats In Spain support group continue to keep Costa del Sol residents informed on all aspects of Brexit.

And the group held a well-attended talk at the Pablo Ruiz Picasso Cultural Centre, Torremolinos, at which Mayor Jose Ortiz and British Consul Charmaine Arbouin were on hand to answer questions from expatriates.

Questions ranged from whether a Spanish driving licence can be

used to hire a car in the UK, to how Brexit might affect British citizens with no financial ties in their home country.

But the overriding message from both Torremolinos Council and the consul was ‘get registered,’ both on the local ‘padron’ civil register and as a resident in Spain as soon as possible.

The Brexit transition period ends on December 31, 2020, and while Charmaine was, of course, unable to make concrete predictions what might happen in terms of a registra-

tion process for Britons resident in Spain she did urge a sense of calm.

“As things stand both countries have expressed their intention to strike a deal that makes life easy for everyone, and I can’t imagine that changing,” she said. “It just wouldn’t make any sense.”

Mayor Ortiz added that expats should enrol on their local padron for many reasons, not least that they receive discounts on IBI, the Spanish equivalent to council tax, and municipal services, also that they can vote in municipal elections.

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In the mood for tapas

TAPAS will be performing their next evening of music and dance with 'in the mood: big band swing sounds' event on Saturday June 9 at 7.30pm.

There will be lots of popular songs and a number of solo, duo and group performances to keep guests entertained. The night will also feature international vocalist, Stacey Taylor.

Tickets are €17 for non-members and €15 for members and will include music, dancing and a two-course meal. Everyone is welcome.

TAPAS will also be performing 'Who Killed the Hotel Manager' on Saturday June 30 at 7.30pm. This is a funny and very popular murder mystery play written by Chris Martin and directed by Diane Williams.

The evening's entertainment includes a two-act play with supper. And there are prizes for guests who

are able to correctly identify who the murderer is.

The production is full of suspense and intrigue, and promises to be a great night. Tickets are €12 for non-members and €10 for members, including supper.

Both events will be held at the Restaurante Los Cabales, on the A7059 Cartama/Coin road.

Over the years, TAPAS has raised thousands of euros for many charities and local organisations through their events. This year, their chosen charities are the Arca Noah Animal charity and Debra the Butterfly Children charity, for which they have already raised €500.

For more information or to purchase tickets please call 678 932 284 or email events@tapassociety.com. They can also be purchased via the website at www@tapassociety.com.

Horsing around

ARCH (Andalucian Rescue Centre for Horses) recently welcomed a group of photographers from Shutterbugs to take some snaps of their rescue horses, donkeys and mules.

This was the second time that the group had visited the rescue centre located on the outskirts of Alhaurin el Grande.

The day offered a fantastic opportunity to compare old and new photographs to see how the animals had progressed

since they arrived to the centre.

The contrast was stark between the healthy animals now and the dreadful condition they were in when they arrived.

Sheila Walkett from the centre was there to support the photographers but truth is the horses loved getting their photos taken and were easy to manage.

For more information about Shutterbugs please visit www.shutterbugs-spain.org.



Credit: Shutterbugs/Anna-Lisa Johnson

SAY CHEESE: The rescued horses in their meadows.

Cudeca Walkathon 2018

CUDECA Cancer Care Hospice recently celebrated its annual Walkathon along Benalmadena's seafront with over 1,600 participants taking part.

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There were also huge paellas cooked by a team of volunteers and chefs, a raffle and live performances.

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The show will begin at 8.45pm and tickets cost just €10. There will also be food available to be purchased separately from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Martin's newsagents and Cristina's newsagents in Alhaurin el Grande. For more information call Sue on 617 510 758 or Cath on 952 112 057.

Darkness into Light

PIETA HOUSE and Michael O'Halloran would like to thank all those who supported and sponsored the recent Darkness into Light walk.

In particular they would like to thank Estepona Town Hall and the 250 people who came out at 5.30am in the morning to make it the success that it was.

As part of this year's event, the Darkness into Light team had the opportunity to plant a Tree of Hope in one of the public parks in Estepona. They look forward to seeing the tree grow and flourish, as the event



Credit: Michael O'Halloran

SUNRISE: Some of the walkers at the event.

will in the coming years.

In addition to raising awareness, the event raised more than €18,000 which

will all go towards helping those in distress with suicidal thoughts or who self-harm.

Larking about in the park

THE International Theatre Studio will be hosting their annual charity event 'Lark in the Park' on Sunday in the Parque Torre Leonera in Benahavis. The gates open at 5.30pm with the curtain going up at 6.30pm sharp.

This will be an exceptional evening with a number of comedy actors and top

performers who are all giving their time for free in aid of charity. They suggest you bring a blanket, some cushions and a picnic for the event.

Entry is by donation (suggested €13 per person). You may make your donation online via their website or pay at the door on the day. All proceeds this year are in

aid of Malaga-based Fundacion Andres Olivares which is a charity for children living with cancer and their families.

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War pamphlet

OFFICIALS in Sweden have sent a booklet entitled 'If Crisis of War Comes' to some 4.8 million households, with the updated version of the Cold War document giving instructions on surviving an invasion.

Rape law

LAWMAKERS in Stockholm have passed measures making all sex without explicit consent rape, with the law meaning prosecutors will no longer have to prove violence, threats or exploitation of alleged victims to secure a conviction.

Heat wave

TEMPERATURES across Sweden have consistently stayed above 20 degrees Celsius with weather forecasters Storm having said the position of jet streams



WAR CRISIS: Sweden's military concerns grow.

blocked cold weather fronts in the country's atmosphere.

Killing dig

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working on

the island of Oland have unearthed evidence of a 1,500-year-old massacre which claimed the lives of more than 26 people, with researchers claiming there was evidence they died in a fire attack.

GERMANY



Bomb blows

AROUND 9,000 Dresden residents were evacuated from the eastern part of the city after explosives experts defused and partially exploded a British Second World War-era 250-kilogram bomb found during building work.

appearing to show several black British nationals being ordered out of a KFC in the city by officers for being 'too loud.'

Carmaker call

VOLKSWAGEN have said United States President Donald Trump should reconsider imposing tariffs on cars imported into the country in response to

his launching of a probe into the vehicle trade and the US's national security.

Pipe works

PREPARATIONS for the laying of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany have begun with dredging work off the Baltic coast, with some countries concerned about its effects on energy security.

NETHERLANDS



Data union

A GROUP has formed in Amsterdam which aims to collectively bargain on behalf of internet users over the use of their data by companies, with members dubbing it the 'Datavakbond' or data labour union.

Grow probe

ILLEGAL marijuana rearing in the Netherlands is more widespread than previously thought, according to Statistics Netherlands who estimate around 20 per cent of those growing the drug unlawfully are caught.

Rave on

A 24-HOUR nightclub in The Hague is set to mark its one-year birthday with what it said would be a marathon 36-hour rave beginning on July 6, according to a statement.

Called off

PRIME MINISTER Mark Rutte cut short a visit to India in order to return to the Netherlands to address domestic issues, according to a Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson.

BELGIUM



Protests erupt

THE alleged shooting of a two-year-old Iraqi-Kurdish girl by police in Hainaut Province has caused hundreds of protestors to take to Belgian streets, with demonstrators critical of the government's response.

Brit summit

BELGIAN Prime Minister Charles Michel has visited London for a meeting with British counterpart Theresa May, with Brexit, the Iran deal and Russia discussed according to a Downing Street spokesperson.

Child alerts

FACEBOOK has announced it plans to roll out its Child Alert scheme to Belgium, with the system activated by a judge if a child whose life is believed to be in danger disappears.

Drugs space

LAWMAKERS in Walloon region have passed measures to allow drugs users to inject substances in supervised designated spaces, with medical professionals and advisors to be on hand.

DENMARK



Border talks

DANISH officials have approached their Canadian counterparts in an attempt to resolve a long-standing territorial dispute, with a working group established to provide recommendations on the status of Hans Island.

Tax probe

AUTHORITIES in Copenhagen have said they will investigate allegations of some 2.3 billion Danish crowns (€308.7 million) being paid out in fraudulent tax returns on share earnings between 2012 and 2015.

Rama-damned

IMMIGRATION Minister Inger Stojberg has faced a backlash after comments in which she said Muslims should consider taking time off work during Ramadan, with the official claiming the fast poses safety risks for employees.

Weight data

DENMARK has some of the lowest rates of child obesity in Europe according to the World Health Organisation, with around 5 per cent of children aged between six and nine considered overweight.

FRANCE



Deal appeal

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron is set to approach Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin for help with European Union efforts to patch up the Iran nuclear deal following the withdrawal of the United States from the agreement.

Flying car cash

TAXI firm Uber has announced it plans to invest some €20 million in developing electric vehicles capable of vertically taking off and landing in France over the next five years.

In good books

THE European Union has officially recommended that France be taken out of the bloc's excessive deficit procedure after nine years of spending cuts implemented by the government in Paris.

What a vintage

THREE bottles of Vin Jaune wine dating from 1774 are set to go on sale after being found in a French cellar, with an auction spokesperson claiming they will be the oldest currently on the market.

NORWAY



Navy worries

INCREASED Russian naval activity in international waters close to Norway are becoming a growing concern according to the country's navy head, who said it was not reassuring that warships were capable of striking key targets.

Palace works

ROYAL PALACE officials are set to begin increasing security measures around the site this autumn, with police concerned over free road access to the front of the monarch's residence.

Crypto cash

THE Central Bank of Norway is reportedly weighing up introducing a centralised cryptocurrency akin to the likes of bitcoin, with the money issuing body examining the issue as the usage of physical cash declines.

Love letter

THE Norwegian government has published a 26-page document lauding membership of the European Economic Area (EEA), with officials writing it was 'vital' for jobs, business and welfare.

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Why should I take out a Euro mortgage?

Mortgage Expert

by Sara



WHEN buying a property in Spain, many have two options, remortgaging at home or take out a new mortgage in Spain.

"I am thinking of just remortgaging at home" is something we often hear from clients, Sara Stannard says.

She works as a British Client Advisor in the specialised expat mortgage broker, Bank in Spain.

But what sounds like a good and easy option might not be the best way in the long run.

"When taking out a mortgage, the mortgage ought to be in the same currency as the house," Sara says.

"If you remortgage your house in the UK, the mortgage would be in Sterling. If you later decide to sell the house in Spain, the sales price in Euros might not cover the sterling mortgage you took out due to a different exchange

rate," she continues.

"The only thing we know for certain is that the exchange rate between Sterling and Euros will be different tomorrow, than the exchange rate of today."

Despite the closer integration in the financial services sector in Europe, mortgages are still very much a national product.

UK banks only deal with mortgages on UK properties. The same is to be said for Spanish banks. They will only be able to take out a mortgage on a Spanish property. Surprisingly, this also applies to banks that operate in both countries. They have no cooperation across the national borders.

The reason for this is due to national differences on how the real estate market works as well as differences in legislation. If a bank needs to repossess a property in Spain, the process is very different from what we see in the UK.

"With the current exchange rate between Sterling and the Euro and the lower interest rates on Euro mortgages, most of our clients decide to borrow as much as they can in Spain," Sara ends.

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DOUBTS: Sergei and Yulia Skripal (inset) were allegedly poisoned in Salisbury.

Russian officials' Skripal scepticism

THE Kremlin has said it has 'no grounds' to trust a statement issued by the daughter of a former Russian spy allegedly poisoned in Britain. Government spokesperson Dmitry Poskov's comments come as Yulia Skripal made her first media appearance since leaving hospital. London accused Russia of masterminding the alleged Salisbury nerve agent attack while Moscow has denied involvement.

Downed plane probe

INVESTIGATORS looking into the shooting down of flight MH-17 over Ukraine in 2014 have claimed the missile used came from Russia's armed forces. Wilbert Paulissen, the head of a Dutch crime squad probing the crash, alleged vehicles carrying the missile belonged to Russia's 53rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade, with Moscow denying involvement.

No fines for gas firm

A STATE-LINKED Russian gas company has said it is 'satisfied' with a European Union (EU) decision not to fine it following

a seven-year antitrust probe. Gazprom's Deputy Chief Executive Alexander Medvedev said the ruling was the 'most reasonable' outcome for the European gas market and added the company would comply with regulations.

Rabbi faces exile

A LEADING member of the Jewish faith could be deported from Russia following a failed attempt to overturn a verdict in the country's courts. Asher Krichevsky, the chief rabbi of Siberia and Omsk, previously appealed against a decision to revoke his residency permit in connection with a national security case.

Behind closed doors

TWO Russian billionaires have reportedly attended a closed meeting at a Washington DC-based think tank. Mikhail Fridman and Pyotr Aven were guests at a round table discussion held at the Atlantic Council. Garry Kasparov, former chess champion and Russian dissident, criticised organisers for not opening the event to the public.

Duly noted

RUSSIA'S Central Bank has unveiled a new design for the 100-ruble (€1.38) note to mark the country's hosting of this year's FIFA World Cup. The blue and green bill (pictured) shows a football with a map of Russia on one side and a young boy admiring Soviet goalkeeper Lev Yashin on the other. A total of 20 million bills are due to enter circulation.



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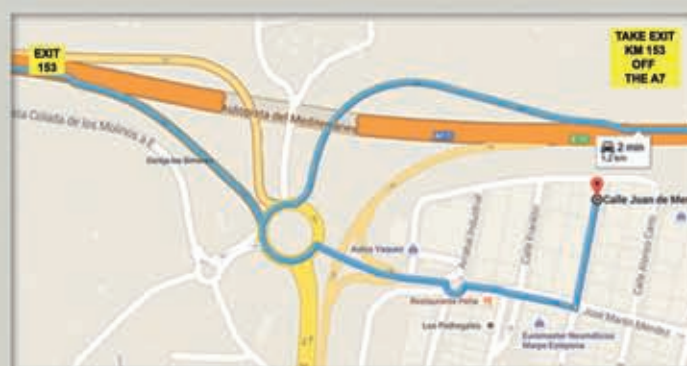
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€34bn The amount of structural funds - used to reduce regional disparities in income and wealth - Spain is set to receive from the European Commission between 2021 and 2027, after Brussels this week approved a 5 per cent hike.

Online giant cops sexy nurse knock

A SPANISH union has urged online retailer Amazon to stop selling 'sexy nurse' outfits and medically-themed sex toys.

Satse, a syndicate acting on behalf of the nursing sector, has written to the e-commerce giant to express its outrage over its marketing of 'tightly-fitting costumes featuring plunging necklines and short skirts.'

According to an official statement, it believes the racy ensembles promote a 'sexist image of female nurses and a resort to stereotypes,' and is demanding all such products be removed from sale immediately.

Brits abroad tip the scales

BRITISH holidaymakers over-tip by almost €10 a day, according to a new study.

And the excessive gratuities - typically amounting to €134 over a 14-day break - are being blamed on a failure to master local etiquette.

Among 3,000 sun-seekers quizzed by UK price comparison website *comparethemarket.com*, which carried out the research, more than one third admitted to lacking confidence when it comes to tipping abroad.

But while one quarter generously over-tipped on purpose, more than

by Matt Ford

one in 10 revealed they had been confronted by an irate local in the wake of a blunder.

Chris King, a travel expert at the online portal, said: "Heading on holiday should be a real highlight for everyone in need of a well-deserved break.

"However, it seems millions of Brits are frequently getting themselves tied up in currency conundrums and it's costing them their sanity."

He added: "We hope our latest

fact-checking tool will help out Brits abroad so they can check out the do's and don'ts before they jet off - saving their blushes in the process."

The website has created a series of tools and guides to help tourists tip the right amount after researchers found that four in 10 claimed it adds stress to their trip.

Less than a third of Britons knew you should leave a 10 per cent tip in Turkish restaurants, with only 16 per cent aware the same amount should be handed over to taxi drivers in South Africa.

Spanish brands sink in top 100

JUST two Spanish brands are included in this year's 100 most valuable companies in the world.

Galicia-based fashion retailer Zara, valued at €26.9 billion, fell eight places to number 42, while telecommunications specialist Movistar, which owns O2, dropped to number 53 despite increasing its value to €22.8 billion.

The top three brands, according to the annual report by British PR company WPP, are internet giant Google, which topped the ranking with a value of €259.1 billion, tech firm Apple (€257.9 billion) and online retailer Amazon (€207.6 billion).



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Soaring room prices check out for hotels



SUITE DEAL: Granada saw the biggest hike of 19.7 per cent.

THE average nightly price of hotel rooms in Spain continues to soar, reaching €94 in the first quarter of 2018.

This represents a year-on-year increase of 5.6 per cent, according to the latest Hotel Price Radar report by global hotel solutions provider HRS.

Andalucian city Granada has seen the biggest hike, with prices having shot up by

19.7 per cent, while in Alicante they rose by 8 per cent.

But in Barcelona and the El Arenal neighbourhood of Palma de Mallorca the cost of a room plunged by 1 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively.

Swiss city Zurich remains Europe's priciest destination with an average price of €170 per night, while London is second with €165.

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Banks for nothing

MORE than half of Spaniards do not understand 'basic financial concepts' including inflation and compound interest rates, with 63 per cent believing that a current account is the best way to save money, according to new Bank of Spain data.

Tax to grind

FORMER Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz, 74, will return to court on June 27 after admitting that he defrauded the Spanish tax office out of almost €6 million in unpaid income tax in 2008 and 2009.

Wage fail

THE European Commission has in its 2018 list of recommendations to Spain slammed the widespread overuse of temporary employment contracts, which is 'among the highest in the EU' and 'hinders growth with lower salaries.'

Delayed budget passed

EMBATTLED Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's conservative Popular Party has had its new national budget narrowly passed by Spanish Parliament.

It comes after five Basque nationalist lawmakers made a last-minute U-turn, breaking an earlier vow to withdraw their support while the government remains in control of Cataluña.

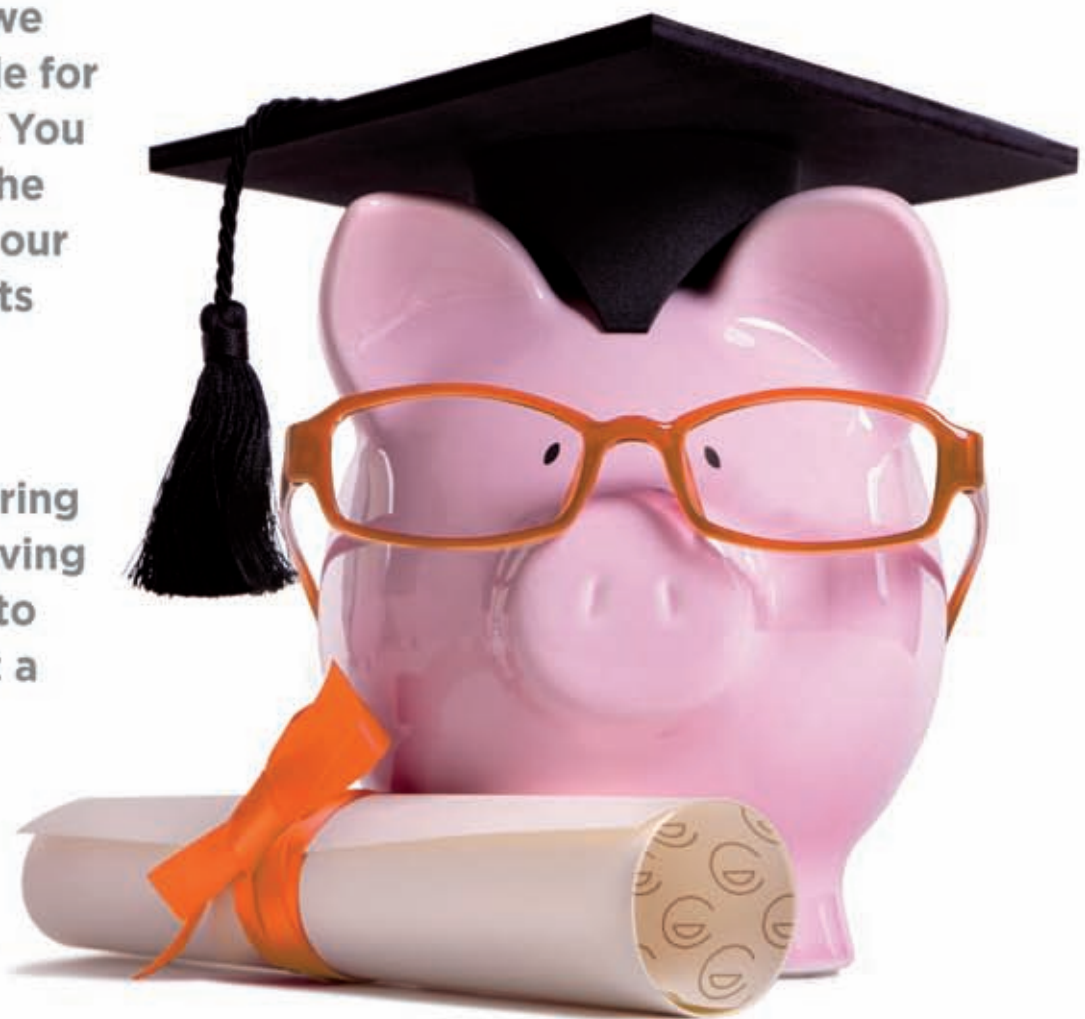
The Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) said in a statement it had 'decided, out of a sense of responsibility, to vote yes to the budget,' which will take effect in June after passing through the Senate, where Rajoy's party holds an absolute majority.

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Ashtead Group	2,330.00	-4.00	-0.17	11,377.58
Antofagasta	1,064.50	10.00	0.95	10,464.87
Aviva	532.00	3.20	0.61	21,399.31
AstraZeneca	5,450.00	-28.00	-0.51	68,751.78
BAE Systems	640.00	-3.20	-0.50	20,611.95
Barclays	204.50	-1.70	-0.82	35,120.04
British American Tobacco	3,851.50	-17.50	-0.45	87,158.81
Barratt Developments	558.00	-2.80	-0.50	5,617.60
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,207.50	-61.50	-1.44	5,638.60
British Land Co	688.00	2.20	0.32	6,669.66
BHP Billiton	1,732.00	36.80	2.17	36,200.91
Bunzl	2,336.50	37.50	1.63	7,642.99
BP	555.00	-0.10	-0.02	112,992.39
Burberry Group	1,987.50	-17.50	-0.87	8,240.11
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easyJet	1,730.00	-1.00	-0.06	6,822.05
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G4S	274.00	-7.10	-2.53	4,243.61
Glencore	378.50	1.00	0.26	54,323.57
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Marks & Spencer Group	307.25	-3.45	-1.11	4,940.91
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Melrose	220.40	-20.40	-8.47	11,337.55
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	246.00	-0.20	-0.08	5,776.60
National Grid	880.00	0.00	0.00	29,530.86
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Next	5,840.00	-22.00	-0.38	8,232.90
Old Mutual Group	218.55	-28.05	-11.37	12,070.51
Paddy Power Betfair	7,850.00	-1,230.00	-13.55	7,496.02
Prudential	1,885.00	-5.50	-0.29	48,478.84
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Pearson	897.00	-9.80	-1.08	7,035.39
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,002.50	-25.50	-0.42	42,139.73
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	289.00	-0.70	-0.24	34,900.54
Royal Dutch Shell	2,582.50	23.50	0.92	119,433.60
RELX	1,643.50	-1.50	-0.09	17,154.73
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Royal Mail	541.20	10.80	2.04	5,454.00
Rolls-Royce Group	857.50	14.10	1.67	15,797.55
Randgold Resources	5,871.00	113.00	1.96	5,469.53
RSA Insurance Group	670.00	6.20	0.93	6,840.26
Rentokil Initial	310.00	-32.10	-9.38	6,258.12
Sainsbury (J)	261.50	-56.40	-17.74	6,996.66
Schroders	3,539.00	169.00	5.01	7,567.23
Sage Group (The)	675.00	-5.60	-0.82	7,261.48
Segro	640.00	-10.00	-1.54	6,496.01
Shire	4,075.25	-58.25	-1.41	37,495.63
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,900.00	-208.00	-6.69	7,115.92
Sky	1,365.50	19.50	1.45	23,120.78
Standard Life Aberdeen	360.00	0.10	0.03	10,636.40
Smith (DS)	547.30	-12.10	-2.16	5,961.45
Smiths Group	1,716.00	-4.00	-0.23	6,775.36
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	530.00	17.00	3.31	7,199.05
Smith & Nephew	1,355.00	-4.00	-0.29	11,779.07
SSE	1,375.00	-46.50	-3.27	14,369.71
Standard Chartered	762.50	11.40	1.52	24,915.44
St James's Place	1,228.75	20.75	1.72	6,402.44
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APPLE	188,580	+0.23%	0,430	926,896,72
BOEING CO	360,090	+0.30%	1,090	209,874,80
CATERPILLAR	155,850	-1.17%	-1,850	93,286,14
CHEVRON	122,19	-3.49%	-4,42	233,643,52
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,260	-0.71%	-0,310	208,357,61
COCA-COLA	42,40	+0.19%	0,08	180,423,13
DOWDUPONT	65,71	-1.01%	-0,67	152,545,31
EXXON MOBIL	78,71	-1.94%	-1,56	333,499,14
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,6300	+0.21%	0,0300	127,153,35
GOLDMAN SACHS	235,01	-0.46%	-1,09	88,778,86
HOME DEPOT	186,8500	-0.16%	-0,3000	215,643,44
IBM	143,64	-0.30%	-0,43	131,902,87
INTEL CORP	55,4400	+1.26%	0,6900	258,793,92
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	110,6600	-0.51%	-0,5700	377,010,95
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	121,4700	-0.64%	-0,7800	325,854,40
MC DONALD'S CORP	163,2100	+0.50%	0,8200	128,184,14
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,09	-0.07%	-0,04	159,010,41
MICROSOFT	98,360	+0.05%	0,050	757,505,64
NIKE	72,25	+0.10%	0,07	92,751,58
PFIZER	35,6800	-0.59%	-0,2100	208,741,94
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	74,310	+0.73%	0,540	186,922,75
TRAVELERS CIES	131,03	+0.29%	0,38	35,431,26
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	127,03	-0.29%	-0,37	101,719,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	244,95	+0.91%	2,22	235,526,89
VERIZON COMMS	48,52	-0.25%	-0,12	200,603,58
VISA	131,28	-0.46%	-0,61	234,576,89
WAL-MART STORES	82,4600	-0.47%	-0,3900	243,579,48
WALT DISNEY CO	102,2000	+0.09%	0,0900	152,510,35

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 28

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Shoe Carnival, Inc.	\$ 31.80	5.46 ▲ 20.73%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 6.25	0.95 ▲ 17.92%
ArQule, Inc.	\$ 5.15	0.62 ▲ 13.69%
Quality Systems, Inc.	\$ 16.99	1.94 ▲ 12.89%
Zai Lab Limited	\$ 24.69	2.50 ▲ 11.27%
OrthoPediatrics Corp.	\$ 21.53	2.08 ▲ 10.69%
Yangtze River Port and Logistics Limited	\$ 7.6075	0.6975 ▲ 10.09%
Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 5.95	0.525 ▲ 9.68%
Agilysys, Inc.	\$ 13.88	1.22 ▲ 9.64%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 17.02	1.46 ▲ 9.38%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 10.62	0.90 ▲ 9.26%
Most Declined		
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	\$ 24.425	4.525 ▼ 15.63%
Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.	\$ 24.53	3.49 ▼ 12.46%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 7.85	1.01 ▼ 11.40%
Accuray Incorporated	\$ 4.40	0.55 ▼ 11.11%
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Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc.	\$ 26.57	2.14 ▼ 7.45%
Vital Therapies, Inc.	\$ 5.70	0.45 ▼ 7.32%
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Are British police giving up on crime?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



WHAT on earth is going on with the British police force?

They continually gripe about being undermanned and ill equipped. They moan about being so weighed down with work they have been forced to downgrade 'risk assessment' of crimes to a ridiculous level and are constantly moaning that they simply 'can't cope' with the latest crime figures. As legitimate as these claims may be, our precious plod does seem to find the time to, dance around maypoles, thread their boots with rainbow laces and appear in a whole host of police reality programmes!

Well, whereas laces and prancing about may not be very time consuming, I can assure you reality programmes most certainly are. There are 11 cop shows running at the moment, from Cops in the Sky to the most recent, which concerns seizing criminal's assets (scraping the barrel comes to mind!).

Well I've done a number of reality programmes (including a few I would rather forget!), and I can assure you they take forever. Every five minutes you see on the screen can take hours to shoot. The retakes alone can be unbelievably time consuming. How can these 'overworked' rushed-off-their-feet officers of the



COP OUT: The BBC's Traffic Cops and (inset) a reveller grinds on a police officer during the Notting Hill Carnival.



law possibly find the time to be 'reality stars'?

Another thing these shows are inclined to do is eat into the respect the public should hold for its upholders of law and order. Any aura of mystique or invincibility is stripped away by these programmes, which often show the utter contempt a

small number of individuals have for the upholders of law and order.

With the wide publicity television creates, public order and criminal acts are then copied by other members of toerag society, who would normally be wary of the unknown out-

come their actions could bring.

One of the worst displays of contempt for the law I have ever seen was the disgraceful episode of the man at the Notting Hill Gate carnival who simulated a sex act on a WPC. Instead of arresting him there and then, the officer tried vainly to squirm away from him, looking for all the world like some embarrassed giggling young schoolgirl.

The whole unsavoury incident was captured on camera and received about a million hits on social media. No doubt this creep is still strutting around revelling in his new-found notoriety.

Mind you the fact that he was of ethnic origin meant they were probably too frightened to arrest him anyway (it's a culture thing ennit!?).

No, I'm sorry but respect for the law is obtained by solving crime and putting away the bad guys, not strutting around like jumped up, ego tripping American TV robocops. Let's all get back to the true reality. The fact that glamourising the police doesn't do one iota toward rooting out criminals. Posing on telly and signing autographs simply doesn't hack it. It's time the powers that be put a complete ban on all cop reality shows. Let's restrict their TV appearances to announcements of successful conclusions to crime investigations. Now THAT'S the way to earn respect!

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Advertising Feature

I WAS sitting in my office calmly discussing the collection of community management fees, the next thing I know I am embroiled in an International Art Fraud of massive proportions. It is strange how events take on a life of their own!

It all started last August when I was approached by an eminent art gallery in London, knowing we did a lot of work in Spain, seeking help to recover either payment of €500,000 give or take a few or, better still, could we recover various works of art sitting in a southern Spain art gallery - no names mentioned.

Of course visions of a fabulous fee crossed my eyes until I started to uncover a web of fraudulent art sales across northern and eastern Europe, Scandinavia and USA.

Works of art were being sold at least three times each, fraudulently certificated, payment arranged and the art never delivered. The perpetrators, living the life of luxury in eastern Europe, Scandinavia and Spain, in particular, seeming to sell magnificent sculpture at knock down prices.

As this soon became a matter for the international police authorities it was a shame that I could not use my skill of collection to gain a fee.

No excuse to not pay community fees

It did however reinforce my experience of how easy it can sometimes be to relieve people of their hard earned money if it looks like a bargain can be had. It is no coincidence that the old adage that 'if it looks too good to be true - it is too good to be true' is so true.

I suppose it still does not help our communities collect overdue fees easily from those still stubbornly refusing to pay, for whatever reason, but it certainly was an interesting diversion from the usual arguments for non-payment. It did strengthen my resolve to reach compromises, settlements and the like from our usual suspects, even if only to make up the now non-existent fee I was getting starry eyed about from the London gallery.

In fact my stubbornness paid off this week, when a reluctant owner tried to use the new General Data



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Protection Regulation (GDPR) as an excuse, stating that the Community could not pass any private in-

formation to any third party without his permission. In fact he smugly warned the Administrator and LPL that we would all be committing a criminal offence in so doing. I soon educated him as to the interpretation of the regulation which certainly is not a charter for anyone to abrogate their responsibilities for payment.

More unfortunately it does highlight the fact that there are still some owners on communities that want to find any excuse not to pay their fees, but still feel comfortable enjoying the benefits and facilities offered by the Community.

Worse still the debt has built up over many years because of the reluctance by the Community to do anything about it. As time goes by addresses change, finances change and many debtors can become complacent and even bullish in re-

fusing to pay, looking for any excuse to try and support their position.

If it is helpful to anyone the GDPR states various reasons why third parties can use information if in the public interest, in the exercise of official authority, legitimate interests of those authorised to hold the data, so long as it does not infringe the rights or protection of the subject and/or lawful exemption.

In other words: so long as there is proven and legitimate reasons for a third party to use information there will not be a problem. As long as the third party proves that they are compliant within the various statutes and authorisations - LPL, as an example, being FCA authorised and regulated.

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Mosquitos will be put in their place, not in yours

WITH the company name Mosquito Nick, it doesn't take a great deal of guessing to work out what Nick does.

Based on the Costa del Sol, he believes that he is without question the leading mosquito screen installer on the coast.

The little blighters have already started whirring about and there is nothing more irritating than to be woken up from a deep sleep with a buzzing in your ear to discover that you have been a midnight snack for one or more of the bloodthirsty family.

You can try plugging in repellents, or even buy a plant that is guaranteed to keep them away but in reality the very best option is high quality mosquito screens.

Having said that, Mosquito Nick is the obvious choice to

SLIDING SCREEN: Just one of the options to keep the bloodsuckers away.

speaking to, he has spent many years perfecting his skill as a carpenter, French polisher and window fitter in the UK before moving to Spain 17 years ago.

Now, he really knows everything there is to know about mosquito screens and is sometimes amazed at how easily some people can be confused by differing options which are invariably in the best interest of the supplier rather than the customer.

For example, many's the time, he has been called out to give a quote and has found that other suppliers have suggested installing a pull down screen on a set of patio doors and are shocked to be



told there is a cheaper and more importantly much better solution in a half sliding mosquito screen.

Put simply, a pull down screen needs to be pulled right down to the floor and clipped in to the side

tracks which is acceptable if you do not use the door often, however if the door is in constant use - perhaps because of children or animals - pulling the screen down and then again bending down to take

the screen up again is not going to be kind on your back.

In addition, a sliding mosquito screen not only slides, but is cheaper!

With the plethora of quite dangerous tiger mosquitos around, keeping them out is more of a necessity than a must and as the evenings heat up, then with a quality mosquito screen, you can sit in comfort with windows open without worrying about being bitten.

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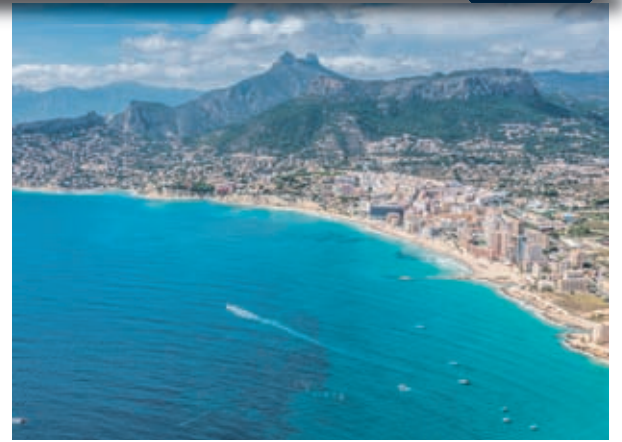
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GUIDE



Apace in the sun!

By Matt Ford

BRITISH buyers have shrugged off Brexit fears to lead a new surge of property sales to foreigners in Spain. It comes as the first quarter of 2018 saw the most deals completed since 2014.

New data from the national Land Registry shows that sales shot up by 13.4 per cent from January to the end of March, with revenue rising to the highest quarterly total since late 2008.

And the number of overseas buyers rocketed by 13.2 per cent, according to the latest report by Spanish property registrars. British shoppers headed the ranking as they accounted for 14 per cent of foreign sales, with German and French nationals each representing 8 per cent.

Belgians were responsible for 7 per cent of overseas purchases, Swedes and Italians 6 per cent, Chinese 4 per cent and Russians 3 per cent.

Demand from Bulgaria increased

Brits lead surge in foreign buyers

the most after sales soared by 16 per cent, with Morocco and the Ukraine also demonstrating sharp growth.

But the number of buyers from Switzerland plummeted by 15 per cent, and those from France 10 per cent. Mark Stucklin of Spanish Property Insight said that the Swiss plunge is not significant since the country only serves up around 150 sales per quarter.

"A small change

in buyer numbers can deliver a high percentage change and we can't read too much into one quarterly decline, though generally speaking sales are about 10 per cent down from 2016 when the Swiss Franc was incredibly strong against the Euro," he added.

But he believes the French nosedive could be of importance and blames the Catalan independence crisis for the slump.



"France has traditionally been the second biggest market, and a decline of 10 per cent is noteworthy," he said. "I suspect the answer has something to do with the constitutional crisis in Catalonia, a Spanish region that borders with France, where the French have long been the biggest group of foreign buyers, with 43 per cent of the foreign market for second homes, according to the latest figures from the Association of Spanish Notaries."

The expert does not expect British expatriate strongholds to be affected, though, with the outlook generally positive since the figures do not map out where foreign buyers are concentrated.

"It is likely that all regions have seen an increase in buyers from abroad, with the possible exception of Cataluña," he concluded.

ON THE SPEND: The first quarter of 2018 was the busiest in a decade for overseas sales.

Property gladder

Malaga leads new build surge

By Gregory Kirby

MALAGA is the leading province in Spain for the sale of new homes.

There were 3.39 properties sold per 1,000 residents last year, making the Costa del Sol the star of the post-crisis new build recovery, according to the latest figures from the body of registrars.

Building ground to a halt in the crisis years because low demand from buyers scared constructors off investing.

The second-hand property market picked up a lot of the slack left by the bricks and mortar void.

Construction companies have started to build again only recently due to a hike in demand. And Malaga is leading the way in the upward trend.

In total 5,588 new builds were sold last year, a 22.4 per cent increase compared to 2016.

The city came third nationally in absolute terms, only beaten by much

more populous Madrid, where 14,967 new pads were sold and Barcelona which sold 6,636.

But deals in Malaga surpassed other expatriate hot spots including Alicante, Valencia and the Balearic Islands.

The figures are still well below those constructors enjoyed during the boom but do show a clear real estate market resurgence.

Coastal plots including Marbella and other Costa del Sol settings are benefiting most from the return in demand, while inland construction still struggles to take off.

The second-hand market still dominates property transactions. Some 24,712 used dwellings were purchased last year out of 30,300 in total, this makes up 81.5 per cent of all transactions.



UP AND UP: New build sales are soaring.

Only Alicante had a higher rate of used house purchases than Malaga, which sold 15 properties per thousand residents.

In the overall count - including both new and used sales - Malaga lost its position as national leader, which it

held from 2014 to 2016. It finished 2017 in second place with 18.39 purchases per 1,000 residents, double the national average. Again, it was justipped by Alicante.



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SALES of homes costing more than €4 million have increased in 2017 compared to the previous year on the Costa del Sol.

It comes after the release of a report from Marbella's Panorama Properties.

Many of the best located homes built 20, 30 or more years ago are being sold to be demolished and rebuilt or be completely reformed, the firm's representative Christopher Clover said.

Works are sometimes carried out by specialised developers or otherwise by individuals.

Prices have spiked in Marbella's most sought-after locations where demand outweighed supply.

A concrete example is Puente Romana where prices have doubled from rock bottom prices in 2011 to now, Clover said.

A typical two-bedroomed apartment selling for €600,000 in 2011 would now go for €1.15 million on the so-called Golden Mile.

And a €375,000 apartment with one bedroom is currently

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selling for €825,000, showing how in-demand these locations are, he added.

The profile of the average buyer is much lower than a decade ago at between 30 and 40 years-old.

There is a loyal market among German and Middle Eastern buyers

And purchases from French, Belgian and Nordic residents have also recovered since the crisis, Clover added.

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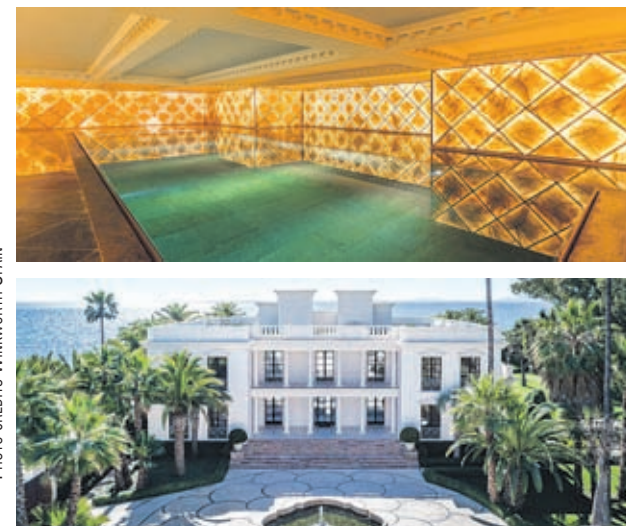


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LOFTY HEIGHTS: The decadent property's pool is flanked by a luxuriant garden.

ONE of the most luxurious mansions on the Costa del Sol has gone on sale for €15.5 million.

The stunning Guadalmina beachfront property was built in 2016 and has never been lived in.

It boasts a Turkish bath, indoor pool, a mosaic floored rooftop solarium, jacuzzi, sauna, a games room, Italian marble floors with underfloor heating and a fireplace.

Splash the cash

€15.5m mansion on sale

The garage fits eight cars, but more can be parked on the 1.25-acre plot if it is not enough.

The constructors have made it easy for the new owner to make the final instalments to a wine cellar and cinema if they please.

There is a lift if the lucky buyer is feeling too tipsy to stumble up the winding staircase with marble banisters.

And it could accommodate on-site staff in the adjacent guest house, which has two bedrooms and a bath-

room.

The Ernest Palanco Arquitectura villa construction firm built the mansion in 2016.

It has been building luxurious properties in the Middle East for over a decade and "is well-known on the Costa del

Sol," Christopher Vent of Winkworth Spain said.

The kitchen and main living area are on the first floor. And the upper floor stages the main bedroom suite and four more en-suite boudoirs. All of them open out onto an expansive terrace with

views of the Mediterranean.

Outdoors, a tropical garden awaits and a pool sits overlooking the sea.

The eight-bedroom mansion stands out from other mega properties for "the quality of its build, the size of the plot and of the property," the agent said.

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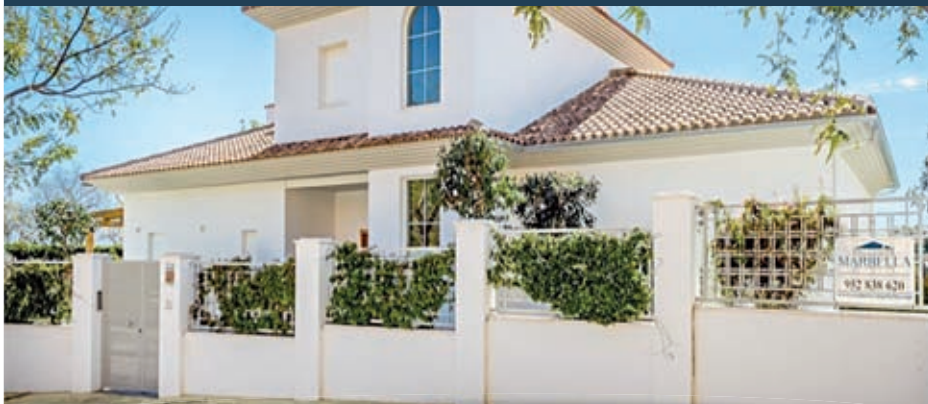


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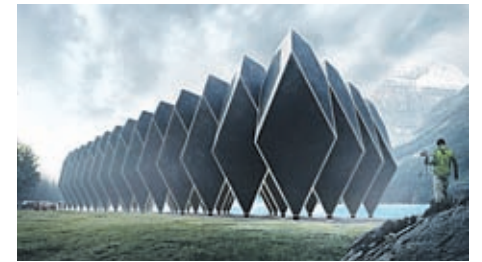
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Canada's WSP group engineers are working on the spaceship-like Tetra hotel with design pioneers from Innovation Imperative architecture group.

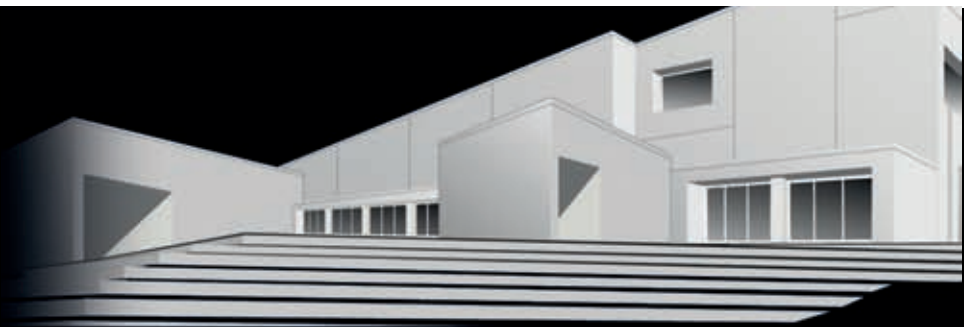
WSP has also worked on London's highest skyscraper - the Shard - and

Chelsea's Stamford bridge stadium.

The Canadian firm hopes for the space-age structures to be located in geographically stunning locations in keeping with their sustainable, carbon-neutral compositions.

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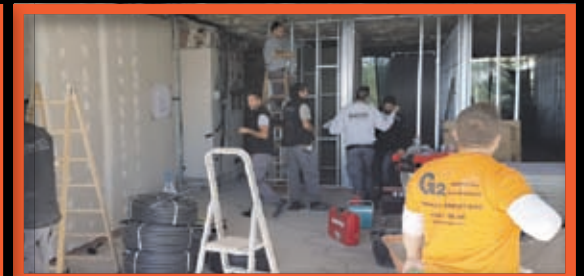


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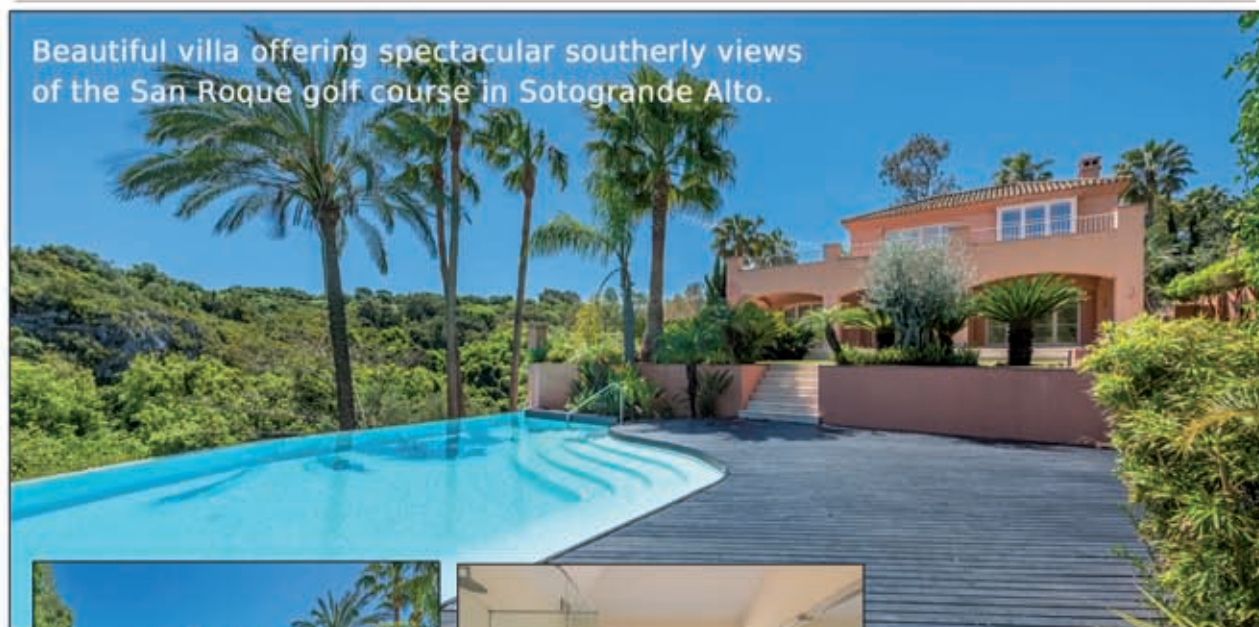
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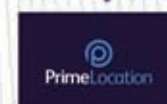
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'Extraordinary' Spanish homes

Unique quartet showcased by BBC

FOUR strange Spanish homes have made it onto the BBC's The World's Most Extraordinary Homes programme.

The first property is the almost invisible 'Rural House' belonging to Michelin star chef Fina Puigdevall.

She wanted a refuge from her hectic working life so she took 11 specially made steel boxes and buried them under a man-made ridge.

And if concealing it was not enough to evade peeping Toms, she put it metres from a farmer's manure pit.

The boxes are joined by a steel corridor with the master suite at one end and three other bedrooms at the other.

BBC presenter Caroline Quinn said: "It's aesthetically pleasing, but I imagine it can be a challenge to live with."

But the design was more popular with the Pritzker Architect Prize judges who awarded the property's designer Rafael Aranda its prestigious gong.

The famous chef who cooks in the nearby city of Otlot said: "I think it's a great idea that you enter the house below ground level. You never see cars, just nature," Puigdevall said.

"The smell is very important to me and the sound of the birds and when cows arrive in the morning you can hear them pulling up the grass in the field," she added.

The second building is a balancing act called Hemeroscopium House on the outskirts of Madrid.

It is made of seven giant concrete and steel beams plonked on top of each other in an upward spiral. Inside one of the hollowed-out beams is a swimming pool.

The only thing stopping it from tumbling down is a 20-tonne granite counterweight.

"It reminds me a little of Stonehenge," presenter Quinn said.

Three sisters are close - but not too close - in the third creation on a plot in



TRANQUIL: Chef Fina Puigdevall's underground 'Rural House.'



BALANCING ACT: The Hemeroscopium House.



THREE'S A CROWD: The 'House for Three Sisters' mini village.

southern Spain. The 'mini-village' is made up of three identical and separate houses linked by a shared courtyard where the families often dine together.

Maria, Rene and Manuka realised their dream of living together as one big family when they inherited their father's land in the town of Bullas.

The final residence is a ring-shaped dwelling nestled in a forest and looks like a spy headquarters. Nature is always at hand thanks to sliding glass doors which



BLING RING: Solo House 2.

quickly join living spaces with outdoors.

Solo House 2 is located in Matarranam, an area of north west Spain almost untouched by holidaymakers.

An arts project gave full creative control to the building's architects, who were set on the circular shape.

The home is on a hilltop plateau which gives owners of the 45-metre diameter ring full panoramic views. Its owner, Christian Bordaís, wanted to ignore ideas of how people are supposed to live.

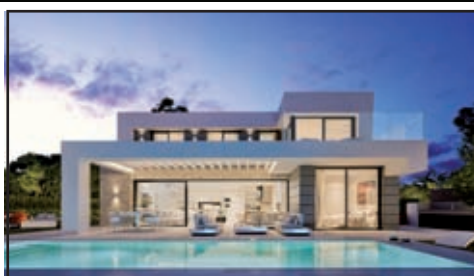


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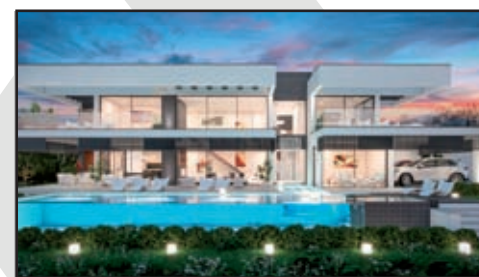
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Brits' boom time

BRITS are no longer scared by the Brexit effect as they buy more houses in Spain for the first time since the referendum.

British demand for Spanish property took a nose dive after compatriots voted for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union (EU) in 2016.

House sales plummeted 23.6 per cent in the second half of 2016 and another 16.1 per cent in the first semester of 2017.

Potential buyers were scared of a devaluing pound and political insecurity.

The British have been Spain's number one foreign real estate client for many years. And now the notary ministry's latest statistics show Brits are once again eyeing up the Spanish market. Trading with them grew 7.8 per cent in the second half of 2017.

But the green shoots do not mean Brexit has not left its mark on the market. The British bought almost a quarter of all Spanish properties sold to foreigners in 2015.

The figure is now just 14.3 per cent.

The United Kingdom still leads the foreign pack, trailed by the French, Ger-

Buyers return as fears subside



NO BREXIT BOO HOO: Housing demand has picked up.

mans and Romanians with 8.4, 8.1 and 6.8 per cent of the foreign buyers' market respectively.

There was a spike in Ecuadorians and Portuguese buying up in Spain. They bought 250 per cent and 131.4 per cent more in 2016 than the year before.

Cataluña's illegal independence vote on October 1 also hurt foreign demand.

Transactions grew just 2.5 per cent during the second half of 2017 - at the heart of the crisis - but they grew 19.8 per cent in the first half of the year.

The Cataluña crisis was not enough to stop foreign purchase growth at a national level, which hit 14.1 per cent year-on-year.

EU buyers bought two-thirds of the 49,553 dwellings sold in 2017, and the remainder went to non-EU residents.

Foreigners are also upping their budget and paying more per square metre than previously. They paid 5.7 per cent more on average compared to 2016.

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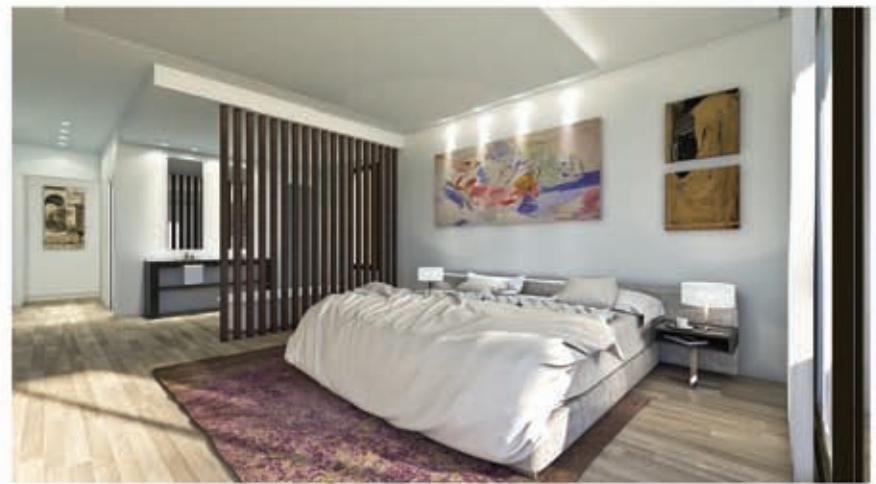
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It will team up with Villarroel Torrico architecture. The award-winning company is a veteran on the coast having constructed three million metres squared of real estate over the last 40 years.

The buildings will take 18 months to build and form the second phase of the Palo Alto project in Marbella.

A total of 600 properties will be built in the Palo Alto area. Works will be staged in two phases and the total investment is valued at €250 million.

"The objective is to put maximum quality properties on the market," Round Hill said in a statement.

The apartments will each be between 100 and 180 metres square and have two to four bedrooms with "spec-



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BREATHTAKING: Rolling hills provide spectacular views.

Viva la **revolution**

New homes to feature nanotechnology

tacular views" thanks to the way the plots' land lies, according to the firm.

"The designs' modernity and state-of-the-art technologies make the apartments stand out," it added.

Villarroel Torrico will apply nanotechnology paint to the inside walls, purifying the air, eliminating bacteria and mould and repelling dust.

It is the first time the 'revolutionary paint' will have been used, project architects confirmed.

Prices will start at €400,000 and reach €1 million.

SPAIN'S economy minister has admitted to organising a 'safer' fixed-rate mortgage for himself ahead of a predicted interest rate hike.

The comments were made during an interview on Spanish radio in which Roman Escolano told people to be careful when taking out variable-rate house loans.

"This is one of the most important

Lend of an era?

decisions that anyone makes in their life from a financial point of view," the official said.

"It's a decision that affects you for many years and precisely for that reason I would urge caution."

The advice comes ahead of an ex-

pected rise in interest rates.

The European Central Bank (ECB) has been pumping money into markets to lower rates and give a much-needed boost to the crisis-stricken European economy, saving borrowers hundreds of Euros per month in

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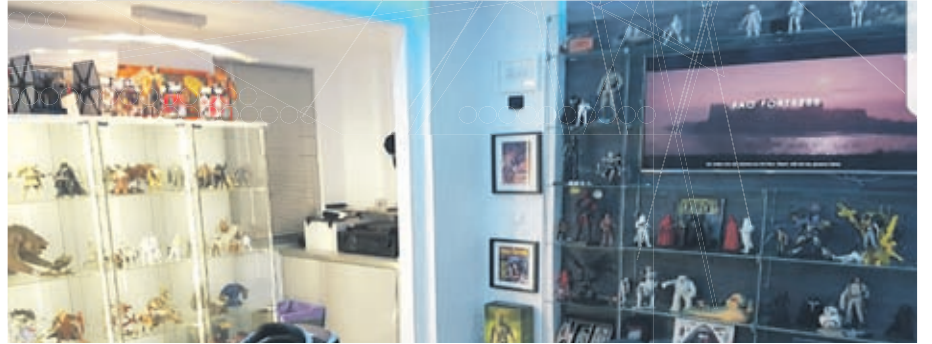
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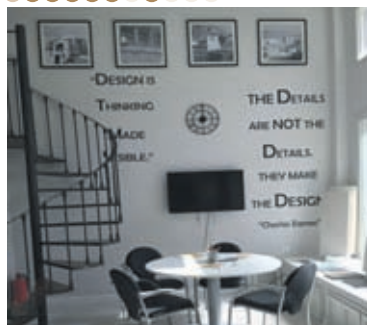
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WORLD-FAMOUS Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi's first residential building is now open to the public.

Six of the modernist's designs are already listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites, and one, Casa Vicens, can be visited for the first time since it was built in 1885.

Fans regard the property, located on Carrer de les Carolines in the Gracia neighbourhood of Barcelona, as his first masterpiece.

Constructed as a summer residence for the well-heeled Vicens family, it is described as a "laboratory in which Gaudi developed the vocabulary of decorative motifs and symbols he would use in his later works."

The then 30-year-old was handed a blank canvas to design the house, and it is filled with wildly colourful nature-inspired forms that became a sig-

Right move!



OH MY GAUDI: The stunning Casa Vicens.

nature of his style.

It has been lovingly restored with a modern staircase and lift installed to improve accessibility, and can be considered a must-visit for visitors to the capital of the northern region.



Luxury

jobs boost

THE job market has been boosted by strong luxury real estate market growth in the 'golden triangle' of Marbella, Estepona and Benahavis last year.

The sector generated €350 million in 2017 - an improvement on 2016 - according to figures published by the high-end property association DOM3.

A total of 800 stable jobs were created by luxury new-builds.

An extra 4,000 posts stemmed directly from building projects and another 12,000 were created through knock-on effects.

It is not just the building process itself which employs traders like bricklayers, architects and designers, Pou said.

Each residence employs an average of between two and four staff once finished, including gardeners, cleaners and cooks.

"Each luxury home is a small enterprise," association president, Laura Pou said.



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The three sea fortifications, lying in the Solent between Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, are currently being used as luxury hotels while one of them is becoming a museum.

They were built in the late 18th century to ward off potential invading forces from France's Emperor Napoleon III, a descendent of Napoleon Bonaparte.

They were later made part of an anti-submarine barrier guarding the Solent from German U-boats in the Second World War.



FORTIFIED: Three forts are up for sale.



SHIP SHAPE: Spitbank Fort costs €5.7 million.

'Historical charm'

SPITBANK FORT boasts eight bedroom suites, as well as a bar, hot pool, sauna and a roof deck which the owners Solent Forts said would be ideal for sunbathing.

The owners added it was packed with "historical charm" and "intrigue," all for a price of €5.7 million.

"The circular floor plan means you experience the world from a totally new perspective. With stunning panoramic views across the Solent and passing yachts in your sight, this is a tranquil setting," they said on their website.



BON VOYAGE: No Man's Fort has impressive ocean views.

Pushing the boat out

NO MAN'S FORT is the largest of the three up for sale with a price tag of €5.7 million. It houses 22 rooms and suites which can sleep up to 44 guests and there is room for more than 200 people for events.

It also features its own onsite pub, the Lord Nelson, as well as a cabaret club, roof top fire pits and several tunnels currently used to play laser tag. Owners Solent Forts said it was Britain's most secluded alternative venue.

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Rentals ramp up

MALAGA City's real estate prices continue to 'grow intensely' and rents are eating further and further into household salaries.

Average Malaga rents consumed 30 per cent of tenants' income last year, 10 per cent higher than the national average. It makes the southern city the most expensive place to rent in Spain, according to a report by real estate firm CBRE.

The next priciest spots are Barcelona, 28 per cent, Sevilla, 27 per cent and Madrid at 26 per cent.

Forces driving higher rental costs include a changeable labour mar-

ket making buying a riskier option and more profitable tourists' rentals. But increasing backlash from authorities on the latter could release some pressure on locals' pockets.

Spanish properties are set for a 6 per cent price hike by the end of the year. But the going rate in Malaga, Madrid, Valencia and the Balearic Islands could grow by up to 10 per cent, CBRE's 2018 residential report predicts. The figures confirm large cities, whose residents are wealthier on average, continue to be the strongest sources of buyer demand.

The company predicted price in-

creases would continue for the next six to 12 months given the prevailing demand, mortgage and accessibility conditions.

Current rates are actually growing moderately because statistics do not capture the housing market recovery in local areas where demand is intense and supply "very limited," CBRE said.

And housing sales are expected to reach 575,000 at a national level, or an 8 per cent annual growth rate.

But the firm calmed concerns about another housing bubble and said the current climate is unlikely to cause one.



SOARING: Malaga is now among the most expensive Spanish cities.



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RARE CHANCE: The one-time President's getaway is up for grabs.

Presidential living

A PROPERTY which belonged to ex-president of the Spanish government is now on sale for €13 million.

The villa, built in 1997, is located in the Son Vida neighbourhood of Mallorca. The then president - Adolfo Suarez, who died in 2014 - used the retreat for holidaying until it was sold in 2000.

The buyer totally refurbished the house before selling it to the current owner.

It has eight bedrooms, one of which was Suarez's mega private suite boasting its own living space, two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Several wings divide the ground floor which links the different living rooms, library, dining room, kitchen, serviced apartment and two garages.

A central patio sits at the centre of the hexagonal house.

And the pool area is surrounded by Mediterranean gardens.

The presidential hideaway is completely isolated from outsiders down to its 4,670-metre plot and private location.

German real estate company Engel & Völkers is selling the villa.

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Sellers Fine and Country said the house, which has a price tag of €3.5 million, was one of the finest country homes in Andalucia.

"The Palacio lies within pretty, rolling countryside, a patchwork quilt of olive groves, sunflowers and cereal crops," the estate agent said.

"This makes the location ideal for all kinds of outdoor activities including horse riding, paragliding and cycling."

The almost 4,000-square metre house was built around a central courtyard and gar-



RURAL RETREAT: The Palacio features 3.5 hectares of land.

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den in the traditional Spanish villa style. It has seven bedrooms and bathrooms spread across two storeys.

The architecture is filled with Moorish influences and there are materials from Morocco, as well as from Spain and France, inside.

The drive up to The Palacio features olive trees and oleander bushes before arriving at an iron gate. It is surrounded by its land which also includes olive groves.

Amenities include a country-style kitchen, complete with an Aga stove, as well as en-suites for every bedroom and a Moorish-look heated indoor pool.

Five bedrooms sit on the bottom floor while two larger rooms occupy the first. At the rear of the property is a terrace garden and outdoor pool, as well as grounds filled with manzanilla olive trees.

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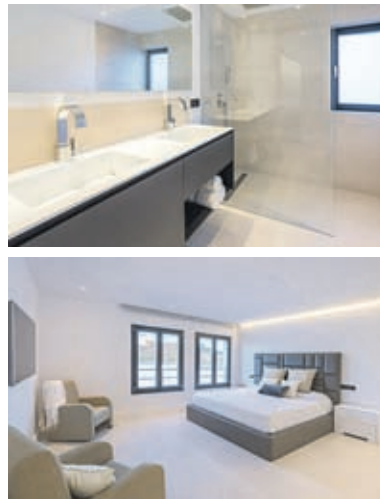
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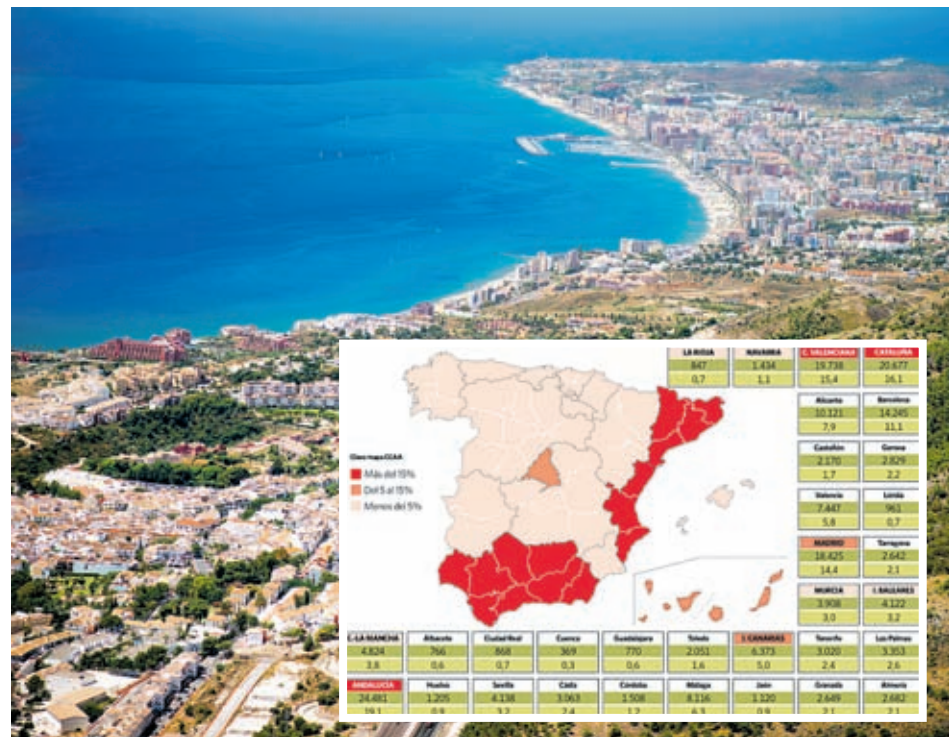
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RED MED: Andalucía's properties sold most according to the latest data (inset).

The pull of the Med

Coast leads Spain's real estate revival

A NEW report has shown how the housing market revival is divided according to region.

A total of 52.4 per cent of housing transactions were on the Mediterranean coastline and Spanish islands in the first four months of the year, according to the College of Property registrars' figures.

The best performing regions in total sales were Andalucía, Cataluña, the Valencian community and Madrid.

But the first two are well ahead of the rest with 24,481 and 20,677 properties sold in the first four months of the year respectively.

However, sector enthusiasm is cooled somewhat by fears of municipal crackdowns on holiday rentals especially in Palma de Mallorca, Valencia and Madrid.

But the positive results outweigh these concerns for the time being.

Even Valencia's Castellon - one of the housing crash's deepest black holes - is recovering. A

total of 8,199 properties were sold there in 2017, 20 per cent more than the year before and the most since 2009.

And Castellon's success spreads to the rest of Valencia's community too. There were 19,738 properties sold in the first two months, marking a 19.7 per cent increase on the previous fourth months.

The market buzz is mainly driven by investment in rental properties, helped by higher employment rates and readily available credit.

THERE is a reason Granada's parador is one of the most expensive in Spain's state-owned historical hotel chain.

The retreat is located within Spain's most renowned fortress-palace, the Alhambra. It is simply Granada's best located hotel just minutes' walk from the palace's scented flower-beds and intricate Arab architecture.

Guests enjoy a unique opportunity to spend the night in a building layered with history and imagine life as Moorish nobility.

After the masses have left, guests can step out of the hotel's doors and

Just Moorish

enjoy some of the Alhambra's romantic rose gardens in privacy.

The hotel itself sits within a 14th-century palace enjoyed by the ruling Nasrid family before being converted into a Catholic convent. But Moroccan lanterns and Moorish patios evoke the palace's original occupants.

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By Joe Gerrard

If you have ever wanted to live in your very own fort then you may be in luck as castles are currently available on the market.

The first of these is a 13th century build sitting in the Badajoz region, Extremadura, around two and a half hours in the car from Sevilla.

The castle is currently in the hands of a family whose ancestors bought it in 1906 and spent the years following undertaking restoration works leaving it in great condition today.

The fort comes with a 450-hectare estate and features 50 living spaces, six large bedrooms, three bathrooms and nine lounges. A small on site museum and stables are included, all for the sum of €14.5 million.

For those looking for a cheaper and more modern option there is the ocean



FORTRESS: The Badajoz castle dates to the 13th century.

Kings of the castles

front Bastide for sale in La Coruna in Galicia for €3 million.

This fortified chateau was built in 1746 to defend the waterways of the region

and witnessed significant battles and has featured in books, according to estate

agents Moulin.

It comes complete with almost two-metre wide stone walls, nine bedrooms and a 3,000-square-metre courtyard. Its walls also feature 12 cannon loopholes and the castle's old moat is still visible in places.

A more intimate and homely choice can be found in the Costa Blanca. The turreted country home was built in 1900 and is surrounded by mountain views as well as being about 30 minutes from the coast.

Estate agents Moulin said the house offered "total tranquillity" with no neighbours, although a town with shops and leisure offerings is only a few minutes' drive away.

The castle lay derelict around 10 years ago and it has since undergone major restoration work.

It now comes complete with a swimming pool, kitchen, lounge, bedrooms and a sitting room in the turret for a price of €2.6 million.

Rent returns



PROFIT BOOST: Las Palmas province in the Canary Islands is faring best.

RENTAL housing in Spain offers an average return of 5.7 per cent, according to a study of property profits from a market research firm.

Servihabitat Trends said the average rate of rent was estimated to rise by between 1.5 and 2 per cent in the first half of this year.

The firm's study claimed the current average price of rental homes between 80 and 90 square metres was €680 per square metre. This figure was 9.7 per cent higher than the one six

months ago.

The average return on rent in the provinces was 5.8 per cent in Barcelona, 5.9 in Cadiz, 6.1 in Huelva, 6.4 Las Palmas, 5.9 Madrid, 6.3 Valencia, and 5.8 Zaragoza.

The company added the supply of rental properties in Spain was believed to be around 90,000, around 8.1 per cent less than those available in September 2017. The study claimed the fall was due to less time being taken for people to rent homes on average.

Green homes underway

PUBLIC housing authorities in Navarra have begun building more than 500 energy efficient social properties.

The buildings are near zero-energy (NZEB) units and keep power usage down due to their design and the materials used to make them.

Energy consumption is around 75 per cent lower in such homes than in

standard properties, according to environment NGO The Climate Group.

The project comes with the backing of a €40 million loan from the European Investment Bank. NASUVINSA, Navarra's social housing body, is set to manage building works for some 78,000 square metres of housing during the next three years.

New law 'overdue'

A NEW regional real estate law aims to 'professionalise' the sector.

Law 1/2018 - passed on April 26 - makes it compulsory for anybody working in the property trade to sign up to a new public registry, Spanish legal and property specialist Alex Radford said.

The legislation is "welcome and overdue" at a time when the real estate market is beginning to lift off again, Radford added.

It only takes a few cases of bad practice to affect the whole industry, he added.

The crackdown applies to "individuals or legal en-

tities who provide mediation services, advice and management in real estate transactions," the new law reads.

It includes the "purchase and sale operations, option of purchase, rental, exchange or transfer of real estate and the rights relating to such operations."

Anybody involved in these transactions will be held to account by the new laws and the disciplinary regime which comes with it.

But workers must meet five key criteria to register. They include having proper professional training and insurance, an es-

tablishment open to the public, no criminal convictions and permanently guarantee any money they handle.

And it will not be enough for mediators to expect clients to know their rights. They are legally obliged to inform interested parties what their entitlements and obligations are. In addition, if they do not return deposits as per the contract, they could face fines of up to €6,000.

Radford said that people should seek independent legal support to "protect their interests" in the case of any dodgy dealings.

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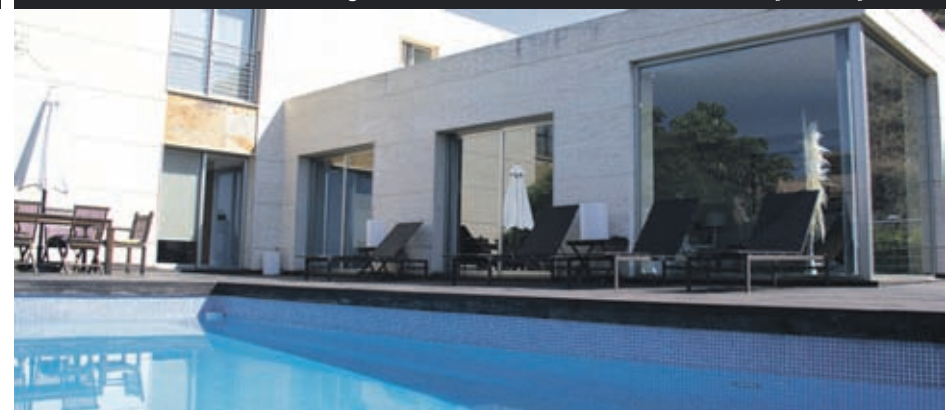
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Sports in the spring: don't let allergies force you to stay at home

FOR people who enjoy practising sport in the open air, a lot of time is spent waiting for spring to arrive. However, for many of you, springtime means allergies. Learn about some tricks to fight them off or at least considerably reduce their effects.

ALLERGIES occur when the immune system reacts in an exaggerated way to an external agent that generates a series of inflammatory and other similar responses in our body.

There are different types of allergens. The most common are pollens - mainly from trees, grasses and shrubs - and allergies mainly occur during the spring as that is when they are in flower.

Where and when to practise sport

- If you don't want to give up sports in the open air, the best thing to do is **to go out when levels of pollen in the atmosphere are at their lowest**. These levels can be consulted online or on specific applications on your smartphone.
- **Pollen levels escalate at certain times during the day**. The concentration is significantly greater between five and 10 in the morning and later in the day (from seven in the evening).
- **Practise sports in an enclosed area such as a**



ALLERGIES: You can still keep fit with practical tricks!

gymnasium, an indoor court or a swimming pool. This will help you gain strength and stamina and work muscles that are generally 'abandoned.'

- Keep away from contamination in parks. **The combination of pollen and pollution aggravate the effects of allergies.**

Tricks for practising sport with allergies

- **Be careful with contact lenses and use your glasses if necessary.** Use an elastic band on them so they don't fall off.
- **Sunglasses will also help to alleviate any trouble with bright light in delicate eyes** and nasal lenses will help you breathe better.
- If your eyes feel itchy, **don't rub them**. It's possible that the allergy is not the only thing to blame since this could be the result of dust or other matter accidentally getting into the eyes. You could damage the cornea which is very painful and this could have negative consequences for your vision.
- **Using a face mask helps to reduce the amount of pollen inhaled.** Choose disposable ones and change them after each training session. Wash all your equipment as soon as you return home so as to get rid of any pollen that might have clung to it.



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 6:15pm Pointless
 7:00pm BBC News at Six
 7:30pm BBC London News
 8:00pm The One Show
 8:30pm EastEnders
 9:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook
 10:00pm Ambulance
 11:00pm BBC News at Ten
 11:30pm BBC London News
 11:45pm Question Time
 12:45am The Big Crash Diet Experiment
 1:45am Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

8:15am Hardball
 9:00am Love in the Countryside
 10:00am Victoria Derbyshire
 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live
 1:00pm Perfection
 1:45pm Rio Conchos
 3:30pm Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness
 4:30pm Edwardian Farm
 5:30pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip
 7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games
 7:30pm Curious Creatures
 8:00pm Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life
 9:00pm Springwatch
 10:00pm Million Pound Menu
 11:00pm The League of Gentlemen
 11:30pm Newsnight
 12:15am The Drug Trial: Emergency at the Hospital
 1:15am The Bridge
 2:15am My Year with the Tribe
 3:15am Red Ape: Saving the Orangutan
 4:15am This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

5:00am This is BBC Four
 8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
 8:30pm Top of the Pops
 9:00pm Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey
 10:00pm City in the Sky
 11:00pm Missions
 11:25pm Missions
 11:50pm Tim Peake Special: How to be an Astronaut
 Documentary providing a remarkable insight into the world of an astronaut.
 12:00am Pain, Pus and Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines
 1:00am Horizon
 For centuries we have dreamt of reaching the centre of the Earth.
 2:00am The Joy of Stats
 3:00am Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey
 4:00am City in the Sky
 5:00am This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

5:55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems
 6:10am Fifteen to One
 7:00am Countdown
 7:45am King of Queens
 8:10am King of Queens
 8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:00am Everybody Loves Raymond
 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond
 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 Find it, Fix it, Flog it
 3:10pm Countdown
 4:00pm A Place in the Sun
 5:00pm The £100k Drop
 6:00pm Come Dine with Me
 7:00pm The Simpsons
 7:30pm Hollyoaks
 8:00pm Channel 4 News
 9:00pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
 10:00pm Humans
 11:00pm First Dates
 12:05am 24 Hours in Police Custody
 1:10am The Great British Sex Survey

CHANNEL 5

9:05am Paw Patrol
 9:25am Flogals
 9:40am Digby Dragon
 9:55am Nella the Princess Knight
 10:05am Mofy
 10:15am The Wright Stuff
 12:15pm Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
 1:10pm 5 News Lunchtime
 1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
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 2:45pm Neighbours
 3:20pm Celebrity Five Go Bargaining
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 6:00pm 5 News at 5
 6:30pm Neighbours
 7:00pm Home and Away
 7:30pm 5 News Tonight
 8:00pm All New Traffic Cops
 9:00pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
 10:00pm Pompeii's Final Hours: New Evidence
 11:00pm The World's Toughest Prison
 12:05am Criminals Caught on Camera
 12:35am Bellator 200 Highlights

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9:00am New Girl
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 9:00pm Young Sheldon
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 10:00pm Brooklyn Nine-Nine
 10:30pm Let's Get Physical
 11:00pm The Inbetweeners
 11:35pm Friday Night Dinner
 12:05am The Big Bang Theory
 12:35am 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 Live European Tour Golf
 6:00pm Cricket
 The Windies meet a team from the Rest of the World in a fundraising T20 match at Lord's.
 10:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf Day one of the Memorial Tournament from the Muirfield Village Country Club in Dublin, Ohio.
 12:30am Live Women's US Open Golf
 2:00am Sky Sports News All the news from the Premier League and beyond
 3:00am Sky Sports News
 4:00am Sky Sports News
 5:00am Sky Sports News

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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
 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 Britain's Got Talent Live Show
 10:00pm Coronation Street
 10:30pm Britain's Got Talent
 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
 11:35pm ITV News London
 11:50pm Great Art
 12:50am Lethal Weapon
 1:40am Jackpot247
 4:00am ITV Nightscreen

itv2

8:55am Emmerdale
 9:25am Coronation Street
 9:55am You've Been Framed!
 10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 11:20am The Bachelor
 12:20pm You've Been Framed!
 1:15pm Emmerdale
 1:45pm Coronation Street
 2:15pm You've Been Framed!
 2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show
 6:00pm Britain's Got Talent
 7:30pm Britain's Got Talent
 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 Britain's Got More Talent Live
 12:05am Family Guy
 12:35am American Dad!

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3:30am Teleshopping
 7:00am Classic Coronation Street
 7:30am Classic Coronation Street
 7:55am Heartbeat
 9:00am The Royal
 10:05am Judge Judy
 10:30am Judge Judy
 11:00am Judge Judy
 11:30am A Touch of Frost
 1:30pm The Royal
 2:35pm Heartbeat
 3:40pm Classic Coronation Street
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 4:45pm On the Buses
 5:20pm On the Buses
 5:55pm Rising Damp
 6:20pm George and Mildred
 6:55pm Heartbeat
 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
 9:00pm Endeavour
 11:00pm Undeniable
 12:00am Undeniable
 1:05am Agatha Christie's Poirot
 3:00am ITV3 Nightscreen
 3:30am Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am Teleshopping
 7:00am The Chase
 8:00am The Protectors
 8:30am Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
 9:30am Isle of Man TT
 10:30am French Open: Roland-Garros Live
 10:00pm Isle of Man TT
 The build-up to the Isle of Man TT races begins here, with a look at the track, racers and riders.
 11:00pm TT Blues
 12:00am Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
 1:00am Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
 2:05am FYI Daily
 2:10am Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach
 2:55am Minder
 Terry investigates when thugs vandalise several taxis and brutalise drivers of Candy Cabs.
 4:00am Teleshopping

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7:00am Charlie's Angels
 8:45am Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
 10:45am The A-Team
 12:45pm Battleship
 3:10pm Charlie's Angels
 5:00pm Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle
 7:00pm The A-Team
 9:00pm Battleship
 11:15pm Kill Bill: Vol. 1
 1:15am Kill Bill Vol.2

sky CINEMA COMEDY

5:45am Police Academy 7: Mission to Moscow
 7:15am Top Ten Show, the 2018
 7:35am Wilson
 9:20am The Waterboy
 11:00am Love Actually
 1:20pm Bridget Jones's Baby
 3:30pm Girls Trip
 5:40pm Made of Honour
 7:30pm 30 Minutes or Less
 9:00pm Bridget Jones's Baby
 11:10pm Girls Trip
 1:20am Bridesmaids
 3:30am High Anxiety

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5:10am Cop and a Half: New Recruit
 7:00am Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
 8:30am The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
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 11:25pm Bad Match
 1:00am The BRITs are Coming
 2:50am Patient Seven
 5:00am Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
 5:30am Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders

sky sports football

10:00am Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 10:30am EFL Greatest Games
 11:00am Championship 15/16 Season Review
 12:00pm One2eleven
 12:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
 1:00pm Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
 2:00pm EFL Greatest Games
 3:00pm Football Countdowns
 3:30pm MLS Round Up Show
 4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
 4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
 5:00pm Scottish Cup Greatest Games
 5:30pm EFL Greatest Games
 6:00pm Football Years
 6:30pm Football Countdowns
 7:00pm Stars of Russia
 7:30pm Destination Russia 2018
 8:00pm EFL Greatest Games
 8:30pm EFL Greatest Games
 9:00pm League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
 10:00pm Stars of Russia
 10:30pm Destination Russia 2018
 11:00pm Football's Greatest Teams

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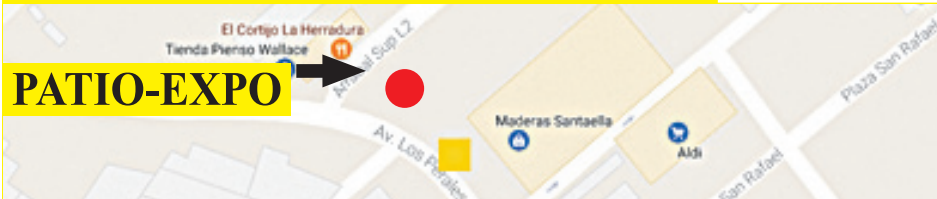
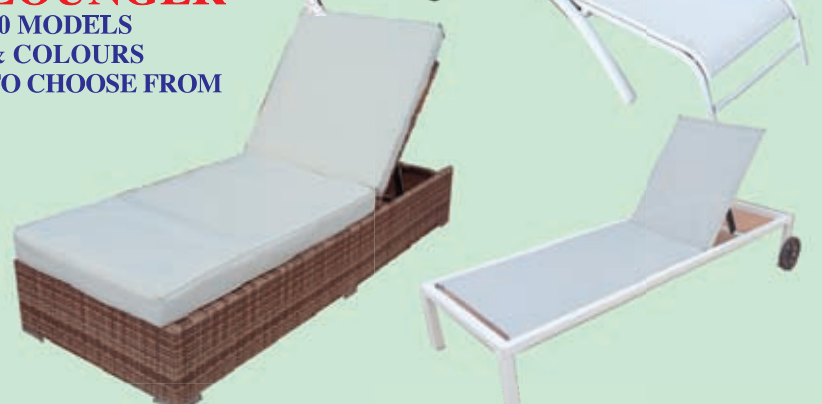


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2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Flog It!
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	The Button
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You
10:30pm	Tracey Breaks the News
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show
12:25am	Peter Kay's Car Share

BBC TWO

11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Neighbourhood Blues
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
1:38pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Flog It!
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
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11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show

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 <i>Powell and Mike Read present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 17 October 1985</i>
9:00pm	Top of the Pops
10:00pm	The Everly Brothers: Harmonies From Heaven
11:00pm	Africa: A Journey Into Music
12:00am	Top of the Pops
12:30am	Glam Rock at the BBC
1:30am	Oh You Pretty Things: The Story of Music and Fashion
2:30am	The Everly Brothers: Harmonies From Heaven
3:30am	Africa: A Journey Into Music

CHANNEL 4

7:45am	King of Queens
8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
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	Find it, Fix it, Flog it
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Get Fit Fast
10:00pm	Gogglebox
11:00pm	Friday Night Dinner
11:30pm	High and Dry
12:05am	First Dates
1:05am	Seven Psychopaths

CHANNEL 5

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:25am	Floogals
9:35am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Celebrity Five Go Barging
4:15pm	The Husband She Met Online
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Cricket on 5: England v Pakistan
9:00pm	Terror in the Air: Flights Out of Control
10:00pm	Pompeii's Final Hours: New Evidence
11:00pm	Pompeii
12:00am	5 News
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9:00am	New Girl
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:00am	Black-ish
11:30am	Black-ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
3:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
4:00pm	New Girl
5:00pm	Black-ish
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
7:00pm	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	47 Ronin
12:20am	The Big Bang Theory
12:50am	The Big Bang Theory
1:15am	First Dates
2:20am	Tattoo Fixers on Holiday
3:25am	Natural World
4:15am	Rude Tube
5:10am	Rude(Ish) Tube
5:30am	Couples Come Dine with Me

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	Cricket <i>Day one of the second Test as England meet Pakistan at Headingley.</i>
8:00pm	Cricket
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:30am	Live Us Women's Open Golf <i>Day two of the US Women's Open from Shoal Creek Golf and Country Club in Alabama</i>
2:00am	Sky Sports News
3:00am	Sky Sports News
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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4:00am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:25pm	ITV News London
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Britain's Got Talent Live Show
10:00pm	Coronation Street
10:30pm	Britain's Got Talent
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:35pm	ITV News London
11:50pm	Hot Fuzz
1:55am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Take on the Twisters
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
12:45pm	You've Been Framed!
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
2:15pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
6:00pm	Britain's Got Talent
7:30pm	Britain's Got Talent
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Family Guy
10:30pm	Family Guy
11:00pm	Britain's Got More Talent Live
12:05am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

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7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:25am	Judge Judy
10:50am	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
5:55pm	Rising Damp
6:25pm	George and Mildred
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Endeavour
11:00pm	Brief Encounters
12:00am	Brief Encounters
1:05am	Rising Damp
2:55am	A Touch of Frost
4:40am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
8:00am	The Protectors
8:30am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
9:30am	Isle of Man TT <i>The build-up to the Isle of Man TT races begins here, with a look at the track, racers and riders.</i>
10:30am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live <i>John Inverdale presents action from Paris as the third round of the competition begins.</i>
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT <i>The story of qualifying as the Isle of Man prepares to go TT racing.</i>
11:00pm	Goodfellas
12:15am	FYI Daily
12:20am	Goodfellas
1:55am	The Americans
2:55am	Fifth Gear
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	Robin Hood
9:00am	Premium Rush
10:45am	The Accountant
1:00pm	Atomic Blonde
3:00pm	Highlander
5:00pm	Premium Rush
6:45pm	The Accountant
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Highlander
1:10am	Universal Soldier
3:10am	Species
5:10am	Robin Hood

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10:15am	Brewster's Millions
12:00pm	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby
2:05pm	Baywatch
4:05pm	Table 19
5:40pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy
7:20pm	Blue Streak
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:00pm	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy

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5:30am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
7:00am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
8:50am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
10:35am	War for the Planet of the Apes
1:10pm	American Made
3:20pm	The BRITs are Coming
5:10pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
5:40pm	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
7:15pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
9:00pm	American Made
11:00pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
1:25am	Bad Match
3:05am	Patient Seven
5:15am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit

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12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
2:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	Football Countdowns
3:30pm	One2eleven
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
7:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
8:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
9:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
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11:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Athletics
3:00pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup
5:35pm	Escape to the Country
6:20pm	Celebrity Mastermind
6:50pm	BBC News
7:00pm	Regional News
7:03pm	Weather
7:05pm	Shrek 2
8:30pm	Pointless
9:20pm	Casualty
10:10pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's
11:10pm	BBC News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Meet the Fockers
1:20am	The Button
1:50am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:55am	BBC News

BBC TWO

8:05am	The Pets Factor
8:30am	The Dengineers
9:00am	Super Tech
9:30am	Beyond Bionic
10:00am	Steve Backshall v the Monster Mountain
11:00am	Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	SAS: Rogue Warriors
2:00pm	The World According to Kids
3:00pm	Money for Nothing
3:30pm	Second Chance Summer: Tuscany
4:30pm	Love in the Countryside
5:30pm	Flog It!
6:20pm	Grammar Schools
7:20pm	The Forest
7:50pm	Dad's Army
8:20pm	Ladies in Lavender
10:00pm	Nothing Like a Dame
11:30pm	All Girls Live at the Apollo
12:15am	Later Weekend with Jools Holland
1:15am	Quartet
2:45am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	The Burrowers: Animals Underground
9:00pm	Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise
10:00pm	Inspector Montalbano
11:50pm	Sicily: The Wonder of the Mediterranean
12:50am	Top of the Pops
1:20am	Top of the Pops
1:50am	Kate Bush at the BBC
2:50am	Hot Chocolate at the BBC
3:50am	How to Get Ahead: At Renaissance Court

CHANNEL 4

9:20am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:50am	Frasier
10:20am	Frasier
10:50am	The Big Bang Theory
11:20am	The Big Bang Theory
11:50am	The Simpsons
12:20pm	The Simpsons
12:45pm	Come Dine with Me
1:50pm	Four in a Bed
2:20pm	Four in a Bed
2:55pm	Four in a Bed
3:25pm	Four in a Bed
3:55pm	Four in a Bed
4:25pm	A Place in the Sun
5:30pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it
6:30pm	The Secret Life of the Zoo
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Iron Man 2
10:20pm	Rugby Union Coverage of the latest Rugby Union action.
1:15am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
2:05am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
4:20am	Building the Dream
5:15am	My Kitchen Rules

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Great Scientists
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:15am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:50am	Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:15pm	Police Interceptors
1:05pm	Police Interceptors
3:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
5:05pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
6:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:05pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:55pm	5 News
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
9:00pm	Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family
10:00pm	Elizabeth I: Death of a Dynasty
11:00pm	Agatha Christie's Crooked House
1:15am	Super Casino
4:10am	The Cabin in the Woods

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7:00am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:30am	Rude(ish) Tube
7:55am	New Girl
8:25am	New Girl
8:50am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
11:00am	Don't Tell the Bride
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
2:55pm	The Core
5:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	Speed
12:20am	Gogglebox
1:25am	Gogglebox
2:25am	Tattoo Fixers on Holiday
3:30am	Rude Tube

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6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Rugby Archive
7:10am	Rugby Union
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Cricket
10:30am	Cricket
11:00am	Cricket
8:00pm	Cricket
8:30pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Live Women's Us Open Golf
1:00am	Destination Russia 2018
1:30am	Football
3:35am	Football's Greatest Teams
4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News

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7:10am	Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids
7:35am	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
7:45am	Super 4
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	The Haunted Hathaways
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	Who's Doing the Dishes?
1:20pm	ITV Lunchtime News
1:30pm	Little Big Shots
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
6:00pm	International Football: England v Nigeria Live
8:30pm	Info not available
11:15pm	International Football Highlights: England v Nigeria

itv2

7:00am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:10am	The Planet's Funniest Animals
7:35am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:40am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:05pm	Britain's Got Talent
1:40pm	Britain's Got Talent
2:10pm	Ninja Warrior UK
3:15pm	You've Been Framed!
4:15pm	Red Riding Hood
5:15pm	FYI Daily
5:20pm	Red Riding Hood
6:20pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
9:00pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
10:05pm	FYI Daily
10:10pm	The Amazing Spider-Man
11:40pm	Family Guy
12:10am	Family Guy

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5:30am	Love Your Garden
6:25am	Judge Judy
6:45am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Love Your Garden
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote
8:50am	Murder, She Wrote
9:55am	The Likely Lads
11:40am	A Touch of Frost
1:35pm	A Touch of Frost
3:45pm	Columbo: By Dawn's Early Light
5:50pm	Lewis
8:00pm	Endeavour
10:00pm	Endeavour
12:00am	A Touch of Frost
2:15am	On the Buses
2:40am	On the Buses
3:10am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Motorsport UK
8:00am	Isle of Man TT
9:00am	BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights
10:00am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:00am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live Coverage of the French Open Tennis from Roland Garros, the second Grand Slam of the year.
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT
11:00pm	Platoon
12:10am	FYI Daily
12:15am	Platoon
1:25am	This is the End
2:30am	FYI Daily
2:35am	This is the End
3:35am	Football Rivalries
3:50am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:00am	Dick Tracy
11:00am	Avatar
2:00pm	Jarhead 3: The Siege
3:45pm	Goal!
5:50pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special Armageddon
6:20pm	Avatar
9:00pm	Goal!
2:00am	Desperado
4:00am	Walking Tall
5:30am	Dick Tracy

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5:40am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:10am	Raising Arizona
8:50am	Uncle Buck
10:40am	Love Actually
1:00pm	Shallow Hal
3:00pm	Role Models
4:50pm	Fist Fight
6:30pm	Norbit
8:20pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
10:00pm	Role Models
11:45pm	Fist Fight
1:25am	Superbad

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5:15am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
7:00am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
8:30am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
10:15am	War for the Planet of the Apes
12:40pm	American Made
2:40pm	Info not available
4:45pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
6:30pm	War for the Planet of the Apes
9:00pm	American Made
11:00pm	Info not available
1:00am	The BRITs are Coming
2:40am	Viking
5:00am	Bad Match

sky sports football

12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	England's Road to Russia
2:00pm	England's Road to Russia
3:00pm	England's Road to Russia
3:30pm	One2eleven
4:00pm	Championship Play-Off Final Highlights
5:00pm	League 1 Play-Off Final Highlights
6:00pm	League 2 Play-Off Final Highlights
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
7:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
8:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	England's Road to Russia
9:00pm	England's Road to Russia
10:00pm	England's Road to Russia
11:00pm	Football
1:05am	One2eleven
1:20am	One2eleven
1:30am	Football

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Britain's Secret Charity Cheats
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Crimewatch Roadshow Live
12:45pm	Close Calls: On Camera
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Doctors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country
4:00pm	Flog It!
4:45pm	Garden Rescue
5:30pm	Hardball
6:15pm	Pointless
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Panorama
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Suffragettes with Lucy Worsley
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12:30am	The Graham Norton Show

BBC TWO

7:00am	Flog It!
7:30am	Countryfile Spring Diaries
8:15am	Garden Rescue
9:00am	Antiques Roadshow
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	The Daily Politics
2:00pm	Perfection
2:45pm	For What It's Worth
3:30pm	Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness
4:30pm	Edwardian Farm
5:30pm	Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games
7:30pm	Curious Creatures
8:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys
9:00pm	Springwatch
10:00pm	Versailles
11:00pm	QI
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Journey in the Danger Zone: Iraq
1:15am	Panorama
1:45am	Countryfile Royal Special

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Canals: The Making of a Nation <i>Liz McIvor explores how the nation's canals were saved following years of post-war neglect, becoming places of tranquillity and popular for boating holidays.</i>
9:00pm	Castles: Britain's Fortified History
10:00pm	South Downs
11:00pm	I Was There Kate Adie on Tiananmen Square.
12:00am	Versailles: The Dream of a King
1:00am	The Secret Life of the Motorway
2:00am	Ice Age Giants
3:00am	What a Performance! Pioneers of Popular Entertainment
4:00am	Castles: Britain's Fortified History

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:05am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	Celebrity Undercover Boss USA
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Coast v Country
2:05pm	Find it Fix it Flog it
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	The £100k Drop
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food
9:30pm	Tricks of the Restaurant Trade
10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody
11:00pm	Gogglebox
12:00am	4 Men, 175 Babies: Britain's Super Sperm Donors.
1:05am	First Dates
2:00am	The Secret Life of the Zoo
2:55am	The Supervet

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Divine Designs
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
4:20pm	Killer in Paradise
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
9:00pm	Police Interceptors
10:00pm	The Space Shuttle: Triumph and Tragedy
11:00pm	Traffic Cops
12:05am	Criminals Caught on Camera
1:05am	Fights, Camera, Action
2:00am	Super Casino

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8:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
9:00am	New Girl
10:00am	2 Broke Girls
11:00am	Black-ish
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
3:00pm	Melissa and Joey
3:30pm	Melissa and Joey
4:00pm	Baby Daddy
5:00pm	Black-ish
5:30pm	Black-ish
6:00pm	The Goldbergs
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10:00pm	The Inbetweeners Movie
12:00am	The Big Bang Theory
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1:00am	Gogglebox
2:05am	First Dates
3:10am	Tattoo Fixers
4:05am	Rude Tube
4:55am	Rude Tube
5:25am	Rude(ish) Tube

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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	Cricket
11:30am	Cricket <i>Day four of the second Test as England host Pakistan at Headingley.</i>
8:30pm	Info not available
9:00pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	My Icon
5:30am	My Icon
5:45am	My Icon

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9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Info not available
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	On Assignment
12:15am	Info not available
1:15am	Jackpot247
4:00am	The Jeremy Kyle Show

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8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
8:55am	Emmerdale
9:25am	Coronation Street
9:55am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	Coronation Street
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	Take Me Out
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	Family Guy
11:30pm	American Dad!
12:00am	American Dad!
12:30am	The Cleveland Show

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6:05am	George and Mildred
6:30am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:55am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
10:00am	Judge Judy
10:30am	Judge Judy
10:55am	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
5:55pm	Rising Damp
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
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

7:00am	The Chase
8:00am	The Chase
9:00am	The Protectors
9:30am	Isle of Man TT <i>Highlights from the opening sidecar race of the Isle of Man TT - the Sidecar race A.</i>
10:30am	French Open: Roland-Garros Live
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT
11:00pm	Cycling: Criterium Du Dauphine <i>Highlights from a hilly first stage from Valence to Saint-Just-Saint-Rambert.</i>
12:00am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
1:00am	River Monsters
2:05am	Motorsport UK <i>Coverage of the most exciting motor sport from around Britain.</i>
3:05am	Ax Men
4:00am	Teleshopping <i>Shopping from home.</i>

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8:45am	Keanu
10:30am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
12:50pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
3:00pm	The Great Wall
4:50pm	Keanu
6:35pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
9:00pm	King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
11:15pm	The Great Wall
1:05am	Kill Zone 2

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9:30am	Barbershop: The Next Cut
11:30am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:50am	The Other Guys
1:50pm	Table 19
3:25pm	This is the End
5:20pm	The Nutty Professor
7:05pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
9:00pm	This is the End
11:00pm	The Other Guys
1:00am	Stuck on You
3:05am	48 Hrs

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4:05am	Viking
6:30am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
7:00am	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
8:45am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
10:15am	Grey Lady
12:15pm	American Made
2:15pm	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
4:05pm	The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
5:50pm	To be Announced
8:00pm	American Made
10:00pm	Mother! <i>Psychological horror about a married couple whose isolated home is invaded by mysterious strangers.</i>
12:10am	Grey Lady
2:10am	Bad Match
3:40am	The BRITs are Coming
5:20am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit

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12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Info not available
2:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	England's Road to Russia
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
7:30pm	Stars of Russia
8:00pm	England's Road to Russia
8:30pm	England's Road to Russia
9:00pm	Info not available
9:30pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Destination Russia 2018
10:30pm	Destination Russia 2018
11:00pm	England's Road to Russia
11:30pm	England's Road to Russia

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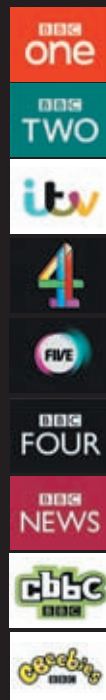


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11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Misfits Like Us
12:30am	Stacey Dooley Investigates
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:35am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:30am	Britain's Secret Charity Cheats
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9:00am	Top of the Shop with Tom Kerridge
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1:15am	Britain's Best Home Cook
2:15am	Burma with Simon Reeve

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Iolo's Snowdonia
9:00pm	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction
10:00pm	Africa <i>David Attenborough takes a breathtaking journey through the vast and diverse continent of Africa as it has never been seen before.</i>
11:00pm	Africa's Great Civilisations
12:00am	Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture
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12:00am	24 Hours in Police Custody
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7:30pm	5 News Tonight
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sky sports main event

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2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Smackdown
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5:00am	Sky Sports News

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4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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11:45pm	Killer Women with Piers Morgan
12:45am	Info not available
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itv2

7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?
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itv4

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7:00am	Football's Greatest <i>A profile of the legendary Dutch master, Johan Cruyff.</i>
7:15am	The Chase
8:20am	The Chase
9:20am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
10:20am	Quincy, M.E.
11:20am	Minder
12:25pm	Isle of Man TT
1:30pm	French Open: Roland-Garros Live TT Blues
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11:00pm	Cycling: Criterium Du Dauphine Highlights <i>Best bits from Stage 2 - another hilly course from Montbrison to Belleville en Beaujolais.</i>
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10:50am	Spider-Man 3
1:15pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
1:45pm	Jurassic Park
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2:15am	Conan the Barbarian
7:00am	All About Steve
8:45am	This is Spinal Tap
10:15am	Growing Up Smith
12:05pm	Evolution
1:55pm	Role Models
3:45pm	Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story
5:25pm	Nutty Professor II: The Klumps
7:20pm	Liar Liar
9:00pm	Role Models
10:45pm	Evolution
12:40am	White Chicks
2:40am	Another 48 Hrs
4:25am	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:20am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
7:00am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders <i>Batman and Robin have their hands full when Penguin, The Joker, Riddler and Catwoman join forces.</i>
8:30am	Anon: Special
9:00am	Grey Lady
11:00am	American Made
1:05pm	Pirates of Somalia
3:15pm	The BRITs are Coming
5:05pm	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders
6:40pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:00pm	Grey Lady
9:00pm	American Made
11:00pm	Most Beautiful Island
12:30am	Mother!
2:40am	Pirates of Somalia
4:45am	Avengers: Infinity War Special
5:15am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit

sky sports football

9:30am	Destination Russia 2018
10:00am	MLS Round Up Show
10:30am	EFL Greatest Games
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12:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Info not available
2:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
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3:00pm	England's Road to Russia
4:00pm	Football's Greatest
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
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Shall we Split from being told how to think?



**TV COUCH
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

DID you catch the final episode of BBC1's drama *The Split* on Tuesday night? To summarise, Nicola Walker played Hannah Stern, a London-based divorce lawyer wanting to break the money hungry image of her contemporaries and practise with decency and honesty... haven't we been here before?

If you remember the cliché breakfast, power jacket and too high heels of episode one, you are probably a bigger fan than most, but there were some brilliantly written pieces too, Stephen Tompkinson and Meera Syal splitting for example.

Writer Abi Morgan did try and cover some challenging topics, the football ace and the glamour model who argued over a pre-nup, but for me the 'this is mid-week TV' language got in the way. I apologise in advance for what comes next, but



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CONTROVERSIAL: *The Battle for Britain's Heroes*.

would anyone actually describe a pre-nup as something written by the head for when the heart has forgotten that it once loved - you are a glamour model love, ditch the bloke in shorts, shove the pre-nup down his socks and go find a guy who wants to be with you for better or worse.

The series ended with a run of events most of us could see coming a mile away and a wedding. Not sure about a second series, maybe move it to Sunday and stop playing it safe?

Maybe Hannah could hook up with the footballer and show him ex-

actly where that pre-nup should be shoved or maybe we should just accept that Tuesday, Wednesday and half of Thursday's TV is safe, lovely and wrapped up in a nice cup of tea and an iced bun?

Sticking with Tuesday's TV, if you want to make your blood boil search

out Channel 4's *The Battle for Britain's Heroes*, which aired on Tuesday this week. Afua Hirsch is our guide for this troll back through Britain's history to find fault. Afua is a writer and journalist. If you have heard of her (I hadn't) she recently had a spat with Piers Morgan about her own, personal views, about Winston Churchill. If there was ever a good way to publicise your own

show Afua, a

here, but suggesting Churchill, Nelson and others should not be celebrated as British heroes probably crosses a line for most of us. You can see the show on Channel 4 Catch Up, but please have some rosehip tea somewhere close if you do.

Looking ahead, *ITV Racing Live* has coverage of The Derby from Epsom on Saturday afternoon. It's a classic.

I want to close with two look backs; firstly, Cornelia Frances died this week in Australia. Best known for her part in *Home & Away*, this Liver Bird also had parts in *Sons & Daughters*, *The Young Doctors* and was the host of the Aussie version of *The Weakest Link*. Thanks Cornelia.

Second, if you made it through the final *Peter Kay's Car Share* BBC1 Sunday, without crying, well done.

A little bit like *Benidorm* I can't quite believe the show has finished. Unlike *Benidorm*, *Car Share* can still command an audience in the millions, brilliant work Peter and Sian.

Happy Viewing.



NOT SMITTEN: *The Split*.

spat with Piers will do just nicely.

Now, I'm risking people saying I'm swaying into Leapy territory

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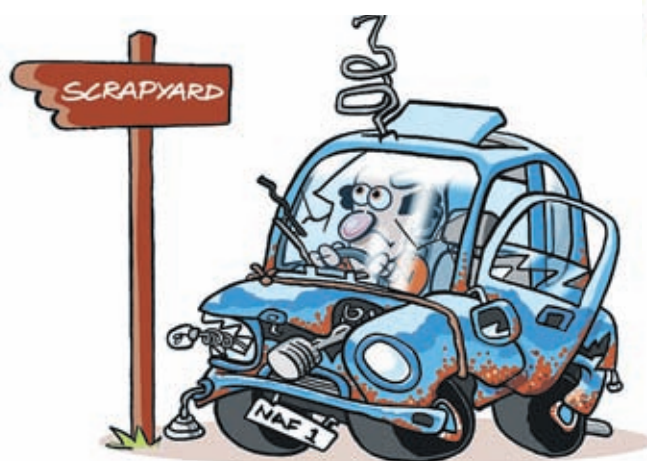
GOD forbid this should happen to you but if your vehicle is treated as a total loss (also known as a 'write-off') it is because the cost of the repair is higher than 75 per cent of the actual cash value of the vehicle or it has sustained so much damage making it unsafe and not roadworthy.

We really hope you won't ever be involved in this situation but it is best to be aware of some important aspects and to be really clued up.

For example, Liberty Seguros recommends having third-party with theft, fire and total loss, because in cases where the client has third-party coverage only and it is their fault, you will have no right to compensation.

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Most insurance companies compensate the total loss with the sale value of



WRITE-OFFS: Know what can happen to the value of your car.

the vehicle but bear in mind that after three years of your car's life, depending on the car, it may have depreciated by up to 50 per cent or more, so your compensation won't be that good!

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Although no one wants to lose their car due to an accident, it's always better to think about what different insurance companies can offer you, espe-

cially if you have just bought a new car! Just think, you will feel more content knowing that your car will still be worth the price you paid for it for up to two years after you bought it.

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BBC FOUR

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8:30pm	Canals: The Making of a Nation
9:00pm	Caribbean with Simon Reeve <i>Travel series. Simon begins his journey on the remote coast of Nicaragua, a country on the brink of monumental change</i>
10:00pm	Big Sky, Big Dreams, Big Art: Made in the USA
11:00pm	Black and British: A Forgotten History
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4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
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5:20pm	On the Buses
5:50pm	Rising Damp
6:20pm	George and Mildred
6:55pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	The Street
12:20am	The Street
1:35am	Vera
3:15am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Goals of the 90s
7:10am	The Chase
8:15am	Cycling: Tour Series Highlights
9:15am	Ironsides
10:20am	Quincy, M.E.
11:20am	Minder <i>Drama series about a loveable rogue and his reluctant sidekick.</i>
12:25pm	Isle of Man TT <i>Highlights from the production race of the Isle of Man TT - the Superstock TT.</i>
1:30pm	French Open: Roland-Garros Live
9:00pm	TT Blues
10:00pm	Isle of Man TT
11:00pm	Cycling: Criterium Du Dauphine
12:00am	River Monsters
1:05am	The Americans <i>In the series finale, the Jennings face a choice that will change their lives forever.</i>
2:05am	Lethal Weapon
3:00am	Ax Men

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

9:00am	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
9:30am	Salt
11:25am	Robin Hood
2:00pm	Goal!
4:00pm	Solo: A Star Wars Story: Special
4:30pm	Tarzan
6:30pm	Robin Hood
9:00pm	Goal!
11:00pm	Salt
12:50am	The Accountant

sky CINEMA COMEDY

6:00am	Splash
8:00am	Patch Adams
10:00am	The Cable Guy
11:45am	The Dictator
1:15pm	Girls Trip
3:25pm	As Good as it Gets
5:50pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
7:30pm	The Dictator
9:00pm	Girls Trip
11:10pm	T2: Trainspotting
1:10am	30 Minutes or Less
2:40am	Coming to America
4:40am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:15am	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
7:00am	Grey Lady
9:00am	Batman: Return of the Caped Crusaders <i>Batman and Robin have their hands full when Penguin, The Joker, Riddler and Catwoman join forces.</i>
10:30am	Pirates of Somalia
12:40pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:00pm	American Made
3:05pm	Grey Lady
5:05pm	Cop and a Half: New Recruit
6:50pm	Pirates of Somalia
9:00pm	American Made
11:00pm	Brothers in Arms
1:20am	Mother! <i>Psychological horror about a married couple whose isolated home is invaded by mysterious strangers.</i>
3:25am	Most Beautiful Island
4:55am	Bad Match

sky sports football

11:30am	Info not available
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	To be Announced
2:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
3:00pm	England's Road to Russia
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Stars of Russia
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Joke in a lift that doesn't go down well

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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HEARD about the sexism complaint recently filed at an academic conference in San Francisco? The one by Simona Sharoni, an American professor of women's and gender studies, against Richard Ned Lebow, a British professor of international political theory who, when asked which floor he wanted in a lift, replied: 'ladies' lingerie.'

There are at least two issues here. First off, the daft victim status those like Professor Sharoni adopt. Secondly, the potential she has to cause Professor Lebow to face an investigation, possibly a tribunal and/or lose his job. The first is amusing material for satire. The second is serious and really quite alarming.

I'd be really keen to know which part of 'ladies' lingerie' gave such pain and concern to super-snowflake Prof Sharoni? Was it 'lingerie'? Is this an offensive word because it implies (maybe) flimsy, frilly sort of stuff? And because the Prof appeared to think this sort of thing was, generally speaking, for ladies? Or was the offensive word 'ladies'? There are now zillions of genders, and I'm not sure that 'lady' is even one of them.

Whatever next! These silly women are throwing away the gains made over generations. No-one, man or woman, has a right not to be offended. And if you are offended by poor jokes, you have too little of real worth going on in your life. This culture in which everyone has to be a victim of something or someone is, psycho-



WRONG FLOOR: Just the mention of ladies lingerie causes upset to Simona Sharon (inset).

logically speaking, very unhealthy. Those who genuinely have been victimised need support to survive and work through it, not useless pity. Most are victims of nothing more than the fact that to live in society requires compromises with others.

Will there ever be an end to absurdities like this? Is this the future when we're all getting into driverless cars and asking robots to make us a cuppa? For any Just William fans amongst you out there, sometimes I just want to go the full Violet Elizabeth Bott, and queam and queam until I'm thick...

Anyway, please, Professor Lebow - don't apologise. Men's knitwear, anyone?

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

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Must they pay for new drains?

Q. Some of the residents on our urbanisation have received a demand for between €2,000 and €5,000 from the property developer. See the attached letter, which says the town hall has ordered the installation of two new pumping stations and a wastewater drain. Further, we will then have to apply to connect to this new system. We had no knowledge of this work being carried out; the first we knew about it was when we received the demand. Can you advise us of our legal position on this matter?

W M (Costa Blanca)

A. First, talk to your Community President for clarification. When the town

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



hall provides services, they can legally require that necessary installations be made. No Community vote is required. The question is whether the original developer must pay for these because he did not provide them in the first place, or whether the property owners themselves must pay. You probably need a lawyer to defend your interests in this matter because it apparently does not affect your entire Community.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana and Associates in Fuengirola at Ask@lawtaxspain.com, or call 952 667 090.

Good luck with it all!

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHEN Twitter recently asked me to update my terms of service, I did what any responsible grumpy old git would do - I accepted the new terms without reading them so I could get back to the next hand of poker. But when Facebook, Ryanair, Uber, PayPal, Linea Directa and basically every company I had an app for, or that I did stuff with, all started notifying me, with similar urgent language, I began to grow suspicious. And I wasn't alone.

My Mrs expressed her annoyance, and I am sure I am not the only one that wants to know: WHY? While a call for better data protection, in the light of Cambridge Analytica, is a good, albeit naïve guess (did you really think any sites would fix their shady practices THAT quickly?), the answer traces back to a decision made two years ago by the European Union.

In April 2016, after four years of debate, the European Parliament voted to approve a law called 'General Data Protection Regulation.' The law went into effect on May 25, 2018, hence why you've been flooded with notifications. Organisations that are non-compliant risk fines of up to 4 per cent of their annual

global turnover, or up to €20 million.

All of the reforms going into effect are designed to help us punters gain a greater level of control over our data, while offering more transparency through data collection. Here in layman's terms are a few that caught my eye:

1. Obtaining consent - the terms of consent must be clear. This means they can't stuff your terms and conditions with complex language designed to confuse their users. Consent must be easily given and freely withdrawn at any time.

2. Timely Breach Notification - if a security breach occurs, they have 72 hours to report the data breach to both their customers and any data controllers if their company is large enough to require a GDPR data controller. Failure to report breaches within this timeframe will lead to fines.

3. Right to be Forgotten - also known as the right to data deletion, once the original purpose or use of their customer's data has been realised, their customers have the right to request that they totally erase their personal data.

OK, so by now you have got bored with reading all this stuff as I have and will just sign it all anyway. Oh and by the way, included in all this you will be giving all your email suppliers - AOL, Yahoo, Gmail etc permission to read all your emails! Good luck with it all!

mikesenker@gmail.com



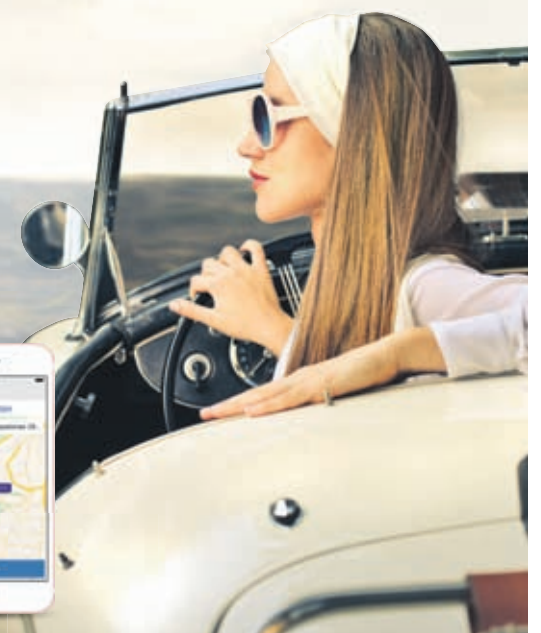
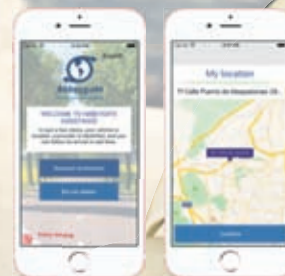
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Death in Benidorm may be due to Man of War

ON Monday May 21 my friends and I were sitting on Levante Beach, Benidorm when we noticed an incident.

An elderly man was brought ashore where lifeguards started to perform CPR, they worked so hard to save him for approximately 40 minutes, even after the ambulances arrived, but sadly it turned out to be in vain as he was eventually pronounced dead.

My heart went out to his wife who was present at the time. The Spanish lady was comforted by fellow bathers and eventually escorted from the beach with the female doctor who had arrived to tend to her husband.

I don't know if the man got in trouble whilst swimming in the water or had a heart attack but the coincidence was that we briefly left the beach to take refreshments after such a sad scene and on our return the red flag and the white one underneath it showing a jellyfish symbol were being flown.

We spoke to one of the lifeguards and everybody had been told to stay out of the water as jelly

Estepona flowers put Marbella into the shade

I MUST congratulate the mayor of Estepona Jose Maria Garcia for putting on an amazing array of flowers and plants when entering the town from every direction and in the town.

Together with all the sculptures and pedestrian streets with pots of geranium plants and beautiful promenade, the town has been transformed to a real alternative tourist spot to Marbella.

This has also encouraged a large amount of outside investment benefiting the town tremendously.

I think the current mayor of Marbella Angeles Muñoz should take a visit to Estepona to see what has happened and maybe she should



Credit: Turista Inglesa Wikimedia

ESTEPONA: Garden of the Costa del Sol.

invest similar funds to her town which is beginning to look a bit shabby.

Paul Wilkinson, Nueva Andalucia, Marbella

fish had been spotted.

Whether or not this was just coincidence or it had something to do with the man's death I don't know.

Robert Sanders, Benidorm

Good point

DEAR Leapy, I read your latest article with interest.

One thing that never seems to get a mention is that Ramadan generally starts just before GCSE exams start. Hardly fair on pupils is it, to be sent to school on an empty stomach and be expected to produce your best in an exam.

As far as I know the Catholic Church does not expect youngsters (or pensioners, come to that) to fast during Lent. Just a thought.

Keep up the good work.

Valerie, Spain

Lucky escape

AT approximately 5pm on Monday May 21 a motorcyclist lost control and crashed along the road, close to the Mascarat Dental Clinic. Fortunately, next door to the dental clinic is the Altea Medical Centre which opened in May of last year.

Two of the nurses who were on duty in the clinic, rushed to the scene to assess and give emergency treatment to the rider. He was very badly injured and needed oxygen which was proved by the medical team.

The police arrived within a short time in order to close the road and secure the area. When the 112 ambulance arrived, the paramedics praised the Altea Medical Centre for saving the rider's life.

If it were not for the fast thinking nurses responding so efficiently and rapidly, and the fact that the accident took place directly outside the Centre, the final result could have been much worse.

Barry White, Altea

Not forgotten

LEAPY, just a quick email after reading your latest tale in EWN. I wanted to tell you that you may have gone but are certainly NOT forgotten. I was listening to the Ken Bruce Show on the radio and one of the questions was... what kind of arrows did Leapy Lee sing about. Strangely I was reading your article at the time. Keeping the faith.

Stew, Kent

HAVE YOUR SAY

All letters by email or post should carry the writer's address, NIE and contact number though only the name and town will be published.

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Thousands call for an end to bullfighting

Anyone who says "it's part of Spanish culture" should understand that slavery was part of Western culture for centuries, it doesn't make it morally acceptable.

Ian Grant

Not allowing women to vote, cock fighting, badger baiting, slavery etc etc were all part of various cultures over time, but it was no reason to keep them. Killing bulls for fun and entertainment needs to be banned.

Darren Leighton

Ryanair tops list of cheapest airlines

Yes always found it the cheapest! But alas also the most affected airline by French air strikes!!!!!! Been caught out three times!!!!!!

Pam Jeffs

Regularly fly with them to Alicante and some of the high season flights are Hen/Stag party vomit fests that make you sorry to be alive. I want to hate Ryanair but they do exactly what you'd expect for that price point. Look at it as a coach trip, have low expectations and be surprised when they

Comments from EWN online

meet the dizzying heights of barely adequate.

Martin Dwyer

Marbella to vote on laws banning rowdy tourists

Yep. Fine them! Nothing wrong with getting merry and having a good time... however drunks trashing the streets at 4am and waking up the locals is something else. Everyone likes a drink, nobody likes a drunk...

Zara Mária

The police need to be more present to give out the fines. I saw a shirtless Brit male on Friday being refused entry into El Corte Ingles. He made a fool of himself by standing up on a wall and started jeering and shouting in at the security man.

Yvonne Kennedy Kinch

Bikini clad tourist lands in Mallorca airport

If it's an instant fine for walking the streets in Magaluf and Palma in beach gear, why allow it at the airport!! Put him back on the plane!

Steve Pugh

Send him home Spain and the Islands don't need this sort of tourist.

Trisha Rodgers

Flight attendant breaks into dance

Could do with more entertainment on flights, brilliant.

Susan Eaton

Great to see a bit of humour and 'non robotic' customer service! Watch this space, his boss will see it and start charging passengers for it!!

Steve Cracknell

He was happy that there were no loud drunken Brits on board?

Trish Martin

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' THERE GOES ANOTHER BRIT STAG PARTY! '

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You are in a romantic mood but something is missing from the picture. It's not that you're feeling the need to have more than one string to your bow, it is more that you are tired of using the same old arrows. So, what is out there to fire your imagination? Something really new will not miss the mark with you.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Someone who has been unhelpful in the past suddenly steps forward. Could you have been wrong about them? Probably not. Keep a clear mind when with them. Saturn influences you to be more organised before a bout of indecision strikes.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

This is a brilliant week for money and business. Mars is influencing you to be more up-front and practical in your approach. You may feel changes coming on that you would rather deny. Burying your head in the sand is not an option. Take the bull by the horns and you could be surprised at your success.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

The influence of Venus and Jupiter brings you the influence and status that you deserve. It's not that you haven't worked towards it but now you start to see the benefits. There is an urge to improve your appearance and surroundings to fit in with the 'new you'.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

You will see the lighter side of life this week when you discover that someone is holding a torch for you. You are flattered and vaguely interested. Your combination of intelligence and humour make you a delightful companion.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

During the past few weeks you may have gained a different perspective on life. Your need for a close attachment and harmony in your life should not be underestimated or denied in the name of practicality.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

There is much to be tackled this week, but you are wary of making full-on decisions. Taking things one step at a time is the best policy because it gives you space to consider the options. There is a restlessness about you that is hard to pinpoint. Perhaps you are feeling positive but have to hold fire because of others.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

To be truly happy you need to build on your partnerships. Keep these in balance and everything else will fall into place. Life has taught you some rather harsh lessons recently. The upshot of that is you now feel more in control and more secure.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Energy levels go up and down and you seek to ration yours by not going all-out physically. It is still possible to be quite dynamic while planning. Indeed, your clear vision impresses a colleague. If you are due for promotion then some good news is likely. Blow your own trumpet rather than wait for others to do it for you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

There is an all-consuming need to see some reward for all your efforts. There will be those who will tell you that you need to push harder for success. Perhaps you need to be with more like-minded people. Certainly being with the wrong colleagues can bring your spirits down.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The changes affecting you for the past few weeks continue but you are now getting better at managing their direction. Someone wanting you to take a logical action should not be allowed to push you forward. When to act will be clear to you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

When needed you are sure to be positive this week. On a project, 'striking while the iron is hot' springs to mind. There is much fun to hand but it must be 'work first' at the moment. Some opportunities do not come twice and you need to be aware of them when they present themselves. Spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Trivia from around the world

*** The Sea Organ in Zadar in Croatia is an experimental musical instrument played by waves going into tubes underneath it.

*** Tibet is known as the Earth's Third Pole, holding the largest amount of frozen fresh water reserves after the Arctic and Antarctic.

*** The Kaieteur Falls in Guyana is the world's largest single drop waterfall. It is 251 metres long and has an average water flow of 663 cubic metres a second.

*** The Dogon people in Mali have more than 75 different ritual dancing masks, with performances an important feature of ceremonies and celebrations.

*** Bahrain is connected to the Middle Eastern mainland by a 25-kilometre-long road bridge called the King Fahd Causeway.

*** Tourists visiting some villages in Fiji have to present a gift of kava to the local chief for the Sevu welcoming ceremony.



NOVEL TAKE: There is around 100 million bits of information in human DNA.

DID YOU KNOW?

The late physicist Stephen Hawking calculated the amount of information in a human being's DNA is equivalent to around 50 novels. Professor Hawking also pointed out the rate of biological evolution in the human body is equivalent to about one bit of information a year whereas around 100 billion bits is created in books published per year.

Women's wit

Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity. Science is a process of investigating. It's posing questions and coming up with a method. It's delving in."

Sally Ride, astronaut

Famous quote

The world is not imperfect or slowly evolving along a path to perfection. No, it is perfect at every moment; every sin already carries grace in it."

Herman Hesse, writer

World of English

Hunt-and-peck - Using one or two fingers to type on a keyboard.

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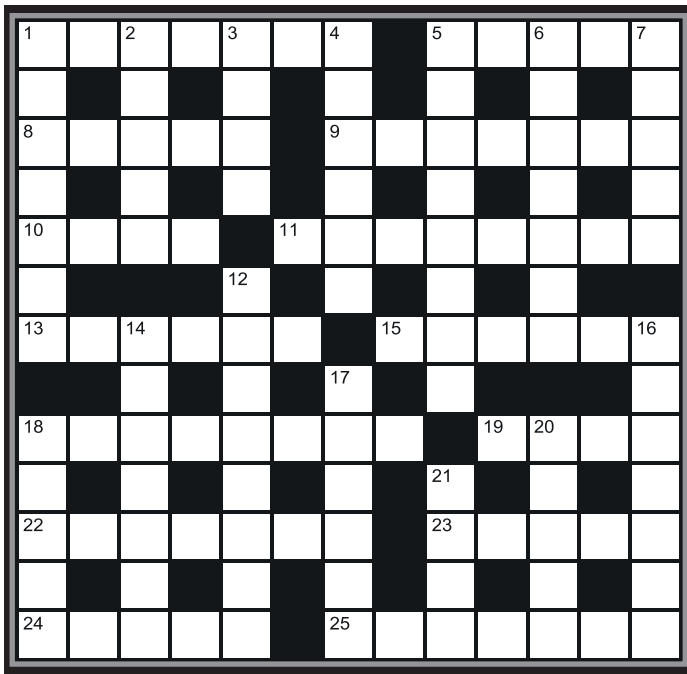
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Across

- 1 More than one knave travels another way (7)
- 5 Brew some magic up pal (5)
- 8 Took a picture that included an animal (5)
- 9 A bird has swallowed her cigar (7)
- 10 The Spanish girl grows trees (4)
- 11 Unequaled lord? Not so much (8)
- 13 Discover star, zany jungle character (6)
- 15 Magnificent bird leaves US sporting occasion (6)
- 18 Players on holiday get shipwrecked (8)
- 19 Stir up dust in horse farm (4)
- 22 Regan gets a couple of rings about Herb (7)
- 23 Stand up for a wage increase (5)
- 24 Saltpetre is awfully inert (5)
- 25 Dicky sent son some poems (7)

Down

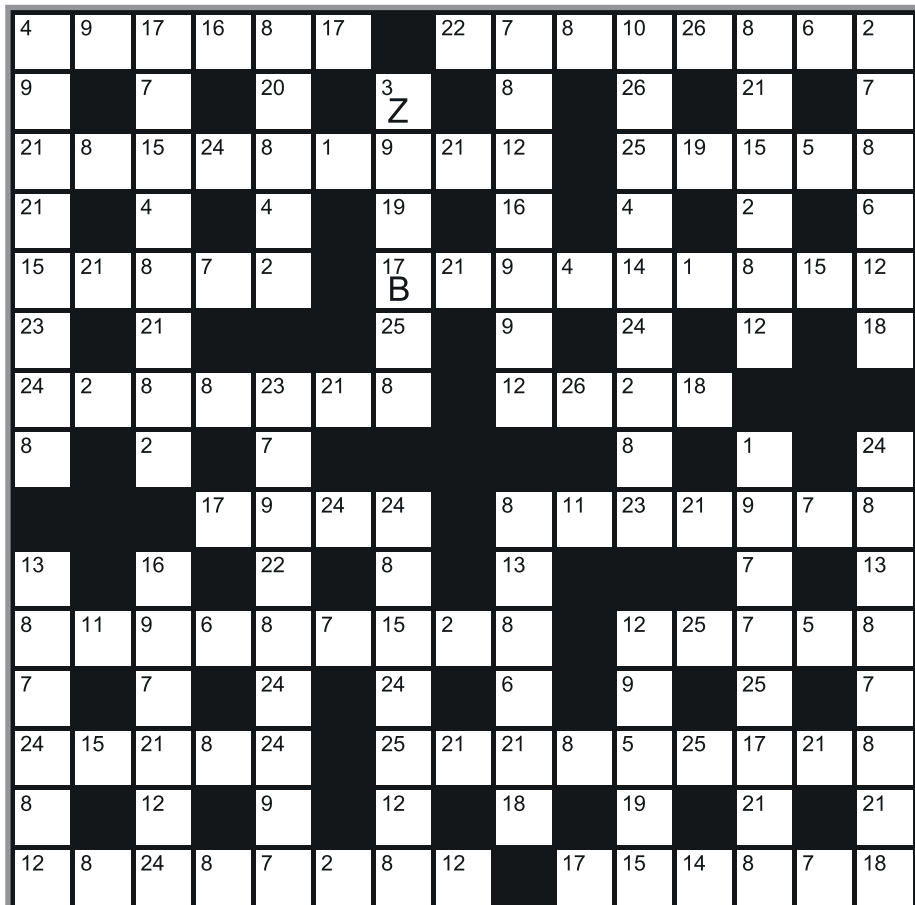
- 1 Extremely forceful, possibly not evil (7)
- 2 Kingdom in actual miles (5)
- 3 Correct some submitted items (4)
- 4 Football clubs' score is wrong (6)
- 5 Get rid of listening equipment concealed in sock (5,3)
- 6 Peer got alternative charge (7)
- 7 Singers in a special Tosca



- production (5)
- 12 Shell motor at full speed (8)
- 14 Admire characters in wire spectacles (7)
- 16 Persistently annoys burrowing creatures (7)
- 17 Celebrated fine morning round American (6)
- 18 Bird with new or old coin (5)
- 20 Commonplace tea ceremony (5)
- 21 Give notice of conflict over new leader (4)

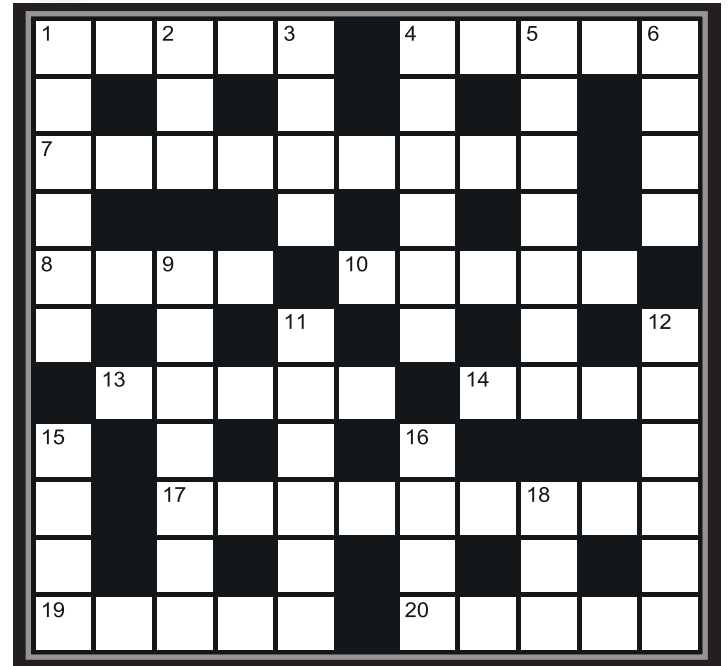
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents Z and 17 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 3 appears and B every time the figure 17 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

- 1 Teetotal (5)
- 4 Reject with contempt (5)
- 7 Stately (9)
- 8 Design on metal, glass, etc by eating out the lines with an acid (4)
- 10 Uninterested because of frequent exposure or indulgence (5)
- 13 Enthusiastic (5)
- 14 Capital of Norway (4)
- 17 Exactly alike (9)
- 19 Sugary (5)
- 20 Small and of little importance (5)

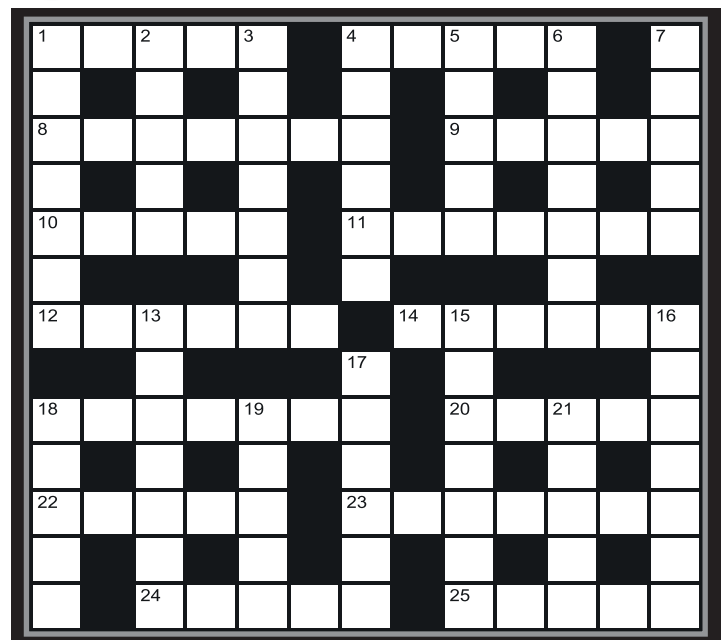
Down

- 1 Wet through and through (6)

- 2/18 Lion or tiger for example (3,3)
- 3 Irrecoverable state of devastation and destruction (4)
- 4 Any member of a ship's crew (6)
- 5 Disrobe (7)
- 6 To or at no great distance (4)
- 9 Wine cup used in the Christian Eucharist (7)
- 11 Win a victory over (6)
- 12 Rapid simultaneous discharge of firearms (6)
- 15 Utter obscenities or profanities (4)
- 16 Bring to a standstill (4)
- 18 See 2

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Cuerdas (gruesas) (5)
- 4 Cap (hat) (5)
- 8 Advantage (7)
- 9 Afilado (5)
- 10 Fright (sudden fear) (5)
- 11 Alguien (7)
- 12 Detener (6)
- 14 Penknife (6)
- 18 Kiosk (7)
- 20 Ascenso (5)
- 22 Choose (5)
- 23 Platicos (para tazas) (7)
- 24 Jungle (5)
- 25 Support (backing) (5)

Down

- 1 Magazine (journal) (7)
- 2 Pineapples (5)
- 3 Estaciones (partes del año) (7)
- 4 To record (6)
- 5 Oxidado (5)
- 6 Poppy (7)
- 7 Pañal (5)
- 13 Pasas (7)
- 15 Width (7)
- 16 Bush (shrub) (7)
- 17 Poetry (6)
- 18 Reina (5)
- 19 Robar (5)
- 21 Unharmd (5)

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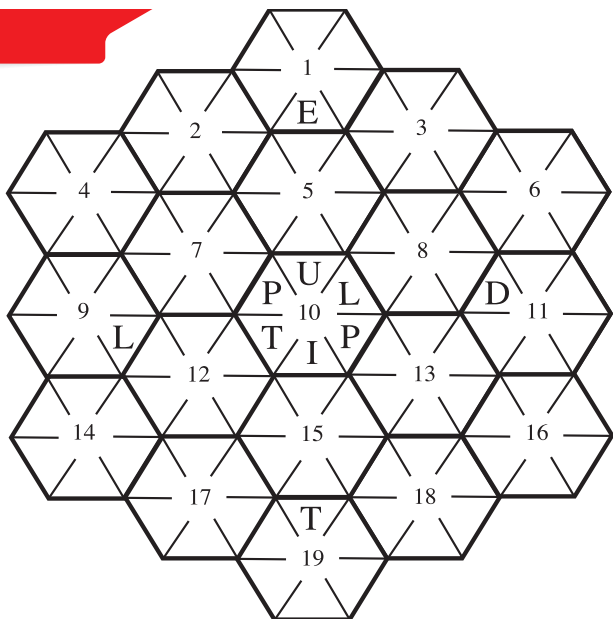
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Hexagram

- ATTEND
- BROODY
- DOLLOP
- HOLLER
- HYPHEN
- IMPISH
- KOSHER
- LAVISH
- LEADEN
- ORPHAN
- POLITE
- PULPIT (10)
- SENIOR
- SHRUNK
- SLIVER
- SPOOKY
- THEIST
- TYRANT
- VELLUM



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

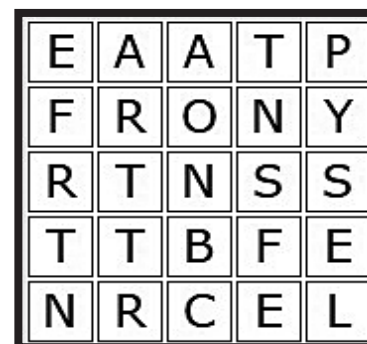
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Priory 2 Russia 3 Matrix 4 Sticky
- 5 Quorum 6 Silica 7 Squint 8 Clutch
- 9 Linkup 10 Umlaut 11 Within 12 Kitten
- 13 Impact 14 Around 15 Uplift 16 Incubi
- 17 Defray 18 Becalm 19 Aerial.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 20
- Good: 28
- Very good: 40
- Excellent: 52

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Nonagram

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



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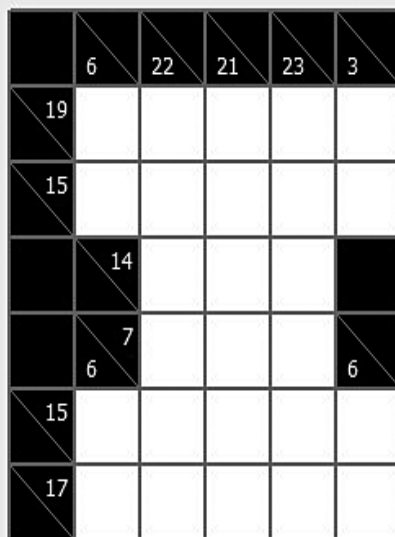
- Average: 8
- Good: 11
- Very good: 15
- Excellent: 20

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

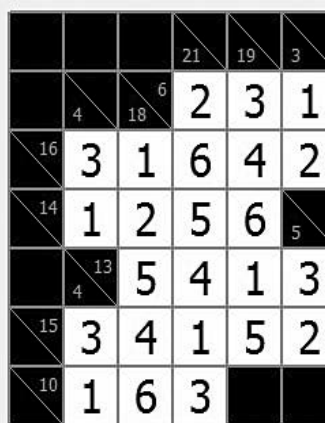
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Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:** 1 Atlas, 3 Tepid, 6/18 Air gun, 8 Lenient, 9 Octet, 10 Bees, 13 Dank, 14 Begin, 17 Ominous, 19 Sweet, 20 Soggy.
- Down:** 1 Ajar, 2 Silver, 3 Tank, 4 Preceding, 5 Detest, 7 Reconcile, 11 Odious, 12 Versus, 15 Colt, 16 Envy.

CODE BREAKER

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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S	X	K	L	O	W	Y	B	V	F	J	T	I

CRYPTIC

- Across:** 1 Chorizo, 5 Guess, 8 Thief, 9 Desires, 10 Fielder, 11 Olive, 12 Arable, 14 Spared, 17 Goats, 19 Coaster, 21 Avarice, 22 Stall, 24 Stale, 25 Tidiest.
- Down:** 1 Cut, 2 Opine, 3 Infidel, 4 Orders, 5 Gusto, 6 Earlier, 7 Suspender, 10 Franglais, 13 Alabama, 15 Praised, 16 Accent, 18 Smite, 20 Trade, 23 Let.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:** 1 Nada más, 5 Press, 8 Nouns, 9 Repetir, 10 Catorce, 11 Sonar, 12 Contra, 14 Onions, 17 Atrás, 19 Arrears, 21 Afeitara, 22 Necks, 24 Apodo, 25 Amapola.
- Down:** 1 Nun, 2 Doubt, 3 Mostrar, 4 Screen, 5 Pipes, 6 Estanco, 7 Surprises, 10 Cucharada, 13 Noruego, 15 Naranja, 16 Patria, 18 Sitio, 20 Ancho, 23 Sea.

App of the week



AirMirror

An app which lets users remotely control other devices from their phone. It provides support to access family mobiles, as well as playing games on other hardware and includes a security camera feature to help guard against unwanted intrusions. Computers and smart TVs work with the app.

QUIZ: KEEPING IT SIMPLE

- According to the famous children's nursery rhyme, 'Simple Simon went a-fishing for to catch a...' what?
- Charles III, also known as Charles the Simple or Charles the Straightforward, a member of the Carolingian dynasty, was the king of which country from 898 until 922?
- 'Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated' is a famous quote by which Chinese philosopher?
- Name any two of Simply Red's four UK Top Five hit singles?
- Released in March 2001, Pure and Simple was the debut single for which band put together in the first ITV Popstars series?
- Released in October 1991, Simply the Best was the first greatest hits compilation by which famous American singer?
- 'Simples' is a catchphrase that has been used in an advertising campaign since 2009 for which price comparison website?

- SMTP is an internet standard for electronic mail (email) transmission. What does SMTP stand for?
- The current line-up of which Scottish rock band, formed in Glasgow in 1977, is Jim Kerr, Charlie Burchill, Ged Grimes, Sarah Brown, Gordy Goude, Cherisse Osei and Catherine AD?
- Which American brothers wrote, edited, produced and directed the 1984 American neo-noir crime film Blood Simple?

Not a lot of people know that... Fort Simple was an American fort built in Topeka, Kansas, as a result of Major General Sterling Price's Missouri Raid in the late summer and autumn of 1864. Topeka had become the permanent capital of the State of Kansas in 1861, but no fortifications had been built to protect the city from guerrilla bands that roamed eastern Kansas.

Answers:

- WHALE
- WEST FRANCIA (accept FRANCE) he was also king of Lotharingia from 911 until 919
- CONFUCIUS
- ANY TWO from: HOLDING BACK THE YEARS (1986), IF YOU DON'T KNOW ME BY NOW (1988), FAIRGROUND (1995) and ANGEL (1996)
- HEARNSAY & TINA TURNER
- COMPARE THE MEEKCAT
- COMPARE THE MARKET (accept COMPARE THE MARKET), SIMPLE MAIL TRANSFER PROTOCOL
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He learns first that Hannibal, who he knew little of before, was a renowned Edwardian polymath later publicly discredited by the British establishment. He vanished on an expedition in northeast China in 1939.

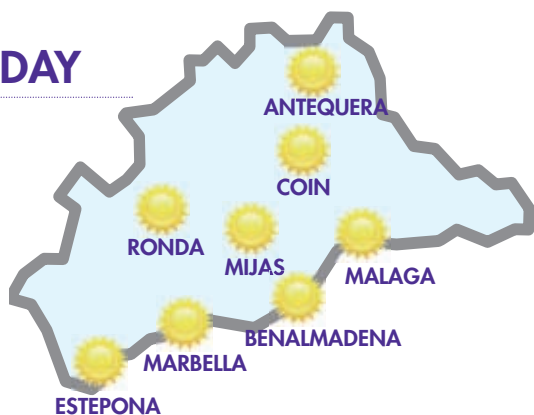
William learns more than just facts about Hannibal. He soon finds his ancestor's life work consisted in discovering the deepest mysteries of humanity in Tahir Shah's Hannibal Fogg and The Supreme Secret of Man.

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TODAY



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SATURDAY



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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

• Clint Eastwood, Actor; May 31, 88

The star of The Good, The Bad and The Ugly and Dirty Harry first became known for playing Rowdy Yates in the Rawhide TV series. He has since directed films such as Flags of Our Fathers, Letters from Iwo Jima, Million Dollar Baby and Gran Torino.

• Morgan Freeman, Actor; June 1, 81

Freeman was born in Memphis in the United States and turned down a drama scholarship at Jason State University to work as a radar mechanic in the US Air Force. He won plaudits for his roles in The Shawshank Redemption, The Dark Knight, Bruce Almighty and The Sum of All Fears.



Morgan Freeman

• Sergio Agüero, Footballer; June 2, 30

The Manchester City striker joined the side in 2011 after playing for Atletico Madrid from 2006. Born in Buenos Aires in Argentina, he began his football career aged 15 at Independiente and later played for his country's national team and at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

• Kelly Jones, Musician; June 3, 44

The singer-songwriter and frontman of Stereophonics helped pen songs *Dakota*, *The Bartender* and *The Thief* and *Have a Nice Day*. He was born in Wales.

• Angelina Jolie, Actor; June 4, 43

Jolie was born in Los Angeles in the United States and dropped out of acting school at the age of 14. She later

landed the lead role as Lara Croft in Tomb Raider and went on to star alongside future husband Brad Pitt in Mr & Mrs Smith in 2005.

• Ona Carbonell, Swimmer; June 5, 28

Carbonell has taken home several medals in various international tournaments including the London Olympics in 2012. Born in Barcelona in Spain, she began synchronised swimming at the age of nine.

• Jason Isaacs, Actor; June 6, 55

The actor who played Lucius Malfoy in the Harry Potter film franchise was born in Liverpool in England and became involved in drama while at college. He played Michael Britten in the TV series *Awake* and featured alongside Mel Gibson in *The Patriot*.

This week in history

455 - Rome sacked

The Vandal army enters Rome and begins two weeks of plundering the city. It was one of the last defeats for the Romans before the final fall of the Western half of the empire in 476.

1215 - City falls

Zhongdu, modern-day Beijing, falls to the Mongol forces of Genghis Khan bringing the Battle of Zhongdu to an end. The fall of the city exposed the rest of eastern China to further conquests.

1669 - Last entry

Samuel Pepys writes in his diary for the final time due to increasingly poor eyesight. Pepys later became famous for his account of the Great Fire of London.

1783 - In flight

The montgolfiere, an early hot air balloon, is demonstrated in public for the first time by brothers Joseph-Michel and Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier in Annonay in France.

1832 - June revolt

The June Rebellion breaks out in Paris against the rule of King Louis Philippe of France. It would later become immortalised in Victor Hugo's *Les Misérables*.

1885 - Chief flees

Big Bear, the leader of the Cree tribe, escapes from the North-West Mounted Police in the last battle on Canadian soil.

1944 - Beach landings

Around 155,000 Allied troops begin their assault on the Normandy coastline in D-Day as part of Operation Overlord, their bid to liberate western Europe from Nazi occupation.

1967 - Album released

The Beatles release their record Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. Critics praised their efforts viewing it as a successful marriage of popular culture and high art.

DVD

A new start



BILL PALET (J K Simmons) and his 17-year-old son Wes (Josh Wiggins) are mourning the death of their wife and mother respectively. In a bid to begin afresh, they decide to up sticks from their small town home and move to the city.

Soon Bill meets the compassionate and elegant teacher Carine Roussel (Julie Delpy) while Wes falls head over heels for the enigmatic but fierce Lacy Westman (Odeya Rush).

Bill and Wes begin to adjust to their new lives in *The Bachelors*.

YAWN
YARN
BARN
BURN
BURY
BUSY
Solution

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

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

BUSY

Move from the start word (BUSY) to the end word (YAWN) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

YAWN

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Looking fabulous

IF your green eyes clash with your new hair colour and outfit for the weekend, don't fret!

The thought may never have crossed your mind - or your eyes - before, but you can buy coloured contact lenses to make sure that all colours work in harmony from top to toe.

Coloured contact lenses which have no prescription are known as cosmetic lenses and they come in many different colours and styles. Before you choose which pair to go for, have a think about what the event is and what look you want to achieve.

If you are simply seeking a subtle tone difference you can opt for a lens which complements the natural colour of your eyes. With such lenses, you can transform from a dark blue to a light blue, or from brown to hazel.

For a more dramatic transformation, go for opaque coloured lenses. These will hide your natural eye colour and give you the freedom to go wild and really draw attention to yourself. These fancy dress contact lenses will mean you can sparkle with rainbow eyes for pride or create the vampire look for a fancy dress party.

Remember that you need to look after both the lenses and your eyes. Even if you go for biweekly or monthly lenses, they must still be removed and disinfected on a daily basis.

FRESH LOOK: Create a new look by going from brown to blue.



Up in flames

WITH the recent unfortunate news that a man was killed in the US by his exploding e-cigarette, many users of these devices are beginning to be concerned for their health.

Apparently the man who was killed was using a particular kind of vape pen, known as a mechanical mod, which is uncommon in the UK and Spain.

These mechanical mods do not use inner circuitry to regulate the voltage and have less built-in safety features than most e-cigarettes available here in Europe. Yet, there have still been reported e-cigarette related burns or fires in both the UK and Spain.

Since the incident, fire services in the UK have made it clear that it is not the e-cigarettes themselves that are unsafe, but the misuse of the lithium-ion batteries that power them.

They advise that you only ever use the actual charger that came with your vape pen and never leave it charging overnight, as you would your phone, for example. Also, don't use the vape pen whilst it's actually plugged in and charging.

If the batteries start to get hot, replace them. But don't modify the product in any way and don't use batteries which are damaged, leaking or wet.

You might be surprised to know that you shouldn't carry your vape pen in your pocket along with money and your keys as this can actually cause the device to short circuit and explode.

This advice might seem cumbersome or be slightly inconvenient but considering that an exploding e-cigarette can cause severe burns and injuries to your mouth, hands or legs, it's a little effort that's worth it.

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A juicy lie

IF you find you're needing to urinate more often and experiencing pain, burning or stinging when doing so you may have a urinary tract infection (UTIs), caused by localised bacteria.

Having this infection will also mean that your urine will be dark, cloudy or smelly. You may also feel unwell and have pain in your lower abdomen.

Previously it was thought that drinking copious amount of cranberry juice was one of the most effective means to tackle this problem but new draft guidelines from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence claim that cranberry juice doesn't help to cure a urine infection.

Apparently there is simply insufficient evidence to back up this claim.

However, the body can often fight a mild infection itself and they suggest that people should drink lots of fluids and take painkillers to see if the infection can pass without treatment. If symptoms persist, they suggest you speak to a doctor who might prescribe antibiotics.

Don't forget, if you opt to drink some cranberry juice, it is a diuretic and drinking too much might mean you will be housebound for the afternoon.

Hamstring - muscle or ... ?



By Estelle Mitchell

www.thebodyworksclinic.com

WE treat the hamstring like a muscle - strengthen it and stretch it like a muscle. But it's really only about 20 per cent muscle - the rest is tendon.

Which means we need a whole different kind of management!

Controlling the knee and the leg

You've heard me say it before - knees need to be straight, stable and strong.

But you need control of the knee to do those things. And a huge amount of that control comes from... the hamstring! It, literally, connects your hip and knee!

This control connection is where it gets interesting. If

you've limped / changed your walking pattern over a long time (sciatica / accident) you start to lose the neural connection with the knee. That's the way that your brain controls the knee.

Over time your body loses the ability to figure out the details of where you are physically, where your knee needs to be and what muscles to use to put you there.

If you don't have a good neural connection - if the knee doesn't get good instructions, then how can it get better?

Is bigger better?

People think that if they have a big muscle it must be stable and strong. Not necessarily.

Think about it like a car - what's better at going round corners?

A souped up American muscle car?

Or a neat, tidy European sports car?

Which has more control?

If you lose your neural connection with your knee (limping / sciatica / accident) then, no matter how big your muscle engine you aren't going to have the control to get straight and stable.

How do I know if this is me?

It's often a case of what isn't happening.

No specific START event - you didn't fall or do something - you've had pain in the back of your leg since Tuesday but don't know why.

You've been doing 'all the right things' but your knee still isn't straight and strong

Now what?

Get help to restore that neural component and teach your body how to 'drive' your knee better. Regain control of the hamstring, then you regain control of your knee... and then everything connected to it works better!

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Hot in heels

HIGH heels can be a woman's - or a man's - best friend.

They can make the person wearing them look taller and more confident. But to walk in them successfully, you'll need to adopt these few simple steps.

You will notice that high heels tend to shorten your stride. Don't fight against this, take small and slow steps. The higher the heel, the shorter your stride will be. Also, don't bend your knees any more than you normally would.

When walking with heels, walk from heel to toe then slide your weight forward as if you were walking on tiptoe, and take the next step.

It can be difficult to main-

tain posture and keep straight when walking in heels. So, toss your shoulders back and align your head with your spine, keeping your chin parallel to the ground. Also, keep your legs together as much as possible.

Many people who chose to wear high heels do so to be more sensual, so it may be good to cross one foot in front of the other and add a little more hip movement. You can achieve this by walking on an imaginary invisible straight line.

But remember, no matter how beautiful you and your heels are, don't don them all the time. Wearing high heels too often can cause chronic foot and back pain.

Targeted relief

PHYSIOTHERAPY is a good way to identify, correct and relieve acute or prolonged movement dysfunction caused by localised pain or as the result of an injury.

Whatever the origin, physiotherapy can help to resolve it. A good session will focus on relieving the pain, stabilising the injury and preventing it from getting any worse. The focus will then be on restoring movement and strength with the end goal of achieving the full recovery of the patient.

Remember, if you have developed localised muscle pain or have experienced an injury then leaving it untreated can mean that it can be very difficult to reverse in the future.

And don't forget, that in addition to alleviating pain and improving muscle strength and mobility, a physiotherapy session can also provide you with a greater sense of well-being.

WALKING PROUD: If you decide to don high heels remember to keep your chin raised.

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Swipe left or right for love

Terence Kennedy deciphers the online dating world for those who dare

A LARGE and hairy friend recently tried his luck with an online dating site. The first time they actually met he discovered that his soulmate lady-friend was an equally large and hairy man.

In a world where online dating now generates an astonishing €3 billion, 20 per cent of people admit they found their life partners online. As perhaps did another 20 per cent, but they're too embarrassed to say so.

Online dating has revolutionised the age-old process of finding a mate. At least in the 40 per cent of the world which doesn't believe in arranged marriages and yes, that statistic surprised me too. But as an Indian marriage broker I once interviewed explained so succinctly: 'Westerners fall in love then marry. We marry and love follows.'

There's a whole raft of jargon which means nothing to those of us whose dating dates back to a bygone era of dance-hall fumbles or simple serendipity.

**FINDING LOVE: 'There's an app for that'.**

'Swiping left or right,' for instance, will strike a chord with pretty much everyone below 40: it's the hallowed process of initially accepting or rejecting a potential mate in hugely-popular dating apps like Tinder, Grindr or Bumble. Tinder is the world's biggest dating app boasting 20 billion matches,

Grindr is geared largely towards gay and bisexual men, and Bumble is female-focused, 'where women make the first move.' So there.

Dating agencies have actually thrived in the West since the 1960s, but with more singles in the world now than ever before, it took the evolution of social media to

rocket it ever upwards.

It's not without its pitfalls, and not just the risk of falling for another large and hairy man. Apparently 53 per cent of users lie in their online dating profiles, more men are searching than women, and the desirability of female candidates peaks at the age of 26 where men peak at 48.

A fifth of women surveyed on one site confessed to using (much!) younger photos of themselves, and two-fifths of men admitted to lying about their jobs.

And yes, let's not beat about the bush, so to speak: lots of folks use online dating sites to find casual sex. A third of those women surveyed actually did the deed on their first online dating encounter.

I particularly relish what happened to one of the earliest online dating founders, a couple who laboured together long and hard to set up their site and then staged a trial run of the new system. It matched her with someone else, and she left him.

Love actually

NEARLY one-fifth of older internet users surveyed (60+) said they have looked for love online. Love. Lust doesn't count.

There are some do's and don'ts for those who haven't yet dabbled online. To list a few:

Be precise. Use good grammar. Don't boast. Keep the fibs to a minimum. Use a recent photo. Only give a mobile number. Tell someone where you are on first dates, and for heaven's sake stay off your phone during the actual encounter to avoid the impression that you're looking for someone better.

Be very, very aware of those euphemisms lurking in even the most attractive profiles.

'Forty-ish' probably means 49, 'fun' means annoying, 'outgoing' could well be loud and embarrassing, and 'emotionally secure' means medication is involved.

You have been warned.

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Torremolinos LGBTI Pride 2018

by **Liam Quinn**

TONIGHT (Thursday) at 8pm the Rainbow Flag will be raised and will unfurl itself above the Plaza de la Nogalera heralding the start of the Pride events today which will take place in and around the square over the weekend.

Events this year have been organised by the town council in collaboration with a host of gay, lesbian, transgender, bisexual and intersex community (LGTBI) associations. Working collaboratively, they have succeeded in creating events which surpass expectations.

This year's motto is Fifty Years Being Visible and events intend to not only increase the visibility of the LGBTI communities but also strengthen the equality, diversity and respect for those who belong to these communities.

Speaking about the events, local councillor Aida Blanes stressed that this year is 'symbolically important' as the community celebrates 50 years of history in Torremolinos. In particular, she highlighted the exponential



LGBTI PRIDE 2018: The weekend's events will take place in Plaza de la Nogalera.

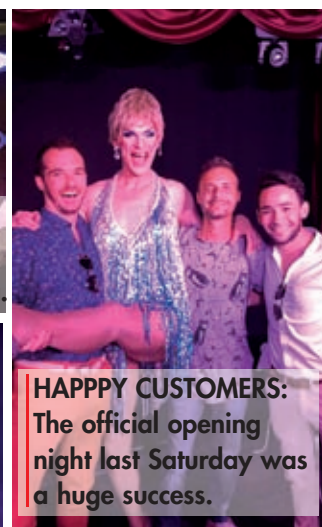


HAPPY CUSTOMERS: The official opening night last Saturday was a huge success.

CONTESSA GUAPATINI: Show stopping numbers all night with family friendly humour.

growth in the number of cultural and social, workshops, exhibitions, leisure activities and concerts. She went on to mention how it was important for the town council to work towards the visibility and normalization of LGBTI communities.

And a perfect example of how the



LGBTI community is becoming more visible and reaching is the new Guapatini's Show Bar which has just opened up in the Plaza de la Nogalera. The Show Bar hosts a drag show which is 100 per cent family friendly. Such a move by the gay community shows their willingness and interest to want to involve families on holiday into what the LGBTI community has to offer.

In fact, speaking *exclusively to the Euro Weekly News*, Contessa Guap-

atini, owner of Guapatini's Show Bar, said: "drag should be entertaining, not tacky or crude. That's why my show crosses every divide and every generation. I have children, gays, straights and 90- year-olds all laughing and having a fabulous night. That's how it should be, something for everyone."

Certainly this year's activities do offer something for everyone, with music and entertainment in the square from midday to midnight over the next three days. Not to be missed this year is the Pride Parade which will take place on Saturday. This will make its way from Torremolinos Town Hall at 5pm, moving down Calle Rafael Quintana and along Calle Europa.

From there, it will turn left onto Avenida Isabel Manoja and right onto Avenida de los Manantiales, finally reaching the Plaza Costa del Sol where the floats will stop and the parade will continue on foot to Plaza de la Nogalera (7.30pm arrival). This parade is a celebration of the diversity and visibility of the LGBTI communities and promises to be a riot of colours and visual stimulation.

Main events

Thursday, May 31

12 noon: Children's bouncy castles
5pm: Proud Pets contest
6pm: Pride of Solidarity
7pm: Conference '50 Years Being Visible'
8pm: Proclamation and raising of the Rainbow Flag
9pm: LGBTI Choir Performance followed by a Drag Queen show and DJs

Friday, June 1

12 noon: Children's bouncy castles
6pm: Pride Solidarity
7pm: Heels Race (San Miguel Street)
8pm: Drag Make-up Workshop
9pm: Live concerts and DJs

Saturday, June 2

12 noon: Children's bouncy castles
5pm: Pride parade, leaving from the Town Hall
8pm: Public recognition of those who have fought for LGBTI rights
9pm: Live performances and DJs

Sunday, June 3

4pm to 10pm: Beach Party on El Bajondillo beach.

(Unless stated otherwise, all events held at Plaza de la Nogalera)

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Marvin does Mahiki in Marbella

FORMER member of JLS and TV presenter Marvin Humes is returning to launch the summer at Mahiki Beach by Sala in Marbella.

Now an accomplished DJ, the former singer who is married to Saturdays member Rochelle was narrowly beaten by Mo Farrah as Celebrity Dad of the Year in 2013, he has also been involved as a presenter in The Voice UK.

He was involved as a performer at the opening of the prestigious Mahiki Beach by La Sala on the Marbella Beach Front last year and now he is returning to the venue on the Paseo de Maritimo once again to play some of his favourite music using the state of the art decks in Mahiki Beach.

Entrance to the event is free of charge and starts at 9pm on Friday June 15 although for those who really want to savour the celebrity lifestyle, there are a number of VIP Tiki packages that may be booked.

Although there will also be live entertainment, there is no



MARVIN HUMES: Returns to Marbella to take charge of the decks.

doubt that Marvin, who has played in front of huge crowds in Dubai, Ibiza, London and New York will be the major attraction, alongside the exciting Polynesian style venue.

Sala Group Holdings were appointed the licensee for Mahiki, the number one celebrity destination in London back in May 2017.

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Eat Well
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Thai green chicken curry



THIS week another Thai dish, for the purists among you this is my recipe and not a traditional Thai one.

I do have some issues with people who want their food as authentic as possible, because authenticity is not always as it would appear.

To give two examples, chilli peppers originated in Central America so should not feature in Indian, Thai and other Oriental cooking, but they do. You cannot get much more British than Fish and Chips, but the potatoes only became a worldwide staple after the Spanish conquered Peru in 1536.

The Spanish brought them to Europe after the conquest and their popularity grew after that. They became such a staple in Ireland, the Great Potato Famine of the 1840's killed one million people, a further million emigrated. Italian purists complain about pineapple on pizza, probably due to the fact it comes out of a tin, not because of its Brazilian origins. Personally, I think it is an abomination, but if

someone wants to put pineapple on their pizza and not mine, why should I be concerned?

Fusion food is a relatively new phenomenon and I don't have a problem with it either, provided it tastes and looks good. Certain combinations of ingredients should, in my view, be avoided. Olive oil has no place in any cuisine other than Southern European, but it can be used in Mexican at a push.

A couple of weeks ago my column contained a recipe for Thai Red Chicken Curry this week it is for:

Thai green chicken curry with coriander

Serves 4
1 tin coconut milk
1 bunch coriander leaves, whole and washed
2 whole onions, chopped

6 whole garlic cloves, chopped
3 whole chicken breast halves without skin, cubed

2 tablespoons oil; vegetable, sunflower or rapeseed NOT olive

1 packet Thai Green Curry Paste

2 chicken stock cubes, crumbled

1 whole aubergine, cubed

3 whole green pepper, chopped

Red chilli peppers, optional

Root ginger, optional

1 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1. Blend coconut milk with the coriander and put to one side.

2. Fry onions, garlic and chicken in the oil for two or three minutes until chicken sealed on all sides.

3. Add curry paste, fry for two more minutes and pour in the coconut milk/coriander mix.

4. Bring to a gentle simmer and add the stock cubes, aubergine, red and green peppers.

Add the optional finely chopped ginger and chilli peppers to taste.

Simmer for 15 minutes until the aubergine is soft, add sesame seed oil.

6. Serve with rice or noodles.

Tip: A repetition of similar hints from the Thai Red Chicken Curry Recipe but use red chillis not too finely chopped to make identification and removal easier for those who do not like hot

curries.

Tip: Avoid touching eyes after slicing chillis or ideally wear rubber gloves.

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21:30 LIVE MUSIC "RICHARD TURNER"

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Craig David brings his TS5 event back to Marbella

BACK in the news and back in Marbella, Craig David returns for a second year at La Sala by the Sea.

Following his unforgettable appearance last year, Sala Group Holdings have announced that Craig David and his TS5 event, will be returning this year to bring possibly the most memorable pool party experience that Marbella will see this season!

This unique day event will take place on Monday June 25 at La Sala by the Sea, which is situated on the shore of the most popular beach in Puerto Banus.

The venue has everything that you would expect from a Beach Club in Marbella, including a pool, direct access to the beach, luxurious beds, a VIP area with an exclusive hot tub, two pool bars, a restaurant and a secluded massage area.

There has already been a



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CRAIG DAVID: To be in Banus with his TS5 event.

very strong response to the announcement of this visit by Craig David and TS5 and entry for the event starts at just €80 per person.

TS5 began in the comforts of Craig David's own home in Miami where he hosted and acted as DJ at weekly house parties, which he then chose to share with the world via Soundcloud.

This led to Craig jetting across the world presenting TS5 in some of the best and most fashionable venues around and naturally this includes Puerto Banus.

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Armed with dickie bows, braces and a pitch-pipe, they love to entertain audiences singing Pop, Traditional Irish, Folk, Barbershop and also dabble in a bit of Classical.

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They've had a very exciting year competing on BBC One TV show, Pitch Battle and more recently TV3's Ireland's Got Talent, becoming internet sensations last summer with viral video performances of *My Lovely Horse* on Grafton Street.

They will be appearing at the Avanto Theatre in La Cala de Mijas on Monday



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THE RAMPARTS: Promise to entertain with a smile.

June 11 with entry costing €25 (to include welcome drink and snacks in the interval) which may be booked by calling 693 751 857 or by email to pmmtrickets@mail.com.

Their next performance will be at Vel-

vet Marbella on the following Wednesday, June 13 with tickets costing €30 (to include welcome drinks and canapés followed by drinks and tapas in the interval) and reservations for this gig may be made by calling 604 192 491.



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Classical music in Marbella

LAST Tuesday the Choir and Orchestra of Collegium Musicum Costa del Sol together with the Camerata Singers of Sotogrande, performed their annual concert to raise funds for the AIDS charity Concordia.

The concert featured the music of composers of the first Viennese School and under the direction of Annemarie Philipps the programme included a Requiem by Salieri, a Te Deum by Michael Haydn, a work for Oboe (featuring Nicholas Harcourt-Smith) and Orchestra by Hummel and works by

Leopold Mozart and his more famous son, Wolfgang.

A very large audience filled the Church of the Encarnación in Marbella Old Town and although entrance to the concert was free, Princes Marie Louise of Prussia, president of the charity spoke before in advance explaining that without donations, the charity could not continue.

Every year, the concerts get better with a larger range of international soloists and the audience enjoyed an exceptional evening of classical music in most delightful surroundings.

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THE Marbella San Bernabe Fair will commence this year on Tuesday and run until the following Monday.

The night fair will be run as usual adjacent to La Cañada but the council has undertaken certain changes in order to lessen the impact on local residents and the Children's Day which takes place at 7pm on Wednesday will see discounts on the cost of rides.

The opening ceremony and coronation of the Queens and Ladies will take place at 10pm on Tuesday in the Puerto Deportivo followed by fireworks at the El Faro Beach.

Wednesday also sees the opening of the bars on the Paseo de la Alameda and Avenida del Mar and an impressive range of bands

will be performing including Demarco Flamenco, La década prodigiosa, Antonio Jose, Siniestro total and No me pises que llevo chancas all at the night fair with free admission.

Then Siempre así will perform on Monday, June 11, on a stage that will be installed on Avenida Ramón y Cajal at the Paseo de la Alameda also free of charge.

Every day will see different events aimed at all of the family as well as religious observances to celebrate the saint.

A full list of events that will be taking place can be found at the council website <http://www.marbella.es/fiestas/fiestas/san-bernabe/item/1164-san-bernabe-2018-programa.html>.

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- Age Concern meet every Thursday from 11.00am to 1pm at the Pensionista building in Los Boliches, above the indoor market and just around the corner from Los Boliches station. We offer advice, support, help and friendship, and look forward to seeing you. Lifeline: 652 537 615.
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30 to 11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Las Lagunas. For more information contact 952 890 010 or send an email to frd@mijas.es.
- Los Jueves al Casco: every week from 8am to 12 noon, enjoy special discounts, live music, free tastings and more in Marbella Old Town.
- Rio Verde Villa Romana Ruins: free guided tour from 11am to 1pm. Calle del Mar, Marbella.
- Rotary Club meet every Thursday at 2pm during lunch at Cortijo de Ramiro, Calle 11, Urb Guadalmina Baja, San Pedro de Alcantara. Please contact lizzie@marriageweddingservices.com to book a place.
- San Pedro street market: every week from 9am to 2pm, Calle Jorge Guillen.
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- First Fuengirola Scout Group meet at St Anthony's College in Fuengirola on Thursday from 5pm to 7pm.

DO NOT MISS...

Rediscovering Warhol

WARHOL: THE MECHANICALART exhibition opens today in the Picasso Museum in Malaga.

The exhibition will put on display a total of 352 paintings, sculptures, drawings, screen prints, audio-visual installations, books, films, album covers, posters, magazines and photographs which have been loaned from 30 collectors. The range of items selected allows the viewer to almost enter the underground world that emerged at the beginning of the second half of the 20th century in New York, when Warhol founded his legendary studio The Sil-

ver Factory. As you walk through the exhibition you will be able to gain an insight into the creative development of this exceptional artist.

This retrospective allows us to contemplate the repetitive nature of his creations and the evolution of his work throughout his career.

Among the pieces exhibited, you can see some of his most iconographic works, such as the Campbell's soup can, and the portraits of Marilyn Monroe, Jackie Kennedy and Liz Taylor. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to see some of Warhol's work which has become part of the contemporary collective imagination.



MARYLIN MONROE: See some of Warhol's most iconographic pieces.

The group is for all young people between six and 18 years old. Contact Robert Troost on 610 755 995 or email robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk.

Friday June 1

- Age Concern meet every Friday from 11.30am to 1pm at Bar Conriza in the centre of La Cala de Mijas. They are located behind Supersol and there is free parking. They offer advice, support, help and friendship, and they look forward to seeing you. Lifeline: 652 537 615.
- Age Care Association hold a weekly coffee morning from 11am to 12.30pm at the Hogar del Jubilado in Los Boliches, Fuengirola. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- First Fuengirola Scout Group meets at St Anthony's College in Fuengirola on Fridays from 7pm to 9pm. The group is for all young people between six and 18 years old. Contact Robert Troost on 610 755 995 or email robert.troost@britishscoutingoverseas.org.uk.
- Christian Basilica of San Pedro de Alcantara: free guided tour of one of the oldest Christian churches on the Iberian Peninsula from 11am to 1pm, Calle Vega del Mar, San Pedro de Alcantara.
- Royal British Legion's Benejarafe Branch meet every Friday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Restaurante Puerta Niza, Carretera Nacional N-340, KM 263. They offer emotional and financial help to those who have served in

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- University of the Third Age Costa del Sol play Mah Jong every week from 10am to 1pm at the PYR Hotel in Fuengirola. For more information contact 633 552 238 or visit www.u3afuengirolacostadel-sol.com.

Saturday June 2

- Flamenco show: free every Wednesday and Saturday from 12 noon to 1pm in Plaza Virgen de la Peña, Mijas Pueblo.
- Organic market: every week from 10am to 1pm at Guadalhorce, Las Chapas.
- Puerto Banus street market: every week from 9am to 2pm near the bull ring in Nueva Andalucia.
- Triple A: every week volunteer dog walkers required between 10am and 3pm at Calle Carril de la Mina 33 in Marbella. For more information contact 952 771 586.
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Sunday June 3

- Benahavis second-hand

market: every week from 9am to 2pm, located 1km before the village on the right hand side of the road.

- University of the Third Age: coffee morning every week from 11.30am to 1pm at the Primavera Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches. For more information contact: 679 516 654 or visit www.u3afuengiro lacostadel-sol.com.
- Sunday market at La Trocha in Coin. Every week over 200 stalls. All welcome. For more info call 618 826 852.

Monday June 4

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- 'Are you affected by someone's drinking?' Al-anon Family Groups hold a meeting at 8.30pm in the Divina Pastora church rooms (Calle Juan Breva 2), Marbella. Details at www.alanonspain.org.

Tuesday June 5

- Age Care Association: weekly coffee morning from 11am to 1pm at the International Baptist Church in Calahonda. Drop in for a chat and to share experiences. For more information contact 635 407 255.
- Arroyo Social and Welfare Club meets every Tuesday at Agata Apartments, Arroyo de la Miel 11.30am for 12 noon start. There is a raffle, quiz, and a game such as Play Your Cards Right, plus extras! For more information call Anthia on 634 157 042.
- Costa Women Business Group: meets every second Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.30am for business networking in La Cala. For more information contact Ali 677 251 058.
- Fuengirola Ukulele (known as Fuengulele) social, jamming and sing-along sessions: meets every Tuesday from 7pm until 9.30pm-ish at the Water's Edge Bar, Fuengirola port - visitors and beginners welcome. For more information contact Ray on 605 791 150.
- Language exchange workshop: free, every week from 9.30-11.30am in the Pensioners Centre in Mijas village. For more information contact 952 890 010 or frd@mijas.es.
- The Good Companions Club meets every Tuesday in Manila Bar, Paseo Maritimo, Los Boliches 12-1.30 pm. For more information contact Tony White on 952 494 730.
- American Club of Estepona (ACE): open Mon to Sat, 1 to 4pm at Calle San Roque 65

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- Walking Football: every week from 8pm on the five-a-side pitches at the Estadio de San Pedro in San Pedro de Alcantara. Walking Football is for men and women over 50 to play football without running or tackling and is a great way to meet new friends. Visit www.walkingfootballsain.com for details.

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Wednesday June 6

- The Royal British Legion: Torremolinos Branch meets every Wednesday in the Vanilla Bar in Plaza la Nogalera, Torremolinos (opp the railway station) from 12.30pm.
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Bugs begin to bite before summer

GRAEME TYRRELL

NOW is the time to take precautions to protect the garden's ecology.

It is always wonderful to garden in spring, but before the start of summer the bugs begin to bite.

The garden paradise you created starts to look a bit frayed. Aphids proliferate and suck on the sap of your flower buds, snails seek out plants in the garden that you water, wasps become active to make venturing into the garden a risk, caterpillars munch on the leaves of your prized plants, bugs snip off your valued seedlings at ground level, it can all become a bit disappointing after the lush healthy growth in early spring.

Yet this is a part of the garden's ecology. Not all bugs and insects are detrimental, so do not go rushing off to find the insecticide to



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NATURAL CONTROL: Lunch is served for the helpful ladybird.

rid the garden of bugs. It may do more harm than good. Part of the ecology of a garden is that insects like aphids proliferate, but this is followed by ladybirds and other beneficial insects also

increasing in number to obtain a natural control of the pests.

Many insecticides will kill the beneficial insects resulting in the need to constantly use insecticides to keep pest

insects under control.

The best approach is to use mild natural methods locally to control the pests. Insects, such as aphids, can be eliminated where they present a problem on your

favourite plants. Simply spraying water can dislodge aphids, but add soap or make a garlic spray and you can rid your plants completely with minimal cost or danger to yourself or the environment as they are not toxic.

This method will minimise damage to the beneficial insects as you can just eliminate the aphids on the plants you wish to protect and let nature take care of the ones on other plants.

Wasps form part of the ecology to control many other insects such as caterpillars and beetle larvae and also play a part in the pollination of many plants. That they sting makes them a danger, so managing them to reduce their danger is important.

Lures to specifically trap wasps are very useful to eliminate them in places where there are too many without harming the other beneficial insects.

The approach to eliminate all of the insects everywhere in a garden is well-known to adversely affect the ecology and bring about more plagues of damaging insects and deficiencies of beneficial insects that ultimately is more of a problem.

Much as we may be afraid of many pests, it is best to learn about their function in a garden. I use the approach to control pests only on the most important plants using non-toxic methods.

I let caterpillars of butterflies feed on plants so that I have the beauty of butterflies in the garden. I do this even with my roses, as the caterpillars are only there for a short season and the plants recover well. Overall the garden benefits. It can be worth the sacrifice of some plants not always looking perfect if the garden has a healthier natural ecology.

Reduce, reuse and recycle

YOU may think that you're doing your bit for the environment, but if you haven't yet adopted the Three R's strategy into your household waste routine, then take heed to the following three steps of advice.

The first step to reduce your waste has two parts. Firstly, only buy items that create the least amount of waste. For example, buy few-

er plastic-wrapped products and chose larger versions rather than small multi-packs.

The second part of this step is to physically reduce the waste produced. Compact down your waste simply by standing on it. This also means you'll have less bin runs to do as your bin will fill up less quickly.

Reuse your goods or products, either for the same use

or for something imaginative and different. For example, you can reuse your water bottle to store water for your plants. Also, get into the habit of using a shopping cart or use a bag-for-life.

For your waste to be recycled it is essential that you separate your different waste products. Use different bins or boxes to hold your plastic, paper, glass, organic and non-organic waste, for example.

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Showering our babies with love

Marbella Moments

by Nicole King



WHEN I moved to Spain in 1980 I was a very enthusiastic teen with a basic knowledge of Spanish, looking for my way in life.

My path was varied and I learnt much, but it was when I had my first child that I truly discovered an in-built capacity to face new challenges and stretch my abilities beyond all imagination just to keep up with the continuous list of adversities that bringing up children entails.

Motherhood is pretty powerful stuff!

My daughter's baby shower however seemed to be my Achilles' heel.

I wanted my 'little girl' to have a true English experience as she was born and grew up in Spain. I myself had missed out on all these fun traditions as when pregnant I was living in Madrid at a time when you couldn't even buy a greetings card in Spanish let alone English and the idea never even came up.



The aftermath of the super baby shower.

Living in Marbella however this was a perfect opportunity to celebrate in style. Just one problem: I'd only ever seen a baby shower on the telly so, how to make the perfect baby shower when I've never had one or been to one myself?

I started to search online and look for those films with baby themes, but

even when I knew what I wanted to create I still had to put it all together. That's when it dawned on me... I had to look to 'little England' for help.

Kara, owner of the Boardwalk, has always been my first port of call when I want to talk through a new idea. Kara was the very first person I consulted on our Zero Hero incentive to

reward the designated driver. Kara was also our Marbella Now TV Unsung Hero Award winner for 2017 for all the charity work she does behind the scenes, particularly with the Malaga orphans who she has supported for over a decade.

It was also Kara who started including the orphans and vulnerable chil-

dren into our local community to work when they come of age; central theme to this year's UNMS2018. I hit the jackpot by once again calling Kara first. She really knew what she was doing!

The cava, spring rolls, finger sandwiches, scones and cakes were delicious with plentiful options for my daughter and son-in-law who are vegan. The extras she organised were just perfect too: Joe West sang and 'saxed' us all afternoon, Margie's Cakery made the cutest 'baby bottom' cake which was the perfect centre piece,

Love Noel made photo key-ring gift bags to put the photos that Milagros Iglesias took of all the guests and Evento Shop Marbella decked the place out fit for a wedding with delightful flower arrangements and delicate decorations festooned everywhere!!

I wanted to shower my baby with love and thanks to Kara and everyone who helped make it happen and to those who came to celebrate with us, not only was it the best baby shower imaginable, love rained down on us all!

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Turn out your attics! Scour your cupboards!

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



ON the rare occasions when a 'yangcai' porcelain comes to auction they are the subject of fierce competition.

A Famille-Rose porcelain bowl was sold at Sotheby's for €24.7 million in April of this year in Hong Kong. These so called 'yangcai' porcelain commissions were the very best that the Chinese Imperial kilns at Jingdezhen could produce. They were made as one of a kind items, sometimes in pairs, however never in large quantities.

The technique combined a new colour palette with western styled compositions. As well as their superior quality, 'yangcai' enamels were intended to create the most opulent and luxurious effects possible.

And a magnificent vase, rediscovered by chance in the attic of a French family home, was brought to Sotheby's Paris by its unsuspecting owners in a shoe



WORTH A POURTUNE: The rare vase is expected to fetch at least half a million Euros.

box. Sotheby's specialist Olivier Valmier opened the shoe box and was struck by its quality, research revealed the vase to be a unique example produced by the finest craftsmen of the time of the Qianlong Emperor. The vase is of exceptional rarity.

Imperial inventories of the 18th century mention

pairs of vases of this design only twice. One commissioned in 1765, the other in 1769.

The exquisite vase has a body encircled by a landscape with deer, cranes and pine trees, all symbols of health and longevity. A genuine painting on porcelain showing nine fallow deer and five cranes in a rocky landscape with a waterfall surrounded by pines and mist covered peaks.

Only one other similar vase with a slightly different subject matter and now in the Guimet museum in Paris is known.

This magnificent vase will be offered at

auction on June 12, 2018 at Sotheby's Paris with an estimate currently of €500,000-€700,000.

Presenting the vase to the press last week, the chairman of Sotheby's Asian Art Europe and Americas Henry Howard-Sneyd pleaded, "Chinese art has been admired and collected across Europe for centuries, but the importance of certain pieces is occasionally lost over time. Given the huge appetite for Chinese art among today's collectors, now is the time to scour your homes and attics and to come to us with anything you might find!!"



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Divorce and your dog

DIVORCE is a sad fact of life. These human problems can cause stress to dogs. A dog is a social animal bonded to a family routine and a way of life. It relies on us for its mental, physical and emotional welfare.

When it comes to difficulties in relationships, the family pet is often the last to be considered. Couples shouting and arguing with each other will affect the dog (and also the cat). Our blacker moods and tantrums can create nervous behaviour in dogs.

If I am called to a home where there is a dog howling, barking, being destructive, digging, house soiling or showing any signs of anxiety-related behaviour, where it is apparent that the dog has an inability to cope with life, I always ask if there has been a death, separation or a divorce.

Any of these could have



TORN: Dogs can become stressed as a result of family strife.

triggered the problems which are a typical expression of canine anxiety. Another extreme behaviour pattern is for a dog to go to the bottom of the garden, as far away from the home as possible. It could stay close to walls. This often happens when a dog's instinct tells it that it is dying. In the wild, dogs leave their packs

and go away to die.

If there is no known medical problem and a separation has taken place, then these behaviour patterns can also be considered an expression of extreme canine anxiety.

Dogs are creatures of habit, functioning to our timetable of wake-up, meals, play, bed, etc. When faced

with the upheaval that accompanies divorce, some dogs find it harder to accept a change of routine than others. This is especially so for the older dog, which more often than not may go rapidly downhill.

We have made the dog into a social animal. It is also a sensitive and silent watcher,

able to pick up our vibes, react to changes in its schedule or environment or changes in atmosphere caused by arguments within the family.

Marching out in anger and slamming doors will cause stress in a dog. The dog hears the shouting and feels the aggression and this can be frightening. Some owners

aware of this will put their dog outside the room when they argue.

This can be another form of punishment for the dog. Sometimes a dog can have a positive influence. Divorce can cause behavioural changes in a child, from bursts of angry rebellion to periods of deep brooding silence. Dogs play a beneficial role, since a child can make the dog his best friend to be hugged, to be cried with, and to be told any secret, knowing his best friend will neither pass judgement nor tell anyone.

When a couple separate or divorce, my advice is to keep the children and dog (or dogs) together. Sharing a dog between two households rarely works, as this causes stress to the couple, the child and the dog. It is the couple's responsibility to decide what is best for it now.

VEGANISM is the practice of abstaining from consuming some or all animal products. Many vegans extend the philosophy to other areas of their lives, including imposing the diet on their own pets.

This issue came to a head recently with the publication of pictures of an emaciated looking pet, by an apparent animal rights activist in Barcelona. But what does it mean to impose a vegan diet on an animal, and is it a healthy choice for the animal?

Owners of vegan pets insist that this diet is particularly suited to animals that suffer from certain allergies, diseases and

pathologies, such as digestive and cardiovascular problems, obesity, leishmania (in dogs) and the prevention of crystals (in cats).

However, critics of the pet diet

state that for many pets the meat aspect of their diet is crucial to their well-being. They argue that pets should eat what they eat in the natural world and make the point that some pets, such as cats, will have problems digesting plants and processing non-meat substitutes, actually causing them health problems.

The jury still seems to be out on this. What is clear however is that you are responsible to care for and nourish your pet to ensure that it is - and appears - healthy and happy.

If you can't do this, maybe keeping pets isn't for you.

Fox sake



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FOXY VEGAN: Sonia Sae from Barcelona with her vegan fed fennec fox 'Jumanji.'



It's competition time!

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Liz Edge

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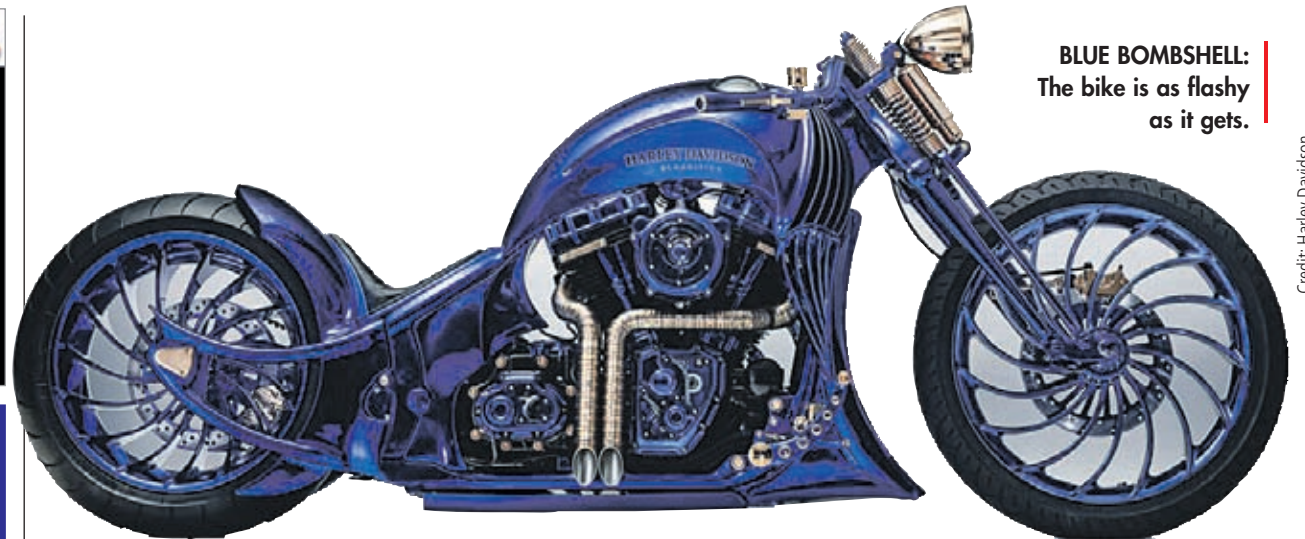


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Tour Monaco Historique - Race Weekend



NOT content with organising an amazing Classic Car Tour from Brooklands in Surrey to Monaco, CCCA Presidente and wife Carol also organised a visit to the legendary Monaco Historic Grand Prix at the end of it.

This superb event runs a week or two before the 'modern' F1 race but is much more accessible and generally more enjoyable for those of us with a love of yesteryear!

CCCA members Kerry Michael MBE and former F1 McLaren ace Mark Blundell were competing there over this fabulous weekend festival of historic motorsport.

Kerry Michael was in his first race in his newly acquired 1961 Emeryson F1 car, competing in the class for rear engine F1 cars. Only a very small number of these beautiful Grand Prix cars were built and they later became the Alfa Romeo works cars, although with different engines. During their time as Emerysons they used both the Climax S4 and Maserati S4 power units.

Kerry's event went well with only small adjustments needed for the first free practice session on the Friday. No problems were experienced for the qualifying session on the Saturday other than an issue with the brakes which was sorted by the support team of enthusiastic mechanics over from the UK especially to look after the yellow Emeryson.

Come the race on Sunday and Kerry was off to a great start, passing some six cars on the grid and then working his way up through the field. Sadly his efforts came to an end when he was given a drive-through penalty for jumping the start. A crying shame as no great advantage was had from what was a minor infringement. Still, the car finished its first F1 race in Kerry's hands and much was learned, ready for the next event!

There were a number of CCCA members at this fabulous event and all thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We must wait another two years before the race runs again so we all hope to be back there in 2020!

Jan Giles
MOTORING



'CCCA member Kerry Michael MBE, Emeryson F1 Car.'



'CCCA member Mark Blundell, McLaren M19.'



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Jaguar Enthusiasts Club

THE Jaguar Enthusiasts (JEC) enjoyed their May classic car run last weekend. Organised by Philip and Jenny Wray, the event started near Pizarra.

A full turnout was a great reward for a lot of hard work on the part of the organisers and saw the route set off at 11.00am in the direction of Alora and then Abdalajis.

A much enjoyed cava stop and a coffee stop was built in before crews arrived at Antequera for a most enjoyable lunch. Many enjoyed the short distance - all that crammed in to 91 kilometres (57 miles).



The CCC of A has also been busy and continues to be so. Their May classic car run was well supported and was organised by Martin Hall and Trevor Naylor. The run started from Venta Platero, near Coin and finished at the Monda Castle with a very good lunch.

The Summer Ball

The Club has its famous annual Summer Ball on Tuesday, June 19. Held as always at the Tamisa Golf Hotel, guests will enjoy canapés and cava on arrival, a super three-course dinner, all wines included, sitting 'al fresco' under the stars with tables laid around the swimming pool.

There will be entertainment from one of the Coast's top entertainers, Ricky Lavaza with dancing during and after dinner. Always nice to see such an event with everyone dressed in dinner jackets and posh frocks for the ladies.

This super event costs only €40 pp inclusive and tickets can be booked through Club vice-chairman Brian Ladd.

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The Club's next Club night and dinner will be at Treetops Restaurante at El Chaparral Golf Club on Tuesday, June 5 and the next classic car run will be on Saturday, June 9. The start has yet to be announced but the finish will be at the excellent, and beautiful, restaurante El Gamonal near San Pedro.

UK Registered Classics

A reminder to those owning and running UK registered classics here that the law in the UK has changed now. All cars of 40 years and older now do not need to have MOT certificates and also qualify for free road tax.

Cars must be registered as 'Historic Vehicles' to qualify. However, if your taxation class is still 'PLG' on your V5 log books, simply take that to your local post office who will get that amended to 'Historic.' Your car will then be legal for use. You will still have to tax the car online but it will be free of charge.

Further information on such things can be obtained from our friends at Lifestyle Group. Email chris@lifestylegroup.es.

Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucía events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com.
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Champions League Final

Bale shows Real class

GARETH BALE scored one of European football's great goals as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 3-1 to win their third successive Champions League title.

Jürgen Klopp's side suffered a huge blow with only half an hour played, as star player Mohamed Salah collided with Sergio Ramos and got his arm caught underneath him as they fell to ground.

The incident led to Salah being stretchered off with a dislocated shoulder and he is now a doubt for the World Cup with Egypt.

Liverpool keeper Loris Karius endured a game from one of his worst nightmares, gifting Karim Benzema the opening goal shortly after half time with a rushed pass out of hand.

The Reds recovered from the calamity to equalise through Sadio Mané, before Bale came off the bench to



Credit: GarethBale11/Twitter

WONDER STRIKE: Gareth Bale's stunning goal set up Real Madrid's win.

score a spectacular overhead kick and put Real 2-1 up after 64 minutes.

There was to be no comeback from a shell-shocked Liverpool this time, and Karius' misery was complete when he fumbled Bale's spec-

ulative 30-yard shot into the net in what should have been a routine save.

The result sealed Real's record 13th win in the competition, and their fourth in five seasons to give coach Zinedine Zidane his third triumph

in three years.

Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp has now lost his third successive final since arriving at Anfield, having suffered defeats in the League Cup and Europa League finals of 2016.

French Open Tennis

Norrie aims for slam

CAMERON NORRIE has gone into his first French Open full of confidence after breaking into the world's top 100 rankings.

The 22-year-old Briton reached the semi-finals of this week's Lyon Open, beating world number 10 and second seed John Isner along the way.

"I am at Roland Garros for the first time since the juniors and it was a little overwhelming just to see all the people there," said Norrie.

"It was completely packed and that's before the matches start. It's a great feeling to be around here."

Norrie reached the last four in Lyon without dropping a set but could not get past Gilles Simon, who was then edged out by Dominic Thiem in the final.

The British number three turned professional only 12 months ago after skipping his final year of studies in Texas, and was a Wimbledon wildcard last year.



Credit: British Tennis/Twitter

ON THE RISE: Cameron Norrie is a bright prospect for British tennis.

However, this will be the first time that Norrie's ranking has earned him an automatic place at a major, and he showed good potential on the

surface in the Davis Cup in February.

Norrie and Davis Cup teammate Kyle Edmund combined to win their first doubles title

at the Estoril Open in Portugal earlier this month.

"I think I have the game, the attitude and professionalism to get to the top," said Norrie.

Transfer rumours

Who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted in England and Spain?

Manchester United are ready to make a €228 million move for Real Madrid's Gareth Bale, after the player's anger at not starting the Champions League final. (*Independent*)

Liverpool are to step up their search for a new goalkeeper with Roma's Brazil international Alisson and Jan Oblak of Atletico Madrid and Slovenia, among the main targets. (*Sun*)

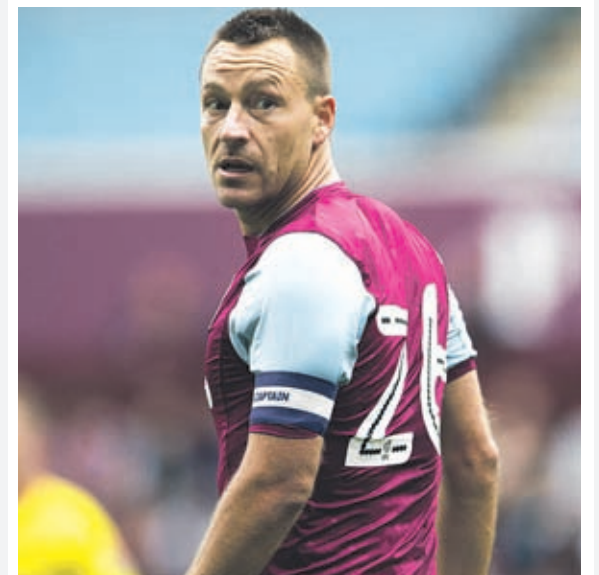
Barcelona are eyeing up a deal for Sevilla and France defender Clement Lenglet, who would provide back up for both Gerard Pique and Samuel Umtiti. (*Daily Mail*)

Brighton have agreed a deal to sign Deportivo La Coruna striker Florin Andone for an undisclosed fee on a five-year contract. (*BBC*)

Manchester City are ready to bid for Kylian Mbappe if financial fair play sanctions force Paris St-Germain to call off the permanent signing of the 19-year-old loanee from Monaco. (*Times*)

Chelsea might need to double their €4 million salary offer if they want ex-Napoli boss Maurizio Sarri to replace fellow Italian Antonio Conte as manager at Stamford Bridge. (*BBC*)

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has advised Florentino Perez not to bring Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois to the Bernabeu, and will continue to back Keylor Navas. (*Caught Offside*)

**GONE TERRY: John is to leave Aston Villa.**

Aston Villa defender John Terry, 37, will leave the club this summer after Steve Bruce's side lost Saturday's Championship play-off final. (*Telegraph*)

Lionel Messi has given his approval for Barcelona to move for Ajax youngster Justin Kluivert, if they fail to land Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann. (*Sky Sports*)

Former **Arsenal** boss Arsene Wenger is considering a return to Japan to resume his managerial career. (*Daily Mail*)



NO EXCEPTIONS: Players face being thrown out if they break the rules.

GERMANY'S boss Joachim Low has laid out his tough rules for the World Cup squad ahead of their journey to Russia.

No sex, no alcohol and no social media are just some of the requirements players must meet which he has said will be enforced with an 'iron fist.'

"The boys are already very familiar with our rules," Low said.

"They know what our ambitions and tasks are, we are all pieces of a puzzle," he added.

The squad will be 'isolated' once the World Cup begins but players will be allowed to see their other

Low's law

halves and children 'after obtaining permission' from their boss during their preparations in Appiano, Italy.

In terms of drinking alcohol players are reportedly allowed to have 'a glass of beer or wine before going to sleep but, of course, without going too far.'

Social media is also off the table following outrage in Germany with Mesut Ozil and Ilkay Gündogan's photos with Turkish President Recep Erdogan.

'No photos are allowed to be taken in their hotels or in the changing rooms,' has also been imposed by the Germany boss.

Players risk being excluded from the squad should they be found breaking any of the rules.

Germany are set to face Austria in a friendly this Saturday, before taking on Saudi Arabia next Friday. They start their World Cup campaign off by facing Mexico on June 17.

'Comical' comeback Bellew happy to fight Fury

TONY BELLEW has said he is willing to fight Tyson Fury before the end of the year.

'Bomber' has listed the former heavy-weight world champion as one of four fighters he would be ready to face following his back-to-back wins over David Haye.

Bellew and Fury have been locked in a social media war of words since Tyson's return fight against Sefer Seferi on June 9 was announced.

During an interview, when asked about facing Fury, Bellew's response was "100 per cent, without a shadow of a doubt."

"The big challenge, me against all the odds, as usual, and that is something I like the sound of.

"I find it comical, the fact that he wouldn't fight me because I am a cruiser-weight, yet he is actually fighting a cruiser-weight," he added.

The Liverpoolian said he understood why Tyson 'doesn't want to come anywhere near me with the calibre of opponents he will be facing' as he is a 'vast step up.'

Bellew also believes if they do fight 'towards the end of the year' it will have to take place in a major stadium but he has ruled out a return to Goodison Park, where he won the WBC cruiserweight title last year. Following in Anthony Joshua's footsteps, he is reportedly interested in fighting at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff.



'BOMBER': Bellew says he's ready to face Fury.

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ENGLAND'S Justin Rose claimed his ninth PGA Tour title with a three-shot win at the Fort Worth Invitational, in Texas. He carded a six under-par closing round of 64 to finish with a 20 under total.

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LEWIS HAMILTON and Fernando Alonso slammed the Monaco Grand Prix as 'not really racing' and 'the most boring race ever.'

Drivers were lapping several seconds slower than normal pace as part of team strategies to manage tyres and ensure only one pit stop was necessary.

Daniel Ricciardo was down on power for the majority of the race but bravely held off the challenge of Sebastian Vettel and Hamilton to take the chequered flag.

He was missing seventh and eighth gears but used all of his skill and race craft, while benefiting from the track's narrow twists and turns.

Hamilton said the race was "super-unexciting for everyone" and when it finished, I was like, "thank goodness."

The defending champion spent much of his race bemoaning his tyres, but managed to finish in third place

Monaco: Drivers slam 'boring' race



Credit: redbullracing/Twitter

DANNY JOY: Ricciardo celebrates his hard fought victory.

behind Vettel.

Race-winner Daniel Ricciardo was relieved to be able to dictate a slower pace on the tight circuit and said:

"I don't think we'll be able to maintain that kind of rhythm on a track like Mon-

treau" (the next race).

Pirelli F1 boss Mario Isola said:

"We need to decide what we want. If they want to push, we will produce more consistent tyres, less sensitive to overheating."

Vroom vroom Froome

CHRIS FROOME became the first Briton to win the Giro d'Italia as he coasted home in Sunday's professional stage in Rome.

The 33-year-old is the seventh man to complete a Grand Tour hat-trick after adding Italian success to the 2017 Vuelta and four Tour de France wins.

"For any cyclist this is the dream to have all three leaders' jerseys in the space of 10

months," Froome said.

Froome finished 46 seconds ahead of Dutch defending champion Tom Dumoulin in the overall standings.

Britain's Simon Yates, who led for most of the race and claimed three stage wins, finished 22nd in the general classification, with Ireland's Sam Bennett claiming the sprint finish for a third stage win of his own.

Froome's

victory also means he is only the third man, after legendary pair Eddy Merckx and Bernard Hinault, to hold cycling's three most prestigious stage races at the same time.

Although the rider remains dogged by an ongoing anti-doping investigation, he said there should be 'no question at all' about the validity of his win, and is confident he will be cleared.



Photo credit Team Sky/Twitter

TAKING THE CHRIS: Froome now holds all three Grand Tours.

Cold shoulder

LIVERPOOL star Mohammed Salah touched down in Spain this week to receive treatment for his shoulder injury.

The forward refused to comment on his condition after an intrepid Spanish reporter tried to get answers from him upon landing in Valencia on his fitness, whether he would be able to make it to Russia and whether he blamed Sergio Ramos for his injury.

The record-breaking striker dislocated his shoulder in their 3-1 Champions League defeat against Real Madrid after a controversial clash.

In a post on social media, the Liverpool player said "It was a very tough night, but I'm a fighter. Despite the odds, I'm confident that I'll be in Russia to make

you all proud. Your love and support will give me the strength I need."

According to reports the Egyptian FA expects Salah to be fit for the World Cup and estimated he will be fully fit in three weeks' time. This means he would miss their opening match against Uruguay on June 15 before facing the hosts Russia on June 19. This means he possibly could only be back to play for the knock-out stages.

The forward's Spanish physiotherapist Ruben Pons said "he is sad about what happened but is totally focused on recovery and seeing when he can be ready.

"Salah has not told me anything about Sergio Ramos. I don't think he is angry with him. it was

an accidental challenge," he added.

A petition calling for UEFA and FIFA to 'punish' Ramos for the incident suggest that many others do not feel the same way, with more than 500,000 signatures gathered since it was posted online.

An Egyptian lawyer has also launched a €1 billion lawsuit against the Real Madrid defender for the challenge which injured Salah.

Bassem Wahba said "I've filed a lawsuit and a complaint to FIFA.

"I'll ask for compensation, which could exceed €1 billion, for the physical and psychological harm that Ramos gave Salah and the Egyptian people."



DEVASTATED: The Liverpool star had to be substituted after dislocating his shoulder.

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