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Night of joy

Patients and friends meet up



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CELEBRATIONS: The get-together featured dancing and music.

By Joe Gerrard

PATIENTS at a clinic in Velez-Malaga were treated to a night with family and friends at an event which took place at a beachside hotel.

The 'Encounter Diaverum' event, organised by the Diaverum de la Axarquía

clinic, saw kidney patients, their friends and relatives meet in the Torre del Mar area.

The clinic said in a statement to *Euro Weekly News* that the celebration, now in its third year, was organised so those close to patients could meet their carers.

"It was a memorable and

unforgettable day with a spirit of coexistence and harmony and it saw ties between patients, their nurses, relatives and friends strengthened," the group said.

"It began with an atmosphere of joy and celebration because of the reunions taking place."

The group added certifi-

cates had been handed out to the oldest of those who had been treated. The work of nurses who take care of patients was also recognised.

Entertainment was provided by flamenco dancer Alicia Rojo and Lourdes and Antonio Jose, a bachata dancing couple who were backed by guitar players.

FIREFIGHTERS and Guardia Civil officers from Almuñecar have rescued a wounded man after his car slipped and fell from a mountain road down a 120-metre embankment.

Emergency services were called out to the A-4050 road, also known as the Carretera de la Cabra, following the plunge which happened at around 2pm last Monday.

Officers from a nearby guard post were joined by firefighters and a Guardia Civil helicopter at the road which links Almuñecar with Otura.

Emergency services sources said the 37-year-old driver and a passenger in the Peugeot 307 car were wounded following the fall, which happened for reasons which remain unknown.

Mount plunge rescue

The Guardia Civil helicopter was needed due to the steep terrain that was difficult to cross on foot or in a road vehicle.

Pictures from the day showed the wounded man bound in bandages and a head brace while lying on a stretcher before he was airlifted to Motril's hospital. Rescue efforts took around three

hours to complete.

The A-4050 road passes through hills and mountains in the Rio Verde Valley and the Suspiro del Moro.

It is popular with drivers due to its scenery, but also features sharp turns and sheer drops. Previous accidents have not been discovered for days due to the terrain.

Flash-mobbed

AROUND 400 people have taken part in a flamenco-style flash mob outside Velez-Malaga's Plaza del Carmen theatre in memory of the town.

The dancers, backed by Velez-Malaga Council and the local Open Flamenco Association, prepared the routine to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Juan Breva.

Flamenco Abierto Axarquía, the group which or-

ganised the flashmob, said they wanted to make Velez-Malaga one of the 'most flamenco' in the world.

A video posted on Facebook showed hundreds of dancers going through the motions for the dance.

A flashmob refers to when a group of people begin spontaneously dancing in a public place. Juan Breva, the singer honoured, is considered one of Malaga Province's greatest flamenco musicians.

Trial open

A 50-YEAR-OLD man and a 49-year-old women charged with drugs crimes in connection with alleged cocaine possession have appeared in court for the start of their trial.

Prosecutors claimed the defendants, both Colombian nationals, were found with the drugs and cash while driving from Granada City to Motril. They added the two intended to sell the cocaine.

They each face a five-year prison sentence and a €2,700 fine if found guilty. Prosecutors have also asked for them to be deported should they be convicted. The trial continues.

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Water torture

Brit holidaymaker sues over horror injury

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH mum who almost lost her leg after a waterslide accident saw the limb infected with flesh-eating bugs is suing a Benidorm hotel.

Helen Priestly, 42, cut her leg in two places and was twice forced to have surgery.

And the mother-of-one from Rochdale, Greater Manchester, has filed charges against the hotel for its 'death trap' chute as she battles to get it shut down.

She said: "The slide I was on is a potential death trap. It's only a matter of time before an adult or child is seriously injured on it."

The incident came after she forked out more than €950 on a four-star break in the Costa Blanca resort with husband Leon, 40, and 15-year-old daughter Danielle.

Helen rode on the slide without knowing that someone had

broken their leg on it earlier the same day.

She explained: "I didn't stand a chance really as the gap to go through wasn't really big enough to get through.

"The water current was really strong and it slammed me into the opening. I was in agony."

After fighting against the flow to get off the attraction she realised how badly she was hurt.

"I started nearly passing out from the shock and blood loss. I had a big massive hole in my leg like an indent," she added.

An ambulance took her to a private hospital where medics x-rayed the leg and put her on an IV drip before letting her go.

The hotel refused to cover the cost of a wheelchair, leaving the family to pay, and they were not visited by a rep for two days.

She continued: "I was in constant pain but they wouldn't help us at all from then on. I was in intense pain and couldn't

wait to get home."

But things took a turn for the worse six weeks after they arrived home, when she was admitted to the Rochdale Infirmary in massive pain before being diagnosed with necrotising fasciitis, commonly known as flesh-eating disease.

She said: "A cloudy, milky liquid was pouring out of my

leg, it was disgusting.

"One time I woke up and my bed was soaking from all the liquid and it was so bad the nurse thought I had spilled a glass of water on the sheets.

"But as the poisons were gone I felt a bit better."

Doctors then performed two emergency operations in a bid to save the leg after a transfer to Royal Oldham Hospital, where she was admitted to the high dependency unit.

She added: "I actually felt better and had a cup of tea. But then the doctors looked at my leg and said I might lose my leg and told my husband and daughter I could also die.

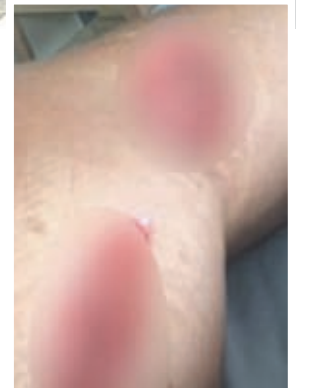
"I was hysterical I couldn't believe all this had come from a water slide. It was like something out of a horror film.

"There were massive holes and gaping wounds in my legs and you could see the bone."

An official from travel opera-



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'I WAS HYSTERICAL': Doctors told Helen she could lose her leg or even die.

tor Jet2 said: "The health and safety of our customers is extremely important to us, we are exploring Helen's claim fully.

"As this is part of an ongoing legal process, we are unable to

comment further at this time."

Helen's legal representative Paul Stevens added: "It defies belief if the same slide that severely injured Helen is open and still causing injuries."

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Two boats picked up

A TOTAL of 91 people were rescued from two boats after they were found sailing for Spain from North Africa. The first boat had 44 passengers from sub-Saharan Africa on board and was found partly-sunken while the other had 47 migrants travelling in it, with all those sailing taken to Motril's Port.

Two held

A 20-YEAR-OLD and 23-year-old have been arrested in the Carchuna area of Motril in connection with some 15 alleged vehicle robberies in Castell de Ferro. The eldest of the two Moroccan nationals has also been held on suspicion of speeding offences as part of the Guardia Civil's operation Mohumi.

'Brawl' rap

A 47-YEAR-OLD suspect has been held in connection with an alleged armed street fight involving several people in Torre del Mar on Sunday. Two people were left with serious hand wounds following the brawl and police unions have since called on local authorities to provide them with more body armour.

Eyes down

NATIONAL POLICE have raided bingo halls in Algarrobo and Velez-Malaga which they claim were operating illegally. Cash, chips and audiovisual equipment were all seized as part of the raid which came as a result of a six month probe into suspected illegal gambling at the two halls.

Car 'theft'

A 29-YEAR-OLD and 57-year-old were arrested at Motril's port in connection with multiple allegations of vehicle theft. The 29-year-old was detained while travelling through the port to take a boat to the Moroccan city of Nador while the 57-year-old was about to sail to Al Hoceima, also in the North African country.

Two hurt

TWO people were taken to the PTS Hospital in Granada City after they were hit by a car in the town of Cullar Vega. Emergency services said the accident took place in the town centre at around 11.55pm last Tuesday, with the Guardia Civil adding the injuries were not serious.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 18

SPEARS OF DESTINY: Workers in Caparroso, Navarra.

White gold

IT must be collected at night to protect its delicate colour and texture.

And the asparagus dubbed 'white gold' is now being harvested by temporary workers in northern Spain.

Within a few hours of being picked, the delicacy is either sold in local markets or boiled and placed into tins or jars, otherwise its high water content - considered critical to its distinct flavour - can be lost.

And if exposed to the sun, the pricey veg can quickly turn purple.

Those responsible for picking it must move quickly, and a dozen people can harvest up to 1.5 tonnes in a single night. And there is another reason for their haste, since

salaries for the seasonal workers, here pictured in Caparroso, Navarra, are partly based on the amount they collect.

The region's climate, comprised of cold winter and spring nights, is said to be ideal for producing top quality asparagus, which receives a special label of geographical origin under European rules.

A kilo typically sells for €2.90 if bought directly from farmers, with the price doubling or tripling in food markets elsewhere.

Locals eat the asparagus by holding it with two fingers upside down above the head and lowering it slowly into the mouth.

Centre sit in

LOCALS in Motril have set up a 24-hour watch system outside a disused military barracks in the town following plans to convert it into a migrant reception centre.

The residents, from the Rambla de los Alamos area of the city, have placed the EVA 9 facility under constant surveillance and each take shifts to cover guard duties.

They told Spanish media they would not move from the spot until the cen-

tral government confirmed to them in writing the building would not be refurbished to house migrants.

One of them, named as Sonia, said the sit in was not about racism but it was an issue of the amount of immigrants living in the town.

Motril's council has also opposed the conversion of the barracks on the grounds that the government granted the site to the local authority to house an education centre.

Fighting back

WOMEN and councillors in Velez-Malaga have met for a meeting of the local authority's Anti-Gender Violence Commission.

The session was attended by Zoila Martin, Velez-Malaga council's social welfare and equality spokesperson, and the Andalusian Institute for Women's provincial co-ordinator Maria del Carmen Moreno.

Martin said it was essential that all officials work together to raise

social awareness and to prevent and eradicate sexist violence.

"Developing and implementing a framework of measures to tackle violence against women is a priority for the council," she said.

Visitor numbers to the town's Information Centre for Women were also highlighted, with more than 1,000 people attending last year.

Those at the meeting also discussed the privacy of gender violence victims.

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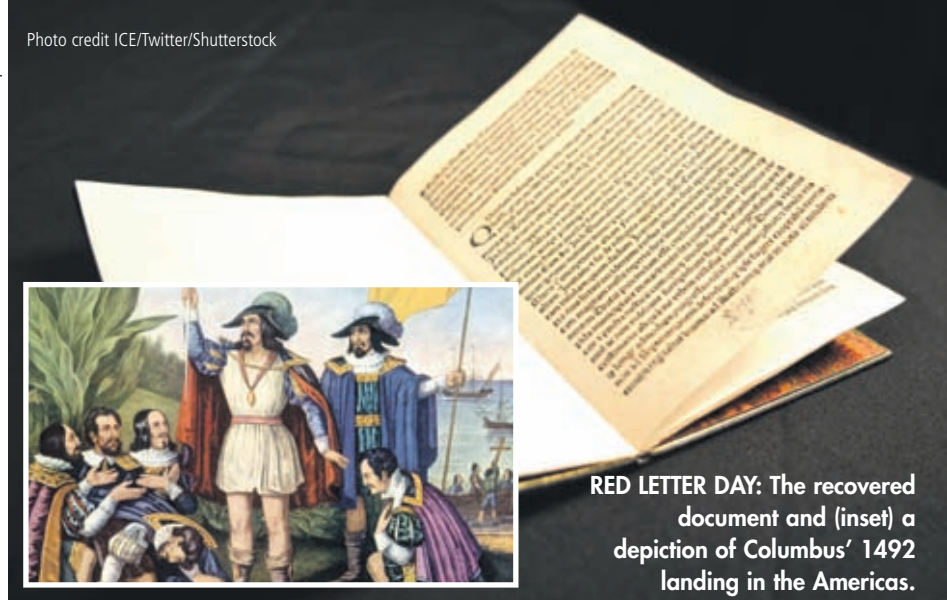


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RED LETTER DAY: The recovered document and (inset) a depiction of Columbus' 1492 landing in the Americas.

The right note

A 500-YEAR-OLD letter written by Christopher Columbus has been returned to Spain by the United States.

It comes after a seven-year international probe which reached as far afield as Paris and Brasilia.

Written in 1493 and addressed to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, the letter describes the notorious explorer's discoveries in the New World.

It was among 16 original copies, of which several were stolen from Barcelona's National Library of Cataluña archives in 2004 and 2005.

They were replaced with forgeries, but the switch was only discovered in 2011 when experts received a tip off about the plot from an informant.

Spain's US ambassador described the repatriation of the letter as 'a showcase of the ties that bind the United States and Spain together' when receiving it during a ceremony in Washington, DC.

"We are truly honoured to return this historically important document back to Spain, its rightful owner," US Attorney David Weiss added.

The letter was a manual copy of the original, written in Spanish to the monarchs who paid for his journey to the Americas.

It covers the people, landscape and wealth that the navigator found between his August 1492 departure from Puerto de Palos in Huelva, Spain, and return to Lisbon in March 1493, seven months later.

It was at the time translated into Latin before being sent to kings and queens across Europe.

Investigators said the document was sold by two Italian book dealers for €600,000 in 2005, before a Brazilian businessman snapped it up for €900,000 in 2011. And it is believed they were alerted to the scam by an expert employed by the latest owner to check its authenticity.

An agent was then dispatched to Spain to check that the archived version was a fake, sparking a joint enquiry by US Homeland Security Investigations, a division of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE), and the Department of Justice.

The unnamed owner reportedly agreed to hand the letter over after being contacted by the authorities.

ICE said in a statement that it has recovered 11,000 stolen artefacts from 30 countries since 2007, and that a second copy of the same letter was in 2016 returned to Italy.

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Cat call

COUNCILLORS in Velez-Malaga have said they will appeal to the town's mayor to protect a cat colony living in the Torreño cemetery.

Miguel Angel Sanchez and Alicia Perez, both of the leftist Izquierda Unida group on Velez-Malaga Council, reportedly plan to call on Mayor Antonio Moreno Ferrer to address the issue.

Sanchez said residents contacted them claiming the priest of the church which administers the burial ground may have contacted a company to remove the animals.

"We are concerned these feral cats may end up facing the same fate as a previous colony that lived in the cemetery," he said.

He added the cats should be allowed to remain due to them being able to control pests.

The cats which previously existed near Maria Zambrano's tomb at the site was reportedly removed at the end of last year.

OUR VIEW

Forget the past

NO matter what anyone may think about the leaders of North Korea and the USA, their meeting in Singapore on Monday is without doubt of historic importance. It has been suggested that Chairman Kim Jong-un has actually outfoxed President Trump by appealing to his vanity as the first US President to establish a 'friendly' relationship with North Korea. The North Korean economy has been significantly disadvantaged by the sanctions imposed upon it and if these are to be eased as the two countries discuss nuclear disarmament then Kim will be able to take the credit whilst making promises of things to come.

The Americans had demanded 'complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation,' but there was no mention of this following the meeting and whilst the two parties have signed a document of understanding, full details of the content are awaited. At the end of the day however, when one considers that technically North and South Korea are still at war (there is only a ceasefire in place) any move to lessen the tension in the area has to be positive and will also come as a relief to neighbours including China.

According to President Trump the pair have forged "a special bond" whilst Kim said "We've decided to leave the past behind."

The next few months will determine whether this is a game of smoke and mirrors on the part of either side, but any action that helps to make the world a safer place cannot be criticised.

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Flash of Ash

SHE set pulses racing after hooking up with US singer Ginuwine in the Celebrity Big Brother house.

And Ashley James, 31, turned up the heat once again after slipping into a skimpy orange bikini in Ibiza.

The blonde stunner flaunted her enviable curves as she soaked up the sun at a beach club opening party, posting a series of racy images on social media.



ORANGE CRUSH: Ashley James.

In the lap of the gods

HE was Britain's most famous nightclub owner.

And tributes have poured in for Peter Stringfellow, who died aged 77 after losing a decade-long lung cancer battle.

The self-made millionaire had a long-affiliation with Spain, and in the 1990's bought a villa near Puerto Portals in Mallorca.

He once said of the island: "I liked it immediately. The first thing I did was buy a boat, which



PLACE IN THE SUN: Peter Stringfellow.

I lived on for around six years before buying the villa."

He listed the property as one of the five things he couldn't do without in a 2013 interview, but last year put it up for sale before buying land in southern

Italy to be closer to his half-Italian wife Bella's family.

At the time he said: "The area's probably like Mallorca was 20-odd years ago. It's incredible value, the land is incredibly easy to buy and you can build a lot cheaper than anywhere else."

Piqued the lock



SHAKY GROUND: Gerard and Shakira.

BARCELONA footballing star Gerard Pique confirmed to the King of Spain that his luxury Barcelona home was ransacked while he was watching pop star girlfriend Shakira performing in Germany.

The admission came as Felipe VI visited the Spanish national team's training camp before they jetted to Russia for the World Cup.

It is believed that the 31-year-old defender's parents were sleeping inside the man-

sion in Esplugues de Llobregat when burglars described as 'professionals' broke in and made off with luxury watches and jewellery.

Video footage posted online shows Pique shaking hands with the royal before explaining that his mum and dad were unharmed and that no arrests had been made.

He had travelled to Cologne to watch his partner of eight years, 41, as she completed the latest leg of her world tour.

Spain begin their World Cup Group B campaign against fierce rivals Portugal on Friday.



ISLAND FEVER: The Love Island 2018 contestants.

Summer of love

IT'S back. The 11 initial singletons are now ensconced in a luxury villa somewhere on Mallorca.

And the Love Island 2018 contestants are now looking to couple up or clear out as the popular ITV2 series gets underway.

Known for its raunchy sex scenes, this year's line-up includes Eastenders star Danny Dyer's daughter, Dani and Adam Collard, who once shared a three-way kiss with Charlotte Crosby and Chloe Ferry in a cameo on Geordie Shore.

Total angel

SHE'S best known for hitting the runway in skimpy lingerie.

But Dutch Victoria's Secret angel Romee Strijd, 22, showed she's not averse to swimwear as she topped up her tan in Ibiza. Joined by boyfriend of nine years Laurens van Leeuwen, the beauty put on a jaw-dropping display by the water.



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Kill claim

by Matt Ford

AN alleged contract killer accused of gunning down an Irish gang member on the Costa del Sol has claimed he was lying hung-over in bed with a prostitute when the assassination took place.

Prosecutors say that Irishman James Quinn donned a balaclava before lying in wait for more than two hours in the car park of a gated housing estate in Miraflores, near Fuengirola, after being dropped off by two unidentified accomplices.

But the father-of-one has denied shooting Gary Hutch, then 34, twice in the head at point-blank range after chasing him round a swimming pool. The brutal hit on September 24, 2015 triggered a feud between rival crime families that has claimed at least 15 lives in Ireland and Spain.

Early in the hearing at a Malaga's Ciudad de la Justicia court Dubliner Quinn told the jury of five women and four men: "I flew back to Spain from Dubai a couple of days earlier to attend a wedding.

"The morning of September 24 I was in bed with a hangover and a prostitute."

When quizzed about the woman's name by state prosecutor Jose Barba he replied: "I didn't know her personally."

Mr Barba had earlier de-

scribed the assault as a "surprise attack," explaining that investigators found the dead man's car door open with his keys on the ground.

"Quinn fired off some 15 shots as he chased his victim and they ran round the community swimming pool twice," he said in his opening address. "Some entered the victim's back and he fell on the ground with no chance of defending himself before the accused finished him off from close range with two shots to the head."

The jury then heard that a baseball cap the accused swapped for his balaclava had been critical to identifying him.

Quinn later shook his head when shown the charred remains of garments recovered from his 'getaway car,' a BMW X3 stolen from Mijas and later found torched near Marbella.

Jurors were allowed to touch the clothes before inspecting the cap, which prosecutors say survived the blaze.

DNA found on the cap was matched to Quinn after undercover detectives snatched a bottle of water he drank from on a high-speed train while he was under surveillance in the wake of the execution.

Pedro Apalategui, defending, said: "The fact Gary Hutch suffered a violent death is not up for debate. The question is who

killed him. I say it wasn't my client."

He went on to question how police had found the 'practically new' cap inside a gutted vehicle, insisting it had not been mentioned before investigators obtained the DNA sample.

Two unlicensed guns allegedly used in the killing, a 9mm Glock 26 semi-automatic pistol and .45 semi-automatic Colt 1911 pistol, were found in a raid on his Benahavis home.

The trial is set to conclude today (Thursday).



MURDER TRIAL: A jury at Malaga's Ciudad de la Justicia, heard that James Quinn, left, shot Gary Hutch '15 times.'

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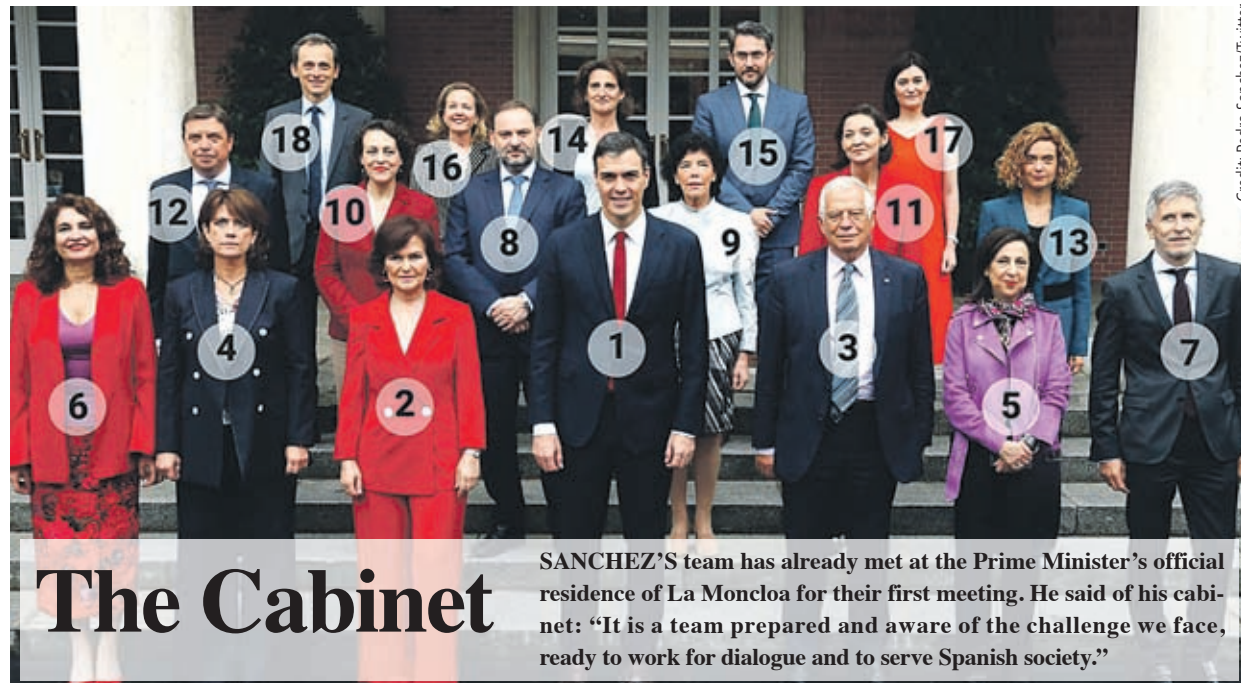
State of play

By **Joe Gerrard**

SPAIN'S new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has now finished making ap-

pointments to his Council of Ministers, with more women given cabinet briefs than ever before. Sources close to Sanchez claimed he has ruled out a snap

election meaning his left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) will have to work with other parliamentary parties to get legislation passed.



Credit: Pedro Sanchez/Twitter

The Cabinet

SANCHEZ'S team has already met at the Prime Minister's official residence of La Moncloa for their first meeting. He said of his cabinet: "It is a team prepared and aware of the challenge we face, ready to work for dialogue and to serve Spanish society."

■ 1 • Pedro Sanchez (PSOE)

President of the Government (Prime Minister)

Born: February 29, 1972 (46) in Madrid

Previous work: Chief of staff to UN envoy in Bosnia, Economics Professor, Madrid City Council member, Congress Member.

■ 2 • Carmen Calvo (PSOE)

Vice President of the Government, Minister of the Presidency, Government Relations and Equality (Deputy Prime Minister)

Born: June 9, 1957 (61) in Cabra, Andalucia

Previous work: Junta de Andalucia, Congress member, Minister of Culture.

■ 3 • Josep Borrell (PSOE)

Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Co-operation

Born: April 24, 1947 (71) in La Pobla de Segur, Catalunya

Previous work: Engineer, Academic, Congress Member, European Parliament Member, Civil Servant.

■ 4 • Dolores Delgado (Independent)

Minister of Justice

Born: November 9, 1962 (55) in Madrid

Previous work: Prosecutor in Spanish courts and the International Criminal Court.

■ 5 • Margarita Robles (Independent)

Minister of Defence

Born: November 10, 1956 (61) in Leon

Previous work: Judge, Civil Servant, Congress Member.

■ 6 • Maria Jesus Montero (PSOE)

Minister of the Treasury

Born: February 4, 1966 (52) in Sevilla

Previous work: Health Manager, Andalucian Parliament Member, Junta de Andalucia Minister.

■ 7 • Fernando Grande-Marlaska (Independent)

Minister of the Interior

Born: July 26, 1962 (55) in Bilbao

Previous work: Police officer, Magistrate, Judge.

■ 8 • Jose Luis Abalos (PSOE)

Minister of Public Works

Born: December 9, 1959 (58) in Torrent, Valencia

Previous work: Teacher, Councillor, PSOE official, Corts Valencianes member, Congress Member.

■ 9 • Isabel Celaa (PSOE)

Minister of Education, Spokesperson of the Government

Born: May 23, 1949 (69) in Bilbao

Previous work: PSOE official, Basque Parliament Member, Basque Government Minister.

■ 10 • Magdalena Valerio (PSOE)

Minister of Labour, Migration and Welfare

Born: September 27, 1959 (58) in Torremocha, Extremadura

Previous work: Civil Servant and Councillor in Guadalajara, PSOE official, Congress Member.

■ 11 • Reyes Maroto (PSOE)

Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism

Born: December 19, 1973 (44), Medina del Campo, Castilla y Leon

Previous work: Academic, Madrid Assembly Member.

■ 12 • Luis Planas (PSOE)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Born: November 20, 1952 (65) in Valencia

Previous work: Labour inspector, Cordoba Assembly Member, European Parliament Member, Junta de Andalucia Member and Minister, Ambassador to Morocco.

■ 13 • Meritxell Batet (PSOE)

Minister of the Territories

Born: March 19, 1973 (45) in Barcelona

Previous work: Academic, PSOE official.

■ 14 • Teresa Ribera (PSOE)

Minister of the Environment

Born: May 19, 1969 (49) in Madrid

Previous work: Academic, Civil Servant, NGO and UN Advisor.

■ 15 • Maxim Huerta (Independent)

Minister of Culture and Sports

Born: January 26, 1971 (47) in Utiel, Valencia

Previous work: Radio and Television Host, novelist.

■ 16 • Nadia Calviño (Independent)

Minister of the Economy and Enterprise

Born: October 3, 1968 (49) in La Coruna

Previous work: Civil Servant, European Union Budget Director.

■ 17 • Carmen Monton (PSOE)

Minister of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare

Born: March 9, 1976 (42) in Burjassot, Valencia

Previous work: Burjassot Councillor, Congress Member.

■ 18 • Pedro Duque (Independent)

Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities

Born: March 14, 1963 (55) in Madrid

Previous work: Astronaut, Academic, Company Chair.

Congress and the Senate

THE PSOE currently has 84 seats in the 350-strong Congress of Deputies and 62 members out of 266 in the Senate. Sanchez struck an agreement with smaller parties such as the far left Podemos and Basque and Catalan nationalists to unseat Rajoy. He will need their support to get laws passed until another election is held, due on or before July 2020.

Congress of Deputies

THE Congress of Deputies (Congreso de los Diputados in Spanish) is the lower house of Spain's Parliament, the Cortes Generales. Deputies cover some 52 multi-member constituencies and are elected to serve four year terms unless snap polls are called. The Plenary of the Congress refers to the meeting of all members for debates and votes. There are also Commissions made up of a smaller number of members to examine legislation and government policy.

Senate

THE Senate (Senado in Spanish) is the upper house of parliament. Senators represent each of Spain's Autonomous Communities or regions, with larger provinces such as Andalucia having more members. A total of 208 of the members are elected to serve four year terms while a further 56 are appointed by regional assemblies. Senators are tasked with debating and voting on legislation, as well as approving some government appointments and members have the power to suspend regional governments.

Political parties

Partido Socialista (PSOE)

PRIME MINISTER Pedro Sanchez's party the current ruling party of Spain. It is led by Sanchez and its name in English is the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party. The PSOE is the oldest political party currently active in Spain and it has enjoyed historic ties with the country's trade unions. It is centre-left and progressive, with a liberal social outlook and a preference on higher public spending and for state intervention in the economy.

Podemos

PODEMOS translates as 'We Can' in English and the party was founded following protests against inequality and corruption. It is headed by Pablo Iglesias, a left-wing academic, and is currently a part of a broader coalition of far-left parties in Parliament known as Unidos Podemos. They have a liberal social outlook and economically they have proposed taking key industries into government ownership and providing citizens with a basic income. Unidos Podemos have 67 seats in the Congress and 20 seats in the Senate.

Ciudadanos

CIUDADANOS, or Citizens in English, was formed in Catalunya in response to what they claim is the failure of Spain's two main parties and the rise of Catalan nationalism. It is led by Albert Rivera and rose to become the largest party in the Catalan regional parliament following a snap election this year. They emphasise Spanish unionism, are socially liberal and promote business-friendly policies such as lowering corporation tax and cutting red tape. It has 32 seats in Congress and four in the Senate.

Partido Popular (PP)

THE party of former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, the name of which means the People's Party. Rajoy remains the caretaker leader of the party with a new leader due to be elected later this year. Its roots lie in the now defunct Alianza Popular, a conservative party founded by politicians sympathetic to dictator Francisco Franco. The modern day PP is socially conservative and promotes policies friendly to the Catholic Church, and it tends to favour less intervention in the economy. The PP has 134 seats in the Congress and 148 in the Senate.

Other parties

THERE are several smaller parties in the Spanish Parliament representing a variety of causes and interests. Many of these are part of what is known as the Mixed Group, Deputies and Senators in parties with too few seats to form official groupings. Most represent regions such as Catalunya, the Basque Country, Valencia and the Canary Islands. The regionalist party platforms vary from advocating for more autonomy in the Spanish system to outright independence.

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(Wednesday)

NEWS EXTRA

Plague strike

FARMERS have informed the authorities after detecting the chestnut wasp plague, which is harmful to trees, in the Sierras Tejada-Almijara natural park, the environment ministry announced.

Safe bathing

MORE than 300 life-guards will reportedly work this summer to protect millions of Costa del Sol bathers on one of Malaga's most dangerous bathing stretches which saw 60 deaths between 2015 and 2017.

Honey work

A CIUDADANOS party official, Maria del Carmen Lopez, has asked the leftist tripartite government team to start refurbishing a dilapidated sugar cane honey factory which is now part of Nerja's industrial heritage.

Tram report

VELEZ-MALAGA authorities are preparing a report to argue the municipality should be declared a metropolitan area in order to secure the return of the tram service to the city, media reports.

Farm cash

MALAGA provincial government has invested almost €180,000 in 11 projects in Velez-Malaga and Arenas as part of the Agrarian Employment promotion Plan (PFEA), municipal official, José Ramón del Cid, announced.

Which way

RINCON de la Victoria has launched a '¿damos un paseo?' (let's go for a walk) campaign to consult citizens on the proposed model for the new Torre de Benagallbon waterfront promenade.

SECOND TIME AROUND will be celebrating their first anniversary on Friday June 22 from 10am to 2pm.

Linda and Geoff who own the shop hope to welcome many old and new customers and offer all guests some drinks and nibbles to enjoy whilst they browse the products on offer.

To mark the occasion they are introducing a new range of Oriflame products to their store.

Double celebrations

These beauty products are inspired by nature and renowned for their high quality. The brand has been in operation for over 50 years and is timeless, they have grown from just skin care and cosmetics to fragrances and wellness products, for both men and women.

On the day of the anniversary,

there will be a full range of items on display. So confident are Linda and Geoff about these products, that they are offering a 'money back guarantee.'

Everyone who purchases an Oriflame product on the day will receive a raffle ticket to be put into a prize draw to win a NovAge Time Restore

Skin Care Set of six products worth €246.

In addition, a raffle ticket will be received for every further €10 spent (€20 = two tickets). The draw will take place on the day at 2.15pm.

Second Time Around is located on Calle Ventabaja in Puente don Manuel (opposite Pepe's Garage). For more information call 659 375 603.

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STAT OF WEEK**€80** million The amount that information technology failures at British bank TSB have cost Spanish parent Sabadell since 2015 after a rise in fraudster attacks, according to a company statement.**Fuel firm set to fork out €15bn**

SPANISH energy firm Repsol has pledged to sink €15 billion into exploration, production and refining over the next two years.

It comes after years of cost-cutting exercises after the company was boosted by a rebound in global oil prices.

The investment will be part-funded by the €3.8 billion sale of a 20 per cent stake in utility Gas Natural to private equity firm CVC Capital Partners.

Oil production soared from 727,000 to 750,000 barrels per day over the first quarter of 2018, an official said.

Thieves in the bagging area

SHOPLIFTERS cost the Spanish economy more than €1 billion per year, a new report says.

The probe by the Association of Large Consumer Companies (AECOC) shows that alcoholic drinks, Iberian ham and chorizo, creams, make-ups and perfume top the rankings of products targeted by petty crooks across the country.

And an estimated 22 per cent of the culprits are employees stealing while at work, according to the 2017 data.

The food and drink section of the analysis shows Iberian meat products

are singled out by 73.3 per cent of peckish raiders, with wine, beer and spirits chosen by 86.7 per cent of thirsty thieves.

Jams and marmalade are the second-most popular foodstuffs pilfered.

In textiles, clothing including shirts, trousers, underwear, jumpers and socks are looted by 81.8 per cent of shoplifters, with hair bobbles, earrings, bracelets, rings and other accessories also taken during 54.5 per cent of swoops.

Creams are the most desirable cosmetic product for criminals, being

stolen in 86.4 per cent of cases, with make-up and perfumes picked out 69.2 per cent of the time.

Tools and batteries are top of the list for 70 per cent of hardware villains, according to the AECOC statistics, while consoles and video games, computer accessories and mobile phones are earmarked by 60 per cent of electronics jackers.

The report reckons that most of these items are chosen for 'their physical characteristics, monetary value or the ease with which they can be resold on the black market.'

*by Matt Ford***Deals on wheels set new records**

SPANISH carmaker SEAT has set a new sales record.

The Cataluña-based firm shifted 49,200 cars in May, beating the previous high of 48,400 set in 2000, after sales rose by 15.5 per cent.

Vice-president for Sales and Marketing Wayne Griffiths said: "Our May sales enable us to maintain our position as one of the fastest growing brands in Europe."

Our results went up by at least 14 per cent in the main European markets, and by more than 20 per cent in the case of Italy."



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€14.5 tax payout leaves sour taste**SUPER CHARGED: The Apple Store in Barcelona.**

TECH giant Apple has paid €14.5 million to the Spanish Tax Agency in the wake of an inspection.

Subsidiary Apple Retail, which manages the US firm's 11 official stores across the country, footed almost €14.2 million of the bill after its VAT, corporate and income tax payments were probed.

The rest of the cash was stumped up by Apple Market-

ing, a wholesale branch responsible for charging commission on products sold to shops by Ireland-based Apple Distribution International.

Spain recently announced a new tax aiming to crack down on taxation strategies used by multinational companies, which often set up sales divisions in countries with low tax rates including Luxembourg, Ireland and the Netherlands.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Wage war set to end**

THE Spanish association of employers and the country's biggest trade unions are close to reaching an agreement which will see the national minimum wage rise to 14 payments of €1,000 following months of talks, according to reports.

Cat nabbed

ALMOST 72 per cent of the 2,849 firms that have set up headquarters in Madrid since last October have left Cataluña in the wake of last year's illegal independence referendum, according to new Spanish Finance Ministry data.

Swiss move

SWISS food and drink company Nestle has revealed it plans to move 850 jobs to Spain over the next 18 months as it extends its Barcelona technology hub in a bid to improve its e-commerce offering.

Swede idea over plastic

SWEDISH furniture firm IKEA has pledged to phase out all single-use plastic products from its stores by 2020.

The flat-pack specialist said that plastic straws, plates, cups, freezer bags, bin bags, and plastic-coated paper plates and cups would be discontinued or replaced by alternatives.

A company official said: "We don't have all the

answers yet but we are working together with our suppliers to find solutions that are good for both people and the planet."

The chain has already committed to axing oil-based plastics and the latest move will see all its plastic products made with recycled materials.

It comes amid rising fear over plastic pollution in the world's oceans.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,885.00	35.60	1.92	26,437.76
Associated British Foods	2,710.00	-30.00	-1.09	21,422.70
Admiral Group	1,961.25	58.75	3.09	5,546.21
Ashtead Group	2,400.00	25.00	1.05	11,748.83
Antofagasta	1,114.50	16.00	1.46	11,189.47
Aviva	520.70	14.10	2.78	20,432.45
AstraZeneca	5,365.00	12.00	0.22	67,638.97
BAE Systems	649.00	0.80	0.12	20,748.35
Barclays	200.00	1.00	0.50	34,413.76
British American Tobacco	3,622.50	-33.50	-0.92	83,605.56
Barratt Developments	576.50	-9.50	-1.62	5,803.92
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,262.00	-59.00	-1.37	5,758.00
British Land Co	685.50	1.50	0.22	6,705.52
BHP Billiton	1,755.00	-8.60	-0.49	37,383.67
Bunzl	2,305.00	33.00	1.45	7,686.71
BP	586.00	2.20	0.38	117,654.36
Burberry Group	2,113.50	-0.50	-0.02	8,850.88
BT Group	205.95	1.00	0.49	20,136.50
Coca-Cola HBC	2,649.50	49.50	1.90	9,567.68
Carnival	4,687.50	167.50	3.71	9,369.70
Centrica	146.00	0.50	0.34	8,207.07
Compass Group	1,489.50	-89.50	-5.67	24,737.05
Croda International	4,791.00	-39.00	-0.81	6,366.26
CRH	2,609.00	-216.00	-7.65	23,897.30
DCC	7,205.00	0.00	0.00	6,457.97
Diageo	2,697.50	-26.50	-0.97	66,356.49
Direct Line Insurance Group	351.00	3.20	0.92	4,846.88
Evrax	510.00	10.60	2.12	7,352.16
Experian	1,898.50	15.50	0.82	17,340.05
easyJet	1,730.00	16.50	0.96	6,897.52
Ferguson	5,894.00	0.00	0.00	14,423.85
Fresnillo	1,267.00	51.00	4.19	9,572.25
G4S	277.75	2.05	0.74	4,321.19
Glencore	390.00	6.15	1.60	56,840.69
GlaxoSmithKline	1,519.00	-9.00	-0.59	75,374.81
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,934.00	-28.00	-1.43	9,329.85
Halma	1,485.00	64.00	4.50	5,352.94
HSBC Holdings	730.00	0.10	0.01	146,710.52
International Consolidd Airs Grp	692.50	2.70	0.39	14,172.92
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,910.00	-5.00	-0.10	9,342.83
3i Group	966.00	-1.40	-0.14	9,437.20
Imperial Brands	2,677.00	92.50	3.58	24,840.08
Informa	817.60	1.20	0.15	6,743.66
Intertek Group	5,695.00	-19.00	-0.33	9,205.86
ITV	170.65	1.50	0.89	6,879.42
Just Eat	741.50	-117.70	-13.70	5,846.80
Johnson Matthey	3,760.00	-28.00	-0.74	7,267.18
Kingfisher	304.00	2.60	0.86	6,597.36
Land Securities Group	939.00	-0.30	-0.03	6,946.74
Legal & General Group	271.50	1.30	0.48	16,249.80

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	63.56	0.66	1.05	45,879.72
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,504.00	0.00	0.00	15,666.36
Micro Focus International	1,320.00	-16.00	-1.20	5,851.03
Mediclinic International	641.90	91.10	16.54	4,094.65
Marks & Spencer Group	290.00	0.00	0.00	4,698.86
Mondi	2,107.50	10.50	0.50	7,715.73
Melrose	218.50	-18.50	-7.81	11,305.78
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	245.00	-1.20	-0.49	5,795.63
National Grid	827.00	-1.50	-0.18	27,852.80
NMC Health	3,313.00	-121.00	-3.52	7,264.88
Next	6,015.00	-39.00	-0.64	8,451.42
Old Mutual Group	221.20	-1.20	-0.54	11,192.47
Paddy Power Betfair	7,602.50	-982.50	-11.44	7,306.69
Prudential	1,855.00	19.00	1.03	47,768.00
Persimmon	2,893.50	13.50	0.47	8,956.47
Pearson	891.00	8.20	0.93	6,943.28
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,850.00	-24.00	-0.41	40,663.19
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	270.00	2.40	0.90	32,473.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,605.00	-1.50	-0.06	120,490.94
RELX	1,671.00	-2.50	-0.15	17,501.45
Rio Tinto	4,437.25	17.25	0.39	59,100.11
Royal Mail	482.75	0.45	0.09	4,921.00
Rolls-Royce Group	835.70	0.30	0.04	15,522.37
Randgold Resources	5,925.00	95.00	1.63	5,597.99
RSA Insurance Group	661.60	18.20	2.83	6,657.22
Rentokil Initial	311.85	-36.65	-10.52	6,451.67
Sainsbury (J)	267.00	-37.80	-12.40	6,678.36
Schroders	3,266.00	13.00	0.40	7,406.75
Sage Group (The)	677.00	6.00	0.89	7,335.44
Segro	671.80	2.79	0.42	6,795.62
Shire	3,985.00	-13.00	-0.33	36,639.77
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,075.00	113.00	3.81	6,917.09
Sky	1,362.50	22.50	1.68	23,206.73
Standard Life Aberdeen	359.00	8.00	2.28	10,845.10
Smith (DS)	545.60	-10.20	-1.84	6,041.18
Smiths Group	1,775.00	-9.50	-0.53	7,036.61
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	540.00	12.00	2.27	7,476.50
Smith & Nephew	1,360.00	0.00	0.00	11,919.14
SSE	1,360.50	18.00	1.34	13,770.99
Standard Chartered	737.50	10.90	1.50	24,577.45
St James's Place	1,193.00	0.00	0.00	6,375.42
Severn Trent	1,960.00	23.00	1.19	4,646.19
Tesco	246.50	-1.40	-0.56	24,258.47
TUI AG	1,795.00	61.00	3.52	10,197.04
Taylor Wimpey	193.00	1.95	1.02	6,230.52
Unilever	4,100.00	-15.50	-0.38	49,955.65
United Utilities Group	780.00	0.80	0.10	5,362.37
Vodafone Group	187.40	-0.08	-0.04	50,023.89
WPP Group	1,222.00	6.00	0.49	15,396.58
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AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,000	-0.47%	-0,4800	86,892,28
APPLE	191,700	-0.91%	-1,760	941,150,62
BOEING CO	369,500	+0.26%	0,970	215,333,58
CATERPILLAR	155,320	-0.62%	-0,970	92,837,68
CHEVRON	126,44	-0.41%	-0,52	241,717,33
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,480	-0.39%	-0,170	209,417,46
COCA-COLA	43,95	+1.17%	0,51	186,997,52
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Lawless Britain fuelled by family breakdown

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OTHERS THINK IT



PERSONALLY, I think the crime wave of tsunami-like proportions, which is at the moment practically engulfing the UK, has very little to do with the countries lack of police resources.

I believe a large part of the blame can be firmly apportioned to the breakdown of the family unit. Huge numbers of families across the UK, have for years taken full advantage of the liberal benefits policies of successive governments.

Child benefits have been a particularly lucrative source of earnings. Consequently, many children have been conceived and born purely to add to the family income.

This has resulted in enormous dysfunctional families, of individuals to whom benefits are a way of life and children merely a means to a financial end.

There is no love or guidance in these families. Once the children's purpose has been served, they are left to roam the streets with no sense of decency or compassion for their fellow human beings whatsoever. How could there be, when there have been no examples of it at home?

Once let loose, they link up with like-



YOUNG OFFENDERS:
Are benefits to blame?

-minded offsprings of their fellow dysfunctional neighbours and begin to run riot.

They soon begin to realise, that the impossibly priced electronic devices and expensive 'toys' they have been bombarded with on television, are completely out of their financial reach, even if they took a 'proper' job. So, they turn to crime.

Heaven forbid I could condone their often-horrendous actions, but quite frankly I

can easily see that they must actually feel they have very little choice. To be honest I can see no answer to the immediate situation. Lock up as many of them as possible I suppose. As to the future, only allowing child benefits for up to two children would be a start.

At least this would curb the temptation to pour even more unwanted and unloved future criminals into our society. More police

are certainly needed, but only because the numbers of young criminals have escalated so alarmingly. I would like to see boot camps built all across the country, where these young offenders can be sent to learn discipline, values and respect for their fellow human beings. Trades could be taught.

Even simply showing someone actually cares may rescue at least a proportion of them that can then be released to become valued members of society.

Although Spain also has some problems with young offenders it is nothing like the enormous criminal issues confronting the UK at this time. I firmly believe that a great deal of this lies in the simple fact that the Spanish family unit is still as strong as ever.

Love and respect are firmly entwined and practised from grannies and granddads down to the youngest of the broods and although I do feel they spoil some of their kids rotten, its infinitely better than chucking them out to survive with no pre-preparation, guidance or sense of decency whatsoever.

Thanks for all the mail. Keep 'em coming.

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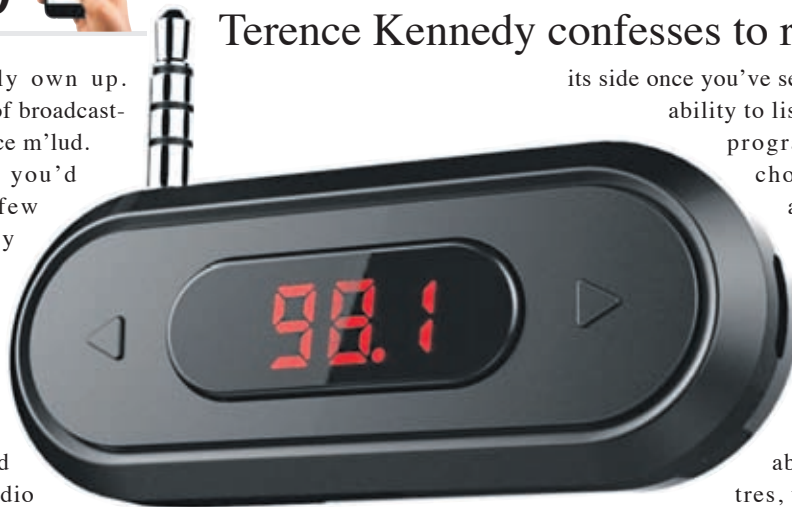
OKAY I'll finally own up. Guilty as charged of broadcasting without a licence m'lud.

In mitigation you'd have to be just a few metres from my home to pick up my illegal transmission on a standard FM radio.

You'd also have to be a fan of the BBC's unrivalled speech station, Radio 4, because that's all I'm pirating. And technically I'm narrowcasting, not broadcasting.

It's just one way of several today of bringing the world's radio stations into your home.

If your purse can stand the pain you could buy a dedicated internet radio for upwards of €100, and then devote your entire life to the thousands of stations it pulls in. A smart speaker like Amazon's Echo or Google Home now does the same, as indeed can your smartphone or tablet with an



FM TRANSMITTER: Start your own station.

app like TuneIn Radio.

You could use a sledgehammer to crack a nut, as a homesick friend of mine has done. His computer pumps out BBC radio constantly through a little Bluetooth dongle, but most Bluetooth speakers like the one he then moves around die a death just a few metres from their source. FM goes further.

My solution has simplicity on

its side once you've set it up - the ability to listen to your programme of choice from any old FM radio, anywhere. Well, anywhere within about 10 metres, which puzzled the heck out of our Spanish neighbour suddenly hearing 'The World At One' where Radio Nacional should have been.

(Tip: for cross-cultural harmony, don't choose a frequency already ocupada). Here's my recipe, and it's definitely not rocket surgery.

1) Choose your signal's source. The easiest is a radio station streamed from your computer (though I used my UK-tuned satellite decoder instead because I just love making life difficult

for myself).

2) Buy any one of the dozens of tiny personal FM transmitters offered on Amazon and elsewhere, the kind normally plugged into a smartphone to play music through the car radio. Plug it straight into the computer's headphone socket.

(If you do prefer my more challenging decoder route, you'll need something like a SCART [or RCA plugs] to 3.5 mm stereo jack socket adapter, plus a common 3.5 mm male-to-female stereo extension cable).

4) Choose an empty channel on the transmitter so as not to obliterate your neighbours' favourite Spanish station.

5) Fire up your radio source and the transmitter, pick up any FM radio, tune it to the chosen frequency.

And bingo, there's Britain's unofficial second national anthem every weekday at two. Dum-ti-dum-ti-dum-ti-dum, dum-ti-dum-ti-daah-dum....

London calling

FINDING an FM transmitter rather than Bluetooth is becoming trickier but they are available, like the one shown here, at around €10.

Running it constantly will hammer the batteries, but rechargeable units can normally be left plugged into a power source. The audio plug goes directly into your computer's headphone socket.

If you decide to use a decoder instead you'll need a 3.5 mm stereo cable with a male plug at one end to go into that SCART adapter mentioned earlier, and a female socket at the other to take the transmitter's audio jack.

Run an internet search for 'Hama SCART adaptor' (other brands are available, most around €10), and although this is an equal-opportunity column, do make sure you get the male one.



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Sports utility vehicles or luxury road cars

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



NEW YORK, March 2018 - The Range Rover Velar judged the most beautifully designed vehicle on the planet, winning the World Car Design of the Year title at the 2018 World Car Awards.

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Gerry McGovern, Chief Design Officer, Land Rover, said: "The continued evolution of our design philosophy is driven by a relentless focus on creating highly desirable vehicles our customers will love for life. The Range Rover Velar brings a new dimension



AWARD-WINNING: Sports utility vehicles or luxury road cars.

of modernity to the Range Rover family with an abundance of innovative technologies, all making this vehicle a joy to drive and be driven in.

"We're honoured that the jury recognised the tireless endeavours of our designers and engineers in delivering a vehicle with compelling design, tailored technology and relevant innovation which come together to create a vehicle of instant desirability."

Land Rover and Range Rover have travelled a long road in 70 years from dominating the farm yard to dominate the Luxury SUV market and playing major roles on battlefields, the current generation represented by the Range Rover Velar is the SUV of choice for Oligarch Technocrat or Sheikh besides sundry Royalty! Such dominance can only be challenged.

No surprise then that weeks later Rolls-Royce Motor Cars launched the much antici-

pated 'Cullinan' - starting from €285,000 - named after the largest diamond ever discovered now set among the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom.

A challenge to the dominance of the Range Rover, Giles Taylor, Director of Design, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars said: "From the very beginning the design team treated this brand new Rolls-Royce as a unique, high bodied car. With global customer expectations in mind, our aim was two-fold - realise a presence to match the magnificent capability of Cullinan, whilst setting sector defining standards for luxury and elegance. We know that many of our luxury patrons pursue sports or leisure hobbies that require precisely this type of go anywhere vehicle - Cullinan's design gesture had to possess an immediate sense of effortless accomplishment."

Perhaps recognising the merest suggestion of following rather than leading what is now a crowded choice of SUV's Giles Taylor acknowledged, "The label SUV is now applied to anything with a two-box silhouette and the least suggestion of going off tarmac. We envisioned an authentic, three-box high-bodied all-terrain car with a convention-challenging design and absolute capability that would satisfy the adventurous urges of our clients." Interesting to note that both are British brands.

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**TV COUCH
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SO, the 2018 World Cup has started and I'm sure fans of the beautiful game will already have their viewing schedules planned over the next month. England kick off their campaign on Monday against Tunisia and Spain take on Portugal tomorrow (Friday), followed by Iran on Wednesday and Morocco on June 25. I think those Eurovision flags might put in an appearance over the next couple of weeks.

BBC and ITV are sharing the coverage from Russia, the BBC have the first English and Spanish games.

As promised last week, I've been catching up on *Versailles*, which is back for a third, and has rumour has it, final series on BBC2 on Mondays.

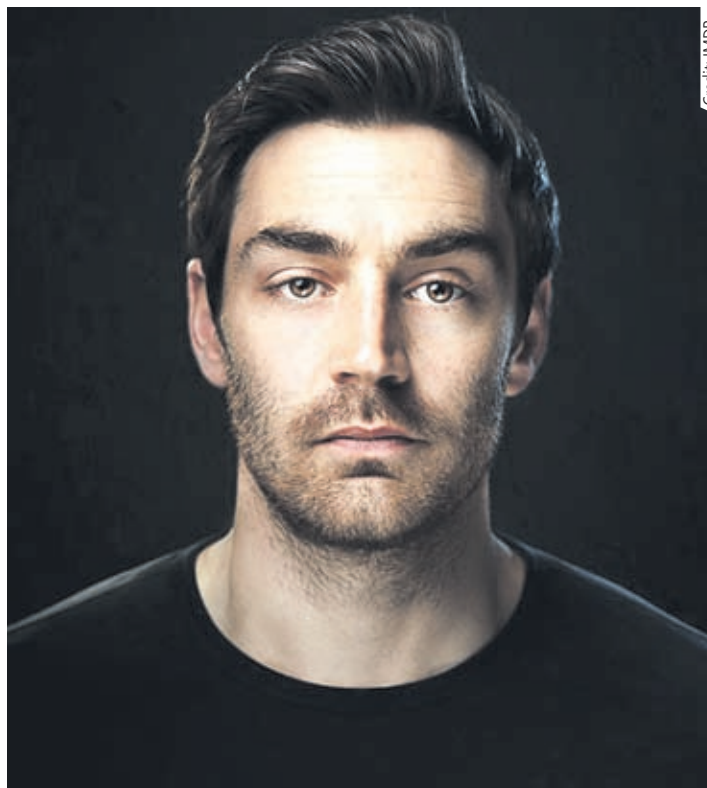
This isn't a show for historical buffs or for anyone who doesn't like an obscene amount of nudity and frolicking in their dramas. They can't

keep their clothes on for goodness sake and I'm sure the Sun King's palace would have been chilly, Versailles isn't on the Costas after all. But this is a lavish production with plot turns, sweeping hair, tights and frock coats, and that's just the men. When the women can keep their clothes on, it's all big hair, heaving bosoms and beauty spots.

Have I sold it to you yet? Series three sees the King's brother Philippe return to court with ill-gotten treasure, in this case less Spanish gold and more the defeated Emperor Leopold.

Louis eventually finishes building the Palace, but there is revolt in the air from the local peasants. The peasants keep their clothes on and don't have to heave anything. They are simply there to revolt and be revolting. Look out for Matthew McNulty playing a soldier who mends shoes (I've no idea either) and whose family seem to be from a suburb of Paris somewhere in North Yorkshire!

You can't have missed that *ITV2* are showing *Love Island* every day for what looks like the longest run in the history of the show. There are



Credit: IMDb

DASHING: Matthew McNulty plays a soldier in Versailles.

very few reasons to watch, although the villa where all the action happens is in Mallorca, just outside Sant Llorenç des Cardassar. The beautiful

young participants wear less clothing than anyone in Versailles, but I have to say don't look in the least bit cold, that's the Spanish sun for you.

Caroline Flack is your host, whilst Iain Stirling narrates the action. You don't need to watch to keep up with what's going on, just picture a hot tub, sunshine and pretty boys and girls running about with very little on, bitching about each other. OK, you guessed, I'm a fan. Only kidding, well...

If you need to get away from the football or clothing optional shows, there are lots to pick from, with most of my favourites currently on *Netflix*. If you can ignore his head being too big for his body and the ill-fitting trousers, *Designated Survivor* sees Kiefer Sutherland playing a politician propelled to the US Presidency when most of the American government are killed. It's a gritty, political drama and worth a binge session.

If you get a cloudy week (unlikely, I know) *Suits* is also one to seek out. We all know a certain new Duchess is one of the stars, but this legal drama is so much more than Meghan. And finally, bit of a curve ball, *You Me Her* is an American/Canadian comedy about a suburban couple who, well, you get the picture, three isn't a crowd.

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No-one is above the law

I SOMETIMES find it difficult to understand why people stick so stubbornly to an idea or path of action even when everyone is telling them they are wrong and at the end of the day it is going to cost them a lot of money.

Money that could better be used for the benefit of our own family for example. Stay with me this week because the outcome of a recent case could impact on all our communities with similar problems.

I want to share with you a situation that came to an end only last week in the English courts.

Of course it concerned an owner of an apartment in Spain. The owner bought it off plan 12 years ago. For the first few years he and his family used it and enjoyed it, then it was rented out to various families and then for the past eight years it was left empty. Throughout the whole period Management Fees were hardly paid, a few Euros occasionally to keep the Community from taking strong action and as we know that is not unusual in Spain.

Finally in 2016 my firm was instructed to collect €19,000 from the owner. The owner lived in England and we approached him for

payment. He gave us the usual answers, basically refusing to pay. He also quoted the English Statute of Limitations stating that debts over six years old could not be sued for, although there was nothing to stop us asking.

Fortunately for the community the property was repossessed by the Bank, as the owner had also defaulted on his mortgage. Under Spanish Law the bank paid the last three years, but this still left a large sum still due. The community instructed us to sue for the balance that remained, but it had to be for the Statement amount left within the last six years, which amounted to just €6,000.....But now the interesting part happened.....

We had a long think about the Law and realised that all contracts regarding Management Fees are made in Spain under Spanish



Law. In Spain The Statute of Limitations up until a few years ago was actually 15 years, although now changed to five years. Spanish law also stated that any amounts due under relevant contracts before 2015 could still be chased up to 2025 (now recently changed to 2020).

As EU law dictates that these rules can apply on any legal action taken in another EU state, we pointed this out to the Judge. He had to agree and let us amend the proceedings to include ALL outstanding amounts plus costs. Despite vigorous defence arguments, to no avail, this month the Community was awarded Judgement for over €23,000. This amount was duly paid under further threat of Judgement Execution.

Several lessons can be learnt by us all on this matter. Owners should never assume that they can just walk away from their legal

obligations and communities should not let them. In this case it did take a leap of faith to pay out legal costs but the result still gave back a healthy return and at least nearly all legal costs were repaid by the debtor.

Even though we await the dreaded Brexit, our legal advisors are confident that the current EU/UK legislation that led to this great result will remain on the UK Statutes together with thousands of other laws.

The most important lesson is that no one should be above the law and if we are going to enjoy the benefits of our Spanish communities then we should all take a deep breath and sometimes take a legal leap to collect overdue fees.

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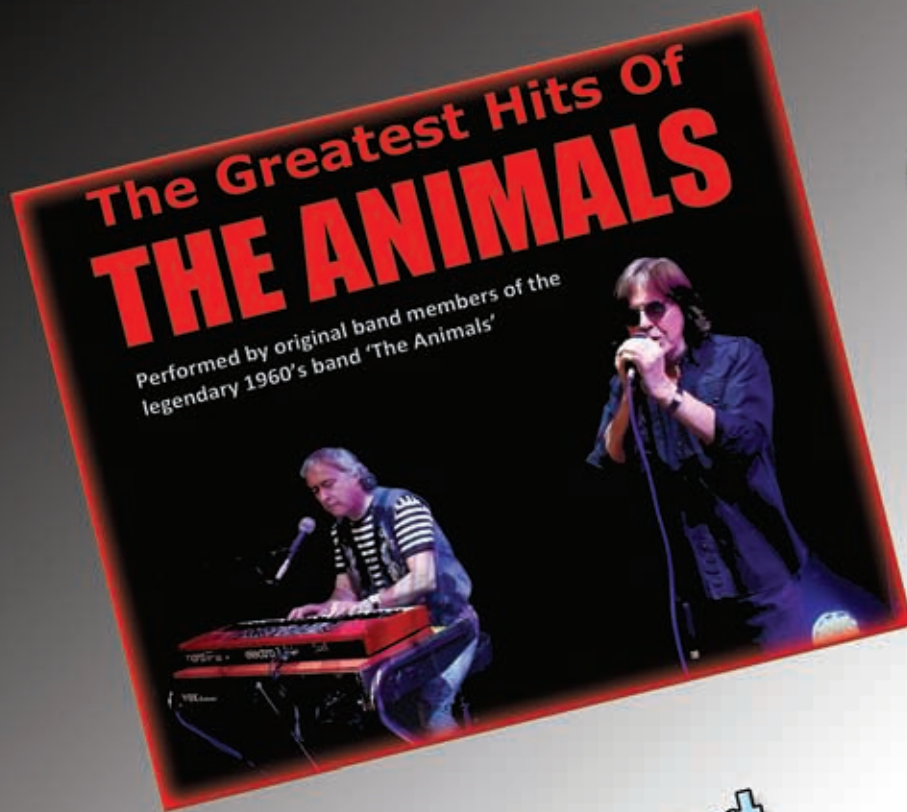
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Cassandra Nash*A weekly look*- and not entirely impartial reaction -
to the Spanish political scene

PEDRO SANCHEZ, Spain's latest president, immediately took advantage of the Partido Popular's disarray following the Gurtel verdicts by calling for a vote of no confidence in Mariano Rajoy.

That it succeeded, thanks to Podemos, the Basque nationalists and the Catalan secessionists flummoxed everyone. The motion had little chance of prospering and everybody said Sanchez should have gone along with a general election, but that was the last thing he wanted.

Sanchez only entered the national parliament in 2009 and 2013 by default when others ahead of him on the PSOE voting list renounced their seats.

As party leader he led the party to its worst-ever defeats in 2015 and 2016 and has consistently repelled PSOE voters although not the paid-up party members who twice handed him the primaries.

That's why Sanchez, who looks so imposing but has until now sounded so unconvincing, couldn't risk a general election.

Sidling in through back door

He has sidled into the Moncloa palace through the back door on a vote of no but would he have won a general election? Not an earthly.

Peor imposible

THE Spanish nationalists, who can be found in all of Spain's political parties, were not happy that Pedro Sanchez accepted the support of the Catalan secessionists to become president.

They were even less happy that he promised dialogue or - heaven forbid - negotiation. It's not accidental that Catalan secessionism began to gather momentum once Rajoy became president in 2011 and instead of seeking a political solution turned the problem into a colossal court case.

Dialogue and consensus are the only way out of the Catalan labyrinth and these are what Sanchez is promising.

His work will be cut out for him,

with only 85 PSOE MPs in the national parliament, but at least things can't get any worse in Cataluña than they were with Rajoy.

Faces that said it all

SOON-TO-BE-FATHER Pablo Iglesias, he of the €600,000 pad, looked ecstatic on

June 1 when Rajoy was given his marching orders, but is already throwing a wobbler.

Sanchez, who intends to govern alone, has not brought Podemos into the government and Iglesias warned: "If we aren't partners, we're the Opposition."

Felipe VI didn't look ecstatic when he signed Pedro Sanchez's nomination as president, but perhaps he was reflecting that Spain's is a constitutional monarchy and it's just a job, really.

But Pedro Sanchez who drove a stake into the heart of the PSOE and split it down the middle with his 'No means no' refusal to give the presidency to Mariano Rajoy in October 2016, has made everybody happy.

He has given the party back its hope and self-confidence so if you see a smiling face in the street, that's a PSOE voter. Until the next general election, anyway.

Waiting in the wings

CIUDADANOS leader Albert Rivera might have won if a general election had been called immediately after judges censured the PP as institutionally corrupt.

Rajoy knew it, too, and this knowledge was his undoing.

Rivera refused to back the no-confidence vote because Pedro Sanchez had the support of the Basque nationalists (bad) and the Catalan secessionists (infinitely worse).

Instead he wanted elections but must now

bide his time while making life as difficult as possible for the PSOE and the Partido Popular.

Rivera, whose party helped Rajoy become president in October 2016, knows he has lost out. However much he tries to upstage Sanchez he remains the understudy who won't be called on to take the starring role.



MISSED OPPORTUNITY:
Albert Rivera could have won a general election.

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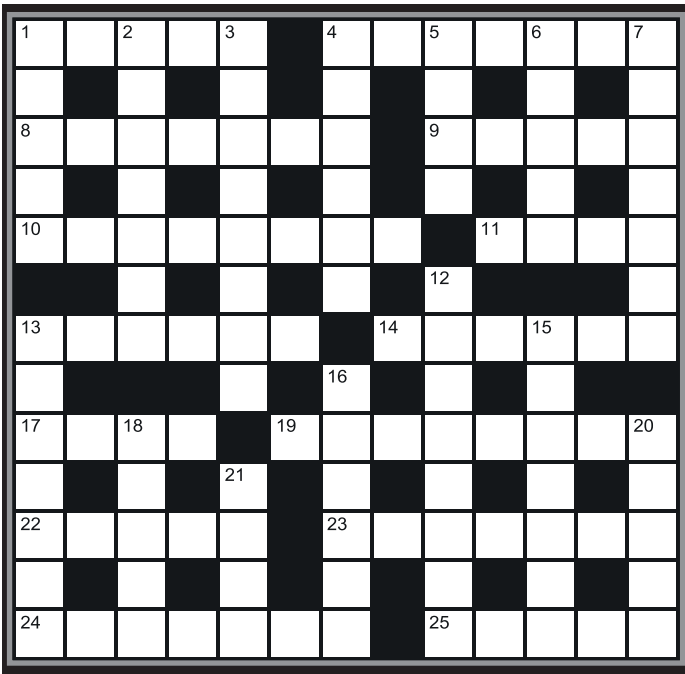


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Giggles start to interrupt dreadful sad song (5)
- 4 Hopelessness I spread about (7)
- 8 Head of flower, partly developed, that catches insects (7)
- 9 Primate uniting church with devil (5)
- 10 Practical folks damaged the saltires (8)
- 11 Join knight outside in turn (4)
- 13 Salad vegetable which is hard to chop up (6)
- 14 Received hot stuff - crossed swords (6)
- 17 Bighead, is elderly, yet daring (4)
- 19 Need break after quick bound (8)
- 22 Pick-me-up that's too nice not to finish (5)
- 23 Alternatively, some of Britain's tea drinkers (7)
- 24 Withdraw because of a very minor injury (7)
- 25 For example, brown back or elbow (5)



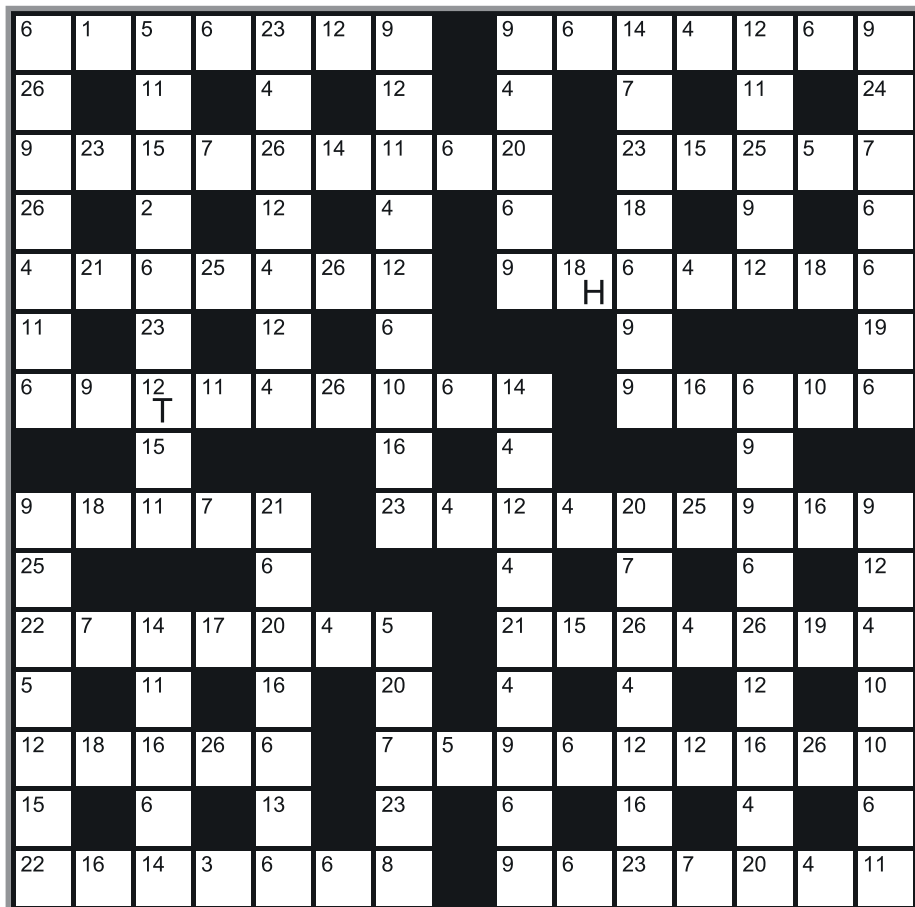
Down

- 1 Hold off being freed in error (5)
- 2 By the end of December, any red sort of fox (7)
- 3 Rise late, panic and be the first to arrive (8)

- 4 Assistant put in the wrong dye (6)
- 5 Fire container (4)
- 6 A falsehood pointed to a foreigner (5)
- 7 Supposed it's erupted at sea (7)
- 12 To scrap plane is not unusual (8)
- 13 Refunds are best when resolved (7)
- 15 The deacon tends to demonstrate deal (7)
- 16 Church area making capital hot (6)
- 18 Left one recipe for a solitary sole (5)
- 20 Avoid a western city (5)
- 21 Stupid cats flee (4)

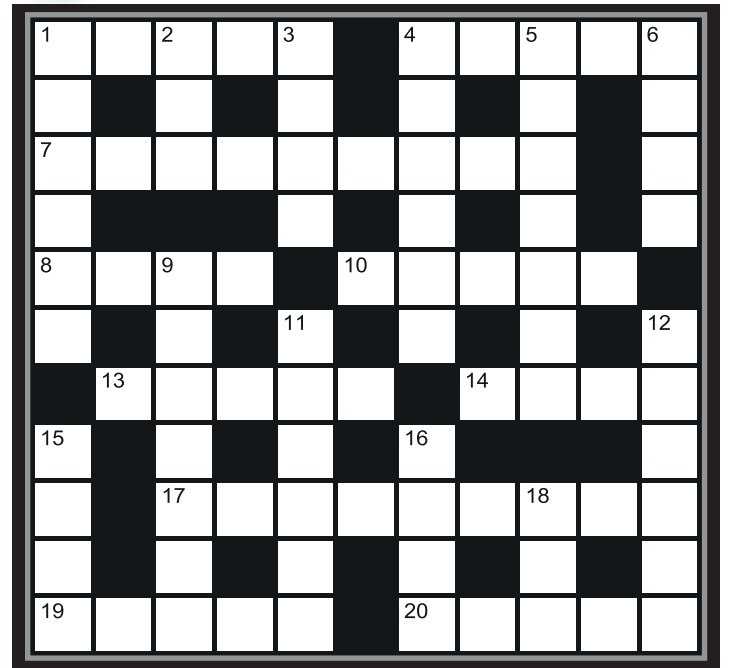
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents T and 18 represents H, so fill in T every time the figure 12 appears and H every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

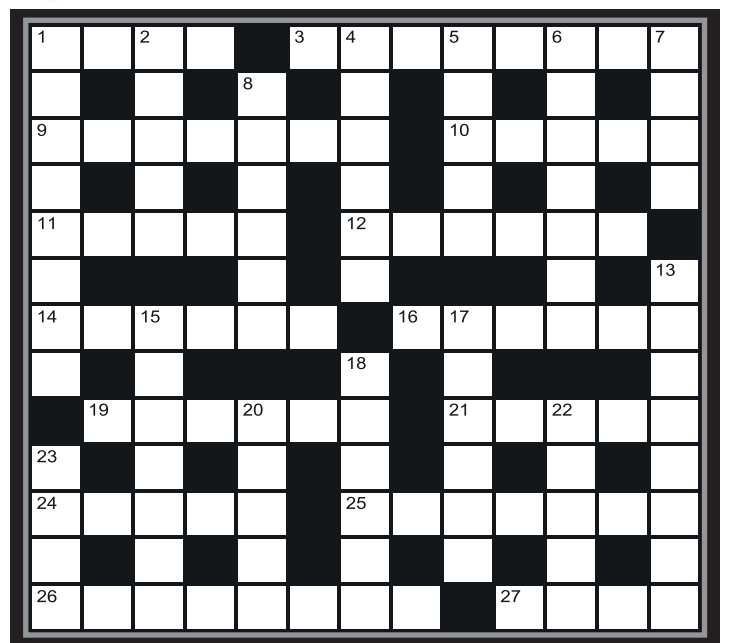
- 1 Meet at a point (5)
- 4 Hold firmly (5)
- 7 Asylum (9)
- 8 friendly nation (4)
- 10 Strong and sharp (5)
- 13 Proprietor (5)
- 14 Money, goods or services owed by one person to another (4)
- 17 Come upon, as if by accident (9)
- 19 Spend thoughtlessly (5)
- 20 Slightly intoxicated (5)

Down

- 1 Relaxed and unconcerned (6)
- 2 Possess (3)
- 3 Badger's burrow (4)
- 4 Quick look (6)
- 5 Whenever (7)
- 6 Written agreement between two states or sovereigns (4)
- 9 Anarchic (7)
- 11 Free from harm or evil (6)
- 12 Robust (6)
- 15 Be informed or assured of (4)
- 16 Fair, impartial (4)
- 18 Extreme end of something (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Lamer (4)
- 3 Scoreboard (8)
- 9/6 Toothpaste (5,2,7)
- 10 Barrer (5)
- 11 Cansado (5)
- 12 Oil (6)
- 14 Carnation (6)
- 16 Sad (6)
- 19 Marble (6)
- 21 Short (length) (5)
- 24 Lino (ropa) (5)
- 25 Mop (for floor) (7)
- 26 Asterisco (8)
- 27 Eastern (side, part) (4)

Down

- 1 Lápiz de labios (8)
- 2 To sew (5)
- 4 Bees (6)
- 5 Swan (5)
- 6 See 9 Across
- 7 Maduro (4)
- 8 Silla de montar (6)
- 13 Limonada (8)
- 15 En contra de (7)
- 17 Cohete (6)
- 18 Acantilados (6)
- 20 Smaller (in size) (5)
- 22 Habitaciones (5)
- 23 Pan (pot) (4)

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Saturday June 09

3 17 20 **BONUS BALL**
55 56 58 57

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday June 09

11 12 19 **BONUS BALL**
27 30 38 16

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday June 05

9 15 22 **BONUS BALL**
39 46 5 4

Friday June 08 **BONUS BALL**

8 19 32 **BONUS BALL**
43 46 2 8

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LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday June 07

1 9 17 **BONUS BALL**
25 28 44 4 21

JOKER: 6 363 148
Saturday June 09

2 9 13 **BONUS BALL**
26 29 35 1 24

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday June 10

5 8 29 **BONUS BALL**
35 36 7

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Primarily, you are wanting to see some appreciation. That is understandable given the efforts that you have made. Do not be annoyed, however, if it is a while coming yet. Others are not always as well tuned in as you. If necessary, use a go-between discreetly to make sure of progress.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Increased activity in your love life means less time to really concentrate on business. Make sure that priority financial matters are dealt with. Not doing so will see you kicking yourself later on. A close relationship is going well. There's no reason to wonder why, the charm offensive is obviously working.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Keeping an eye on your health is particularly important at the moment. Because you have been active, it could be that you need to give yourself a bit of time. Pampering and just plain relaxing are all going to stand you in good stead during the coming week.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Opening your mind to a new idea has convinced you that it is time for a change in direction. This is such a time, but not all changes will be permanent. Give yourself a way out of any situation this week. Using your tact and charm, it will require only a little application to please everyone.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Improvising within a new business situation may not give you the perfect answer to a problem. What it will do, however, is give you an insight into the way others live. Until now, your approach to life may have been a little one-sided.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

A recent holiday has set your mind racing. This being a romantic time means that you can get a little over-excited. Your romance may not be set to last but you should fully enjoy it nonetheless.

Relatives issue words of warning but they have only your best interests at heart.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Opposing opinions on a matter close to your heart see you hesitating. There is nothing wrong with asking for advice. The chances are that you know someone who has already been through your situation. Don't let pride make you miss out on a solution.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Not everything in the garden is rosy but you are made of strong stuff. Your conviction that something is right helps you in discussions. Support given to a loved one may be misguided, especially if it is a huge financial gamble.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

This is a time to enjoy the present and look forward to the future. Don't forget, along the way, to congratulate yourself for all that you have achieved in the last year. Sometimes you do not blow your own trumpet and people appreciate you in a quiet way.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

An appetite for something new means that you tread unknown ground. It's an exciting time when you may find it easier to do things alone. This does not mean you have to feel alone as others can be told of your progress.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Part of being 'you' is your independent mind. Some may try to change that this week. Why would someone want to make you more dependent on them? Could it be that they feel insecure? Giving reassurance may be all that is needed. We all feel the need for appreciation.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Trying to be everything to all people is tiring. No one knows this more than you. Give yourself a little time and space this week because it will make a great difference to your spirits.

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

- Average: 9
- Very good: 18
- Good: 13
- Excellent: 23

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

arty aryl awry dart dory dour drat draw dray lard lord lory lour oral road rota rout taro tour trad tray trod trow troy tyro ward wart wary word wort yard your yurt dowry drawl dural lardy rawly rowdy royal tardy trawl truly ultra warty wordy world dourly tawdry toward outdraw outward outlawry **OUTWARDLY**

Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Faroles, 5 Socks, 8 Robin, 9 Gerente, 10 Enemy, 11 Which, 12 Gueso, 14 Manner, 17 Helar, 19 Bruises, 21 Lechuga, 22 Spoon, 24 Style, 25 Nearest.

Down:

- 1 Fur, 2 Roble, 3 Lentils, 4 Siglos, 5 Screw, 6 Cancion, 7 Shepherds, 10 Eggshells, 13 Unlucky, 15 Apuesta, 16 Obtain, 18 Route, 20 Stone, 23 Net.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Spliced, 5 Shear, 8 Revenue, 9 Ogres, 10 Palma, 11 Rapture, 12 Erupts, 14 Talent, 17 Dictate, 19 Rheas, 22 Wheat, 23 Reading, 24 Doric, 25 Sleuths.

Down:

- 1 Scrap, 2 Level, 3 Contact, 4 Dreary, 5 Sloop, 6 En route, 7 Rosiest, 12 Endowed, 13 Undear, 15 Airfare, 16 Hearts, 18 Aztec, 20 Exist, 21 Sagas.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Curate, 4 Spread, 9 Abstain, 10 Ocean, 11 Toys, 12 Delicate, 14 Handy, 16 Cider, 20 Agitated, 21 Cage, 24 Evade, 25 Examine, 26 Siesta, 27 Reject.

Down:

- 1 Chaste, 2 Risky, 3 Thaw, 5 Prohibit, 6 Elevate, 7 Dinner, 8 Under, 13 Adjacent, 15 Agitate, 17 Bakers, 18 Rebel, 19 Repeat, 22 Alike, 23 Fake.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO



QUIZ: UNDER THE WEATHER

1. Brontophobia is a morbid fear of which dramatic weather phenomenon?
2. From Spanish for 'the little boy', what name is given to a periodic large-scale warming of the surface of the Eastern Pacific Ocean, especially off the coast of Peru and Ecuador, associated with extreme meteorological phenomena in the Pacific region?
3. In which year was TIROS I, the first successful low-Earth orbital weather satellite, launched? (± two years)
4. Released in September 1982, what was the title of the Weather Girls only UK hit single?
5. What name is given to a dark cloud of great vertical extent charged with electricity, often associated with thunderstorms?
6. What name is given to the branch of science concerned with the processes and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of forecasting the weather?

7. Which actor played the television weatherman, Phil Connors in the 1993 comedy film Groundhog Day?
8. Which famous 1970s UK number one hit single contains the lines 'Thunderbolt and lightning. Very, very frightening me'?
9. Which fictional superhero character from Marvel Comics' X-Men, has the psionic ability to manipulate weather patterns over vast areas?
10. Which international scale of wind force, named after the English admiral and naval hydrographer who devised it, ranges from 0 (calm air) to 12 (hurricane)?

Not a lot of people know that... the fastest a raindrop can fall is 18 mph (29 km/h)

Answers:

1. THUNDER (astrophobia is a morbid fear of thunder and lightning).
2. EL NIÑO.
3. (April 1) 1960 (except 1958 to 1962).
4. IT'S RAINING MEN.
5. CUMULONIMBUS.
6. METEOROLOGY.
7. BILL MURRAY.
8. BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY.
9. STORM.
10. BEAUFORT SCALE.

How to get through to Boris - the pranksters' way

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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HEARD about the hoax call that duped Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson into talking to a man he thought was the Armenian prime minister for 18 minutes? During the phone conversation Boris was asked about the Salisbury poisoning and how to deal with President Putin. He's just the latest victim of two Russian pranksters who previously called Sir Elton John in the guise of Mr Putin, and who also convinced President Erdogan of Turkey he was speaking to his Ukrainian counterpart.

Well, this won't be the first - or the last - prank call. There was, reportedly, an incident over 20 years ago when a radio presenter from Quebec managed to get through to the Queen claiming to be the Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien. Her Majesty thus appeared live on a radio programme, demonstrating an excellent



BORIS BLUFFED: The UK Foreign Secretary was tricked by an impersonator.

grasp of Quebec politics, in fluent French!

Clearly this isn't - for once - a lapse by Boris, but rather a security breach by his aides in not adequately vetting calls put through to him. I'd suggest he uses the same automated systems that most of the companies in the UK use and then these pranksters would never get through or simply hang up in the process!

Maybe an automated system like the following:

1. If you want to discuss the latest faux pas of Mr Johnson, please press 1.

2. If you want to discuss our world-class, leading-edge strategy: 'Taking Back Control,' please press 2.

3. If you want our Three Brexiteers to appear at your next stag do, please press 3.

4. If you want to discuss the UK's foreign relations, you are held in a queue of 250,000.

5. If you want to discuss or offer a free trade deal (however unilateral), forward the contract clearly marked where to sign.

6. If you want to discuss Mr Johnson's next attempt at getting fired or staging a coup, please call 007.

'Buffoon Boris' is a featherweight, a blundering featherweight, in a heavy-weight contest. Get him out of the ring before he does any more damage. Please!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can they use 'Proceso Monitorio'?

Q. *I am the president of our urbanisation. We have two owners who do not pay the community fees and give no response to the administration.*

For each of the properties the debt is now more than €20,000. We are taking the necessary court actions to obtain embargoes on the two properties. One of our members has read an article which refers to the 'proceso monitorio' as a means of asking the court to order payment or even a forced sale of the property within three months to cover the debt. It is particularly the aspect of forced sale which attracts our interest.

A M (Costa del Sol)

A. *The 'Proceso Monitorio' is a sort of small claims court procedure which can be useful in some*

cases. Unfortunately, for any debt over €6,000 it turns out to be almost the same procedure as a normal court case. It appears that you have already gone to court to claim the debt in a normal proceeding, so you are doing the right thing, even if it takes a long time in the over-loaded Spanish courts.

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You want to pay cash?

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

DID you all see the headlines last week? The one that looked as though the end of mankind was nigh? You know the one that said people had to use money to pay for a cup of coffee.

Yeah, I know the actual problem was that Visa had a glitch for a few hours but you would have thought that it was definitely the end of the world. I mean who carries a few quid on them any more? Well apparently in the UK nobody does and to tell you the truth that scares me more than the fact that Visa had a problem. We are turning into a cashless society. There's Apple Pay, this pay and that pay.

You only have to stand next to a machine and get your phone out and it pays your bill. The dangerous thing is we aren't ready for it and the reason for that is because if a hacker or a computer techie gets the hump or the power dies, the whole system goes to hell in a hand cart. There are actually already shops and restaurants that do not take cash at all.

So imagine what happens to them if something major happens and they can't get the system going again for a week or two. Then there is the Big Brother aspect where you are

being tracked 24/7. I know we are anyway but I also know of people that are paying for items that cost as little as £1 on a card!

Commentators often suggest the phenomenon is driven by 'consumer demand' which is partially true. Ask a room of people to raise their hands if they wish to be able to use digital payment, and most will do so. But if you reframe the question as, 'Do you want to not have the option to use cash?' and people are more hesitant. We like new options, but we don't like having options removed.

A society without cash is a society without on-demand, easily accessible money. It is a society that relies entirely on the banking sector and the vulnerability that comes with digital wallets. Although there are obvious benefits to digital cash, we cannot live without a balance of both.

Ok a quick revisit to some of the things I've mentioned before, but which this week have ticked me off again. Why do motorbikes not have to pay for parking spaces? Why do they insist in parking right in the middle of a space or on the edge of disabled bays? They will cross over the centre line when there's a traffic jam and head towards you in a way that you have to swerve to miss them, even though they are on your side of the road. Zebra crossings do not even exist in their world. Why?

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SUNDAY - 17 JUNE

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	9:30am	Natural Born Winners	9:00pm	Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise	7:05am	Mobil 1	11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10:00am	Saturday Kitchen Live	10:30am	Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?	10:00pm	Hidden	7:35am	Triathlon	11:45am	The Gadget Show
11:30am	Match of the Day Live	11:30am	Simply Nigella	11:00pm	The League of Gentlemen	8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:40pm	Funnest Dogs Behaving Badly
2:15pm	BBC News	12:00pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British	11:30pm	The League of Gentlemen	8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	1:25pm	Funnest Ever Toddler
2:25pm	Weather	12:45pm	Homes Under the Hammer	11:00pm	An award-winning black comedy series set in a remote town which is populated by a range of bizarre characters.	9:20am	Frasier	2:25pm	Tantrums
2:30pm	Bargain Hunt	1:45pm	Wanted Down Under	12:00am	Top of the Pops	9:45am	Frasier	3:20pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
3:30pm	Escape to the Continent	2:30pm	The World According to Kids	12:00am	Mike Read and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	10:15am	Frasier	4:15pm	Can't Pay Special: Big Family Bust Up
4:30pm	Britain's Best Home Cook	3:30pm	Second Chance Summer: Tuscany	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	10:45am	The Big Bang Theory	5:15pm	Special: Secrets and Lies
5:30pm	Match of the Day Live	4:30pm	Demolition	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	11:10am	The Big Bang Theory	6:15pm	5 News
8:10pm	BBC News	5:30pm	Choose the Right Puppy for You	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	11:40am	The Simpsons	7:10pm	The Wonderful World of Puppies
8:20pm	Regional News	6:30pm	The River Wye with Will Millard	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	12:10pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Cricket on 5
8:25pm	Weather	7:00pm	Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In?	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	12:40pm	Come Dine with Me	8:40pm	Before They Were Stars
8:30pm	Pointless	8:00pm	Dad's Army	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	1:40pm	Four in a Bed	9:40pm	Blind Date
9:20pm	Casualty	8:30pm	Earth: One Amazing Day	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	2:15pm	Four in a Bed	10:35pm	20 Moments That Rocked Talent Shows
10:10pm	All Round to Mrs Brown's	10:00pm	Royal Academy Summer Exhibition 2018	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	2:45pm	Four in a Bed	12:05am	Greatest Ever Celebrity Wind Ups
11:10pm	BBC News	11:00pm	All Girls Live at the Apollo	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	3:20pm	Four in a Bed		
11:25pm	Weather	11:45pm	Later Weekend with Jools Holland	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	3:50pm	Four in a Bed		
11:30pm	Match of the Day	12:45am	The Help	12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	4:20pm	A Place in the Sun		
12:30am	Match of the Day			12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	5:25pm	Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it		
2:10am	Weather for the Week Ahead			12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	6:30pm	Channel 4 News		
2:15am	BBC News			12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	7:00pm	Snow White and the Huntsman		
				12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	9:20pm	Rugby Union		
				12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	11:55pm	A Million Ways to Die in the West		
				12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	2:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell		
				12:00am	Steve Wright presents the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 23 May 1985.	2:55am	Hollyoaks Omnibus		

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	4:05am	This is BBC Two	8:00pm	Julius Caesar Series showcasing the best in international documentaries.	7:05am	King of Queens	6:35am	Nick's Quest
10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show	7:15am	Coast	8:00pm	Victoria Wood: As Seen on TV	7:30am	Motorsport	7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Sunday Morning Live	7:45am	Glorious Gardens From Above	10:00pm	Storyville	8:30am	Eat the Week	11:10am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
12:00pm	Sunday Politics	8:30am	Gardeners' World	11:30pm	Can Science Make Me Perfect? With Alice Roberts	9:30am	Frasier	11:45am	Britain's Greatest Bridges
1:15pm	BBC News	9:30am	Countryfile: Queen and Country	12:50am	Kate Williams tells the story of how an unassuming little girl rose to be the most powerful woman in the world.	10:00am	Frasier	11:55am	Police Interceptors
1:25pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	10:25am	Beechgrove Garden	2:20am	Oh Do Shut Up Dear! Mary Beard on the Public Voice of Women	10:30am	Sunday Brunch	12:45pm	Interceptors
1:30pm	Bargain Hunt	11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	3:10am	Atlanta	1:30pm	Bake Off: The Professionals	1:45pm	Funnest Cutest Kittens Ever
2:10pm	Home Cook	12:30pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge	11:00pm	Atlanta	2:30pm	The Simpsons	2:45pm	One Chance
2:40pm	Points of View	1:10pm	Carmen Jones	11:25pm	Atlanta	2:55pm	The Simpsons	4:50pm	Sunshine
2:55pm	Songs of Praise	2:55pm	The Odd Life of Timothy Green	11:50pm	Begin Again	3:25pm	The Simpsons	6:40pm	5 News
3:30pm	Britain's Best Home Cook	4:30pm	Match of the Day Live	1:30am	Question Time	8:00pm	Escape to the Chateau	6:45pm	Britain's Favourite Abba Songs
4:30pm	Match of the Day Live	7:10pm	A Question of Sport	2:30am	Holby City	9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals	8:00pm	Abba: When All is Said and Done
7:40pm	BBC News	7:40pm	BBC News	3:30am	Match of the Day	10:00pm	The Handmaid's Tale	10:00pm	The Mamma Mia Story
7:50pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Atlanta			11:05pm	The Swingers: Walter Presents	11:25pm	ABBA: Live in Concert
7:55pm	Weather	11:25pm	Atlanta			11:55pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	12:30am	5 Goes to Eurovision: Greatest Hits
8:00pm	Countryfile	11:50pm	Begin Again			1:00am	All is Lost	1:25am	Lip Sync Battle UK
8:00pm	Antiques Roadshow	1:30am	Question Time			2:50am	The Secret Life of the Zoo	1:55am	Super Casino
9:00pm	Expedition Volcano	2:30am	Holby City			3:45am	Mobil 1 The Grid	4:10am	Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
10:00pm	Managing England: The Impossible Job	3:30am	This is BBC Two			4:10am	Gillette World Sport		
10:00pm	Poldark					4:40am	My Kitchen Rules		
11:00pm	BBC News								
11:20pm	Regional News								
11:25pm	Weather								
11:30pm	Match of the Day								
12:15am	The World Cup: Hopes of a Nation								
12:50am	Match of the Day								

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Spain would be great but for the Spanish

I LOVE living here on the coast... wonderful weather, most of the time, meet so many interesting people... wonderful food.

But, what is it with the Spanish?

They seem to obey no laws. From the former prime minister being caught up in corruption/bribery scandal to the lady mayor of Madrid, eventually resigning when caught on camera apparently shoplifting!

The president of our community is in the same position.

I know the idea of democracy is still relatively new to Spain... post Franco, 1974?

On the roads it is anarchy... Is it the national hobby to disobey traffic signs?

Just returning from the supermarket, the traffic signs clearly show the direction of flow... but no, every other Spanish registered car (not rented) was determined to go in the other direction!

I know I am a 'grumpy old Englishman' but am I alone in having this problem?

Michael Colin, Estepona

No matter be it humble here's home

AS I opened the lid of our bottle bank I was amazed to see a wasp busily making its home - it's still there working away in its rubbish house, at least until the bin is emptied! Then it will probably have to buzz off.

Tom Gibson, Costa Blanca



Credit: Tom Gibson

| BUSY WASP: It's not just ants that work hard.

Waiting time

I HAVE received a bill of €4,700 for external repairs to the building that has finally been almost completed, but still not quite right to move in, although it was started in 2005.

It's not only me that has to pay, but to wait eight years to obtain the building li-

cence from Elche Council is another joke. I really wouldn't mind if the building was old, but now 13 years in and I'm still having dramas.

I now wish that I hadn't bought in Spain, but been like many others who sold and now rent.

I'm sick of property problems.

Paul Butler, Elche

Con and pro

Leapy

I AM normally a great advocate of your column and agree with a majority of your views. Unfortunately your latest subject has left me angry and disappointed. I am a retired 30-year police officer who spent time in uniform and as a de-

tective in the Metropolitan Police. Your article in some respects is wholly inaccurate and portraying what is one of the hardest jobs any person could undertake.

Addressing your points on reality shows, I have to say my wife makes me watch them. The shows themselves follow officers in real time. I and my colleagues have given access to the media on occasions, and I don't recall after kicking a door in or questioning a subject getting a director shout 'take two!'

The programmes highlight the type of work and people they have to deal with. The thing that encourages these idiots is the courts handing them such paltry punishments.

After all the police are racist, homophobic and every other ist and phobic that can be thrown at them. The poor female officer subjected to the behaviour at Notting Hill was part of the usual order from above, 'Don't arrest anyone, it might kick off.'

If you want to have an opinion, it is good to have done some research and at least have some facts at your fingertips.

Dave, Porto Petro.

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Gone too far

Leapy,

ONCE again you've hit the nail on the head and vocalised what I have been thinking about these police shows for a long time. Every time some skank sees a fellow criminal on TV abusing the police and behaving like an ass, then getting no more than a slap on the wrist, it will just encourage him to do the same. Why respect the law if doing so makes no difference to your sentence?

For me though one of the worst things about those cop shows is seeing the huge amount of effort the police put into apprehending some violent idiot who then resists arrest, screams and swears, and lies about his details, and at the end the announcer says 'no charges were brought.'

How about the resisting arrest and telling lies? No, just a 'don't do it again, son' and be on your way. If that doesn't encourage criminals and general disrespect and bad behaviour towards the police, what will?

Problem is, the liberals would scream human rights the minute they said anything that might offend the criminal, so I guess they have to be careful. But I feel it has gone too far if those TV shows are any guide.

Angus Silvie, Torre del Mar

'Aggressive' passenger banned for life

They shouldn't let people board if they are intoxicated. They should also take away their 'duty free' bottles.

Eileen Hanworth

Make it a criminal offence, heavy fines plus all costs involved. Ban for life. Why should flight staff have to put up with this behaviour? Why too should French police have to deal with these ignorant louts?

Chris Symington

Yup and it should work like the pub blackwatch scheme and their details handed to all the other airlines so they can't fly with them either.

Andrew Fitzgerald

Good don't need this behaviour, make it clear it will not be tolerated.

Val Anderson

€17.2 million compensation for crushed hand

How can anyone justify that, if she had carried on working for the rest of her life she wouldn't earn anything like that amount, which is what compensation is for.

Bill Newall

Comments from EWN online

Not entirely Bill, big insurance payouts are also to force the industry involved to make sweeping safety improvements to avoid further big losses.

Matt Silver

Scot OAP spends birthday trapped in Spain

This is typical, no thanks or acknowledgment of a job well done. All the hospitals have interpreters, but they are there to interpret medical and welfare matters. I wonder how many British hospital, or Scottish ones have multilingual interpreters. People like this make my blood boil.

Kathryn Ramsden

You couldn't drag me back to the UK if I was ill, Spanish hospitals all day long. A friend of mine who lives here broke her leg in the UK visiting her family and was TRAPPED over there, that's even worse but she didn't whinge.

Kaye Jane Riley

He received excellent treatment, the doctors maybe even saved his leg and this family is whining over a language barrier?

Utter arrogance, that is all I want say about this. They could have complained about the heat on top of that to round it up.

Show some gratitude instead.

Peter Sauer

Uber begins operating on the Costa del Sol

I used Uber a lot in the UK because to be honest they were miles cheaper than black taxis but looking this morning at the cost of fares of destinations I use regularly, here in Calahonda I'm seeing it as a lot cheaper to use the local taxi company.. eg Calahonda to La Cala cost us 10-11€, Uber quoting 13.75€ - big difference... just something to keep in mind Mr and Mrs Holidaymaker.

Señor Simon and Dee

About TIME, taxis here are a rip off, cost me €10 before I even got off my urbanisation the other day as I needed picked up and I'm on the border with Marbella and Mijas and I was crossing over it straight away.

Matt Silver

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MONDAY - 18 JUNE

BBC one **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	12:30pm	The Week in Parliament	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	3:10pm	Countdown	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
12:00pm	Crimewatch	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	8:30pm	Emmeline Pankhurst: The Making of a Militant	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	1:15pm	The Gadget Show
12:45pm	Roadshow Live	2:00pm	Tennis	9:00pm	Cake Bakers and Trouble Makers	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	2:15pm	Home and Away
1:15pm	Island Medics	7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games	10:00pm	Joan of Arc: God's Warrior	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	2:45pm	Neighbours
2:00pm	Bargain Hunt	8:00pm	Curious Creatures	11:00pm	Snatches: Moments From Women's Lives	6:30pm	The Posh Frock Shop	3:20pm	Cagney and Lacey
2:30pm	BBC News	9:00pm	Great American Railroad Journeys	11:30pm	Rebel Women: The Great Art Fight	7:00pm	The Simpsons	4:20pm	Deadline for Death: Your Parents Will Die
2:45pm	Doctors	10:00pm	The Family Farm	12:30am	Pop Go the Women	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	6:00pm	5 News at 5
3:15pm	The Boss	11:00pm	Qi	1:30am	Virago: Changing the World One Page at a Time	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	6:30pm	Neighbours
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	11:30pm	Newsnight			9:00pm	Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	7:00pm	Home and Away
4:30pm	Match of the Day Live	12:10am	Weather			9:30pm	Food Unwrapped	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
7:00pm	BBC News	12:15am	Managing England: The Impossible Job			10:00pm	24 Hours in Police Custody	8:00pm	Highlights
7:10pm	Regional News	1:15am	Putin's Russia with David Dimbleby			11:00pm	Gogglebox the Best Bits	9:00pm	The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
7:15pm	Match of the Day Live					12:05am	The Crystal Maze	10:00pm	The Two Ronnies
10:25pm	EastEnders					1:05am	Ramsay's Hotel Hell	12:05am	Britain's Greatest Ever Double Acts
11:30pm	BBC News								

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1:30pm	FIFA World Cup 2018: Sweden v South Korea	2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	10:25am	Agatha Christie's Poirot	9:25am	Quincy, M.E.	9:00am	England World Cup Breakfast
4:15pm	Catchphrase	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	12:35pm	Heartbeat	10:30am	Minder	9:30am	Rugby Gold
5:00pm	Tipping Point	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:40pm	Agatha Christie's Marple	11:35am	The Sweeney	9:40am	Live Anz Premiership
6:00pm	The Chase	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street	12:40pm	The Professionals		Netball
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm	Coronation Street Classic	1:45pm	Ironsides	11:15am	Boxing Gold
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	4:50pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot	2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.	11:30am	Live RI One Day Cup Semi Final
8:00pm	Vera	7:25pm	Twilight	6:55pm	Heartbeat	3:50pm	Minder	8:00pm	Superleague
10:00pm	Family: What Happened Next	8:25pm	FYI Daily	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	4:55pm	The Sweeney	10:00pm	England World Cup Verdict
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:30pm	Twilight	9:00pm	Mamma Mia!	7:05pm	The Professionals	11:00pm	US Open
11:30pm	Regional News	10:00pm	Love Island	11:10pm	Lewis	8:00pm	Pawn Stars		Highlights: Final Round
		11:05pm	Family Guy	12:15am	In Plain Sight	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	1:00am	Sky Sports News
				2:15am	In Plain Sight	9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special		
						10:00pm	Benidorm		
						11:00pm	Scarface		
						12:05am	FYI Daily		

TUESDAY - 19 JUNE

BBC one **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

12:00pm	Crimewatch	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm	Up the Women	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:00pm	Roadshow Live	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm	Fair Cop: A Century of British Policewomen	1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	2:15pm	Home and Away
1:20pm	Regional News	1:00pm	The Daily Politics	10:00pm	Kate Adie's Women of World War One	2:05pm	Find it, Fix it, Flog it	2:45pm	Neighbours
1:30pm	Match of the Day Live	2:00pm	Tennis	3:10pm	Countdown	3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey	3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:15pm	Escape to the Country	7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	4:20pm	Unwanted Guest	4:20pm	Unwanted Guest
4:45pm	Garden Rescue	7:30pm	Curious Creatures	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	6:00pm	5 News at 5	6:00pm	Neighbours
5:30pm	Flog It!	8:00pm	Great Indian Railway Journeys	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	7:00pm	Home and Away	7:00pm	5 News Tonight
6:15pm	Pointless	9:00pm	The Super Squirrels	6:30pm	The Posh Frock Shop	8:00pm	Police Interceptors	8:00pm	Police Interceptors
7:00pm	BBC News	10:00pm	Conviction: Murder in Suburbia	7:00pm	The Simpsons	9:00pm	Britain's Greatest Skyscraper	9:00pm	Britain's Greatest Skyscraper
7:15pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Live at the Apollo	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	10:00pm	The Hotel Inspector	10:00pm	The Hotel Inspector
7:30pm	Match of the Day Live	11:30pm	Newsnight	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	11:00pm	Peterborough	11:00pm	Peterborough
10:10pm	Our Girl	12:10am	Weather	9:00pm	Ackley Bridge	12:30am	When Kids Kill: Bullied to Death		
11:10pm	BBC News			10:00pm	Bride and Prejudice				
11:40pm	Regional News			11:00pm	A Year to Fall in Love				
11:50pm	Weather								
11:55pm	Scotland '78 - A								

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4:25pm	FIFA World Cup 2018	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:25am	Agatha Christie's Poirot	10:00am	River Monsters	8:00am	World Cup Breakfast
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:35pm	Heartbeat	10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show	8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:40pm	Lewis	11:30am	The Professionals	9:00am	World Cup Breakfast
8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:00pm	Take Me Out	3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street	1:40pm	Ironsides	9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00pm	Coronation Street	8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	4:15pm	Coronation Street	2:40pm	Quincy, M.E.	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00pm	Trevor McDonald: Return to South Africa	8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	4:45pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot	3:45pm	River Monsters	11:00am	Sky Sports News
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	7:00pm	Heartbeat	4:20pm	ITV Racing	12:00pm	Live ATP 500: Halle
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather	9:30pm	Superstore	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	7:00pm	Cash Cowboys	2:30pm	Cricket
		10:00pm	Love Island	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
		11:05pm	Family Guy	9:00pm	Lewis	9:00pm	River Monsters	12:00am	Sky Sports News
		11:30pm	Family Guy	1:05am	In Plain Sight	10:05pm	Windtalkers		
				12:50am	Inside Man	11:15pm	FYI Daily		
						11:20pm	Windtalkers		
						12:00am	Teleshopping		

WEDNESDAY - 20 JUNE

BBC one **BBC TWO** **BBC FOUR** **CHANNEL 4** **CHANNEL 5**

2:40am	BBC News	8:15am	Coast	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	10:00am	Frasier	10:05am	Mofy
7:00am	Breakfast	9:00am	Britain in Bloom	8:30pm	Up the Women	10:35am	Frasier	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
10:15am	Rip Off Britain	9:30am	Britain in Bloom	9:00pm	Shop Girls: The True Story of Life Behind the Counter	11:05am	Car S.O.S.	12:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	10:00pm	The Many Primes of Muriel Spark	12:05pm	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
12:00pm	Crimewatch	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live	11:00pm	Snatches: Moments From Women's Lives	1:05pm	Come Dine with Me	1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:00pm	Roadshow Live	12:30pm	The Daily Politics	11:30pm	Being the Brontes	2:05pm	Find it, Fix it, Flog it	2:15pm	Home and Away
1:20pm	Regional News	2:00pm	Tennis	12:30am	The Culture Show	3:10pm	Countdown	2:45pm	Neighbours
1:30pm	Match of the Day Live	7:00pm	Richard Osman's House of Games	1:00am	The Culture Show at Edinburgh	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:10pm	Escape to the Country	8:00pm	Great Indian Railway Journeys	1:30am	Shop Girls: The True Story of Life Behind the Counter	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	4:15pm	To be Announced
4:40pm	Match of the Day Live	9:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes	2:30am	Forever! The Story of Women and Power	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:00pm	5 News at 5
7:10pm	BBC News	10:00pm	Conviction: Murder in Suburbia	3:30am	The Many Primes of Muriel Spark	6:30pm	The Posh Frock Shop	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:35pm	Regional News	11:00pm	Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing			7:00pm	The Simpsons	7:00pm	Home and Away
8:00pm	Fake Britain	11:30pm	Newsnight			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:30pm	Mad About Elvis	12:10am	Weather			8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
9:00pm	Holby City	12:15am	Morocco to Timbuktu: An Arabian Adventure			9:00pm	Great Rail Restorations with Peter Snow	9:00pm	Shop Smart, Save Money
10:00pm	Death in Paradise	1:15am	Nothing Like a Dame			10:00pm	24 Hours in a and e	10:00pm	Mcdonald's: 50 Years of the Big Mac
11:00pm	BBC News					11:00pm	Britain's Refugee Children	11:00pm	Extraordinary People
11:30pm	Regional News					12:00am	24 Hours in Police Custody	12:05am	Party Pensioners: Sex, Drugs and Bingo
								1:00am	Cricket on 5

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6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:00am	Classic Coronation Street	4:00am	Teleshopping	8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	9:00am	Coronation Street	7:25am	Classic Coronation Street	7:00am	The Chase	9:00am	World Cup Breakfast
9:30am	Lorraine	10:00am	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:50am	Heartbeat	7:55am	Pawn Stars	9:30am	Rugby Gold
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:00am	River Monsters	8:20am	Pawn Stars	9:40am	Live Anz Premiership
11:30am	Loose Women	11:20am	The Bachelor	10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show	8:50am	Ironsides	11:15am	Boxing Gold
1:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	1:15pm	Coronation Street	11:30am	The Sweeney	9:50am	Judge Judy	11:30am	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Regional News and Weather	2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	12:35pm	The Professionals	10:45am	Judge Judy	12:00pm	Live ATP 500: Halle
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	1:45pm	Ironsides	10:50am	Agatha Christie's Poirot	1:55pm	Cricket
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:50pm	Minder	11:30am	Heartbeat	5:30pm	Sky Sports News
7:15pm	ITV Evening News	4:40pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:50pm	The Sweeney	12:50pm	An escaped killer is on the loose, sending waves of panic through the village.	6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:30pm	FIFA World Cup 2018	5:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:55pm	Cash Cowboys	1:50pm	Murder, She Wrote	6:30pm	Cricket
10:15pm	Flights From Hell: Caught on Camera	6:50pm	Take Me Out	8:00pm	Pawn Stars	2:05pm	British Superbike Championship Highlights	10:00pm	World Cup Verdict
11:15pm	ITV News	8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street	10:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
11:50pm	Regional News and Weather	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	11:00pm	Sky Sports News at Ten
12:05am	Diabetes	9:30pm	Superstore	4:50pm	Agatha Christie's xPoirot	4:50pm	Agatha Christie's xPoirot	12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:05am	British Touring Car Championship	10:00pm	Love Island	7:00pm	Heartbeat	12:10am	Lethal Weapon	1:00am	Sky Sports News
		11:00pm	Celebrability	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	1:05am	River Monsters	2:00am	Sky Sports News
				9:00pm	Maigret	2:05am	Ax Men	3:00am	Sky Sports News
				11:00pm	Lewis	3:00am	Minder	4:00am	Sky Sports News
						4:00am	Teleshopping	5:00am	Sky Sports News

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Clucking great news

IT appears that eating too many eggs a day is an old wives tale after all.

Recent research in China has debunked the myth and studies instead suggest that eating at least one egg a day may reduce the risk of heart disease and strokes.

Of course, it is widely known that eggs are an important aspect of a healthy diet. They are one of nature's most nutritious foods containing Vitamins A, D, B and B12, and high levels of protein.

Eggs also contain lutein and zeaxanthin that can help prevent eye damage in old age.

This is welcome news for the egg industry after years of bad press in which eggs have been linked to salmonella as well as cholesterol levels.

However, concerns about cholesterol levels in eggs have also been widely dispelled, with findings suggesting that this has more to do with how

the eggs are cooked (fried in oil, for example) than the actual egg itself.

Dr Frankie Phillips, of the British Dietetic Association said that "people shouldn't be frightened of eating too many eggs."

The only concern with eating too many, is that too much pro-

tein is being digested and this can put a strain on people's kidneys.

However, don't think that you can keep yourself in tip-top shape simply by downing some eggs. Experts in the study stressed that egg consumption needs to be part of a healthy lifestyle if any benefit is to be reaped.



EGG-TASTIC: Recent findings come as welcome news for the egg industry.

Exercising your jaw

ALTHOUGH banned in Singapore, many people love chewing gum whilst going about their daily business.

For some it's a habit,

whilst others love the range of juicy flavours that certain gums can offer.

But most won't have realised that chewing gum

whilst you walk could help you to lose weight.

According to new research, when you chew gum you actually walk faster

which in turn means that your body burns more calories.

Walking faster also increases your heart rate

which is another important factor in losing weight.

The study, from Waseda University in Tokyo, was the first to look at how chewing gum affects the body whilst walking. All previous studies had set out to discover how it impacts the body whilst resting.

The research team which presented the findings at the recent European Congress of Obesity in Vienna concluded that: "chewing gum while walking affects a number of physical and physiological functions in men and women of all ages."

This is welcome news for the chewing gum industry and not the first time that chewing gum has been associated with health benefits.

Previous studies have found that chewing gum on a regular basis can help to reduce stress and protect your teeth from plaque and decay.



BURNING PAIN: Important to take care of your feet.

On the right foot

WITH temperatures heating up, the season to ditch your socks and boots for sandals and flip-flops is here.

However, experts say thousands of women could face crippling problems by wearing the wrong shoe size during the summer months.

Many women have no idea that their summer shoes should be at least half a size bigger than their winter ones to cope with hot, swollen feet and to prevent blisters.

Consultant Podiatrist Emma Supple says "Throughout winter we ignore our feet, we never look at them and we neglect them badly. So when we finally take our socks off, our feet are really prone to debilitating blisters when we wear sandals and flip-flops. When we then wear the wrong size shoes it is a recipe for a foot disaster."

While anyone can have a mishap when it comes to foot pain, it's important to take extra care if you have certain foot health conditions. Plantar fasciitis, bunions, and various complications related to diabetes can all feel worse in the sweltering heat.

By protecting your feet with the right summer shoes, many foot health problems can be avoided or at least lessened.

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Thank you for the music

THERE will be a very interesting concert at the Parque El Majuelo (Botanical Gardens) in Almuñecar which pairs ABBA and the Animals on Wednesday June 27.

Voulez Vous are the most popular ABBA tribute on the coast performing all the most popular ABBA hits in a lively and fun-filled show which features Michelle Daniels as Agnetha and Gemma Lloyd as Frida.

Sharing the bill are the Animals Duo performing the Greatest Hits of the Animals.

One of the first bands in the British Invasion of the USA, the Animals played a hard form of Rock and Blues with numerous hit singles before singer Eric Burdon found flower power, organist Alan Price found jazz and bassist Chas Chandler found Jimi Hendrix.

There were a number of revivals of the band and in 1993 original guitarist Hilton Valentine put the band together again, recruiting keyboard player Steve Hutch and then in 1995, they were joined by original drummer John Steel and bass player Martin Bland, touring the world as the Animals and

**Steve Hutch and Martin Bland with their UK Legends Band.**

recording new versions of the early hits.

Now Bland and Hutch have teamed up again as the part of the UK Legends but for this concert they will be performing as the Animals Duo.

This promises to be an exciting and enjoyable evening as the audience will be transported back to both the 1960s and the 1970s on what is bound to be a warm evening with doors opening at

**Voulez Vous in full ABBA mode.**

9pm and the music starting at 10pm.

Tickets cost €15 and can be purchased on the night or in advance

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**Eat Well
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by Andrew Harding



IT is the start of summer and also the start of the barbecue season, this week and next I will include two of mine, my relatives and my friend's favourite recipes.

First of all, a few words about barbecuing. The characteristic flavour of barbecued food comes from juices and fats dripping on to the heat source creating smoke and undesirable flames (quench with a water spray) when the fats and oils catch fire.

Whether the heat source is burning charcoal, an electric element, or lava rock heated by a gas flame the flavours are all the same. I have never used an electric barbecue, but have used charcoal and gas, my personal preference is for bottled gas, because it is quicker to reach the required temperature, is more controllable and it is much cheaper especially if your domestic water is heated by bottles of butane.

You can use the last dregs of butane heating the barbecue instead of gambling on a

Hint: I hate lettuce, tomato and gherkins added to hot burgers, this destroys both the taste and texture of all four items. I serve the burgers in a bun, spread with olive oil and placed cut side down on the grill for about a minute, until slightly toasted. Fried onion, mushroom and cheese on top of the burger takes it to a new level! Salad and gherkins should be a side dish

Hint: Don't overwork the beef when mixing with the other

Home-made burgers

**MEATY TREATS: Home-made burgers.**

shower that may or may not be hot, as you rinse off the soap and shampoo. The following is my original recipe, enjoy!

Andy's ultimate beefburgers
Serves 4

- 2 small onions, chopped
- 3 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 700 grammes good quality minced beef
- 4 teaspoons mustard powder
- 2 teaspoons black (or green) peppercorns, coarsely ground
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

ingredients, the texture of the beef, as well as its flavour, needs to be just right. Most propriety burgers fail on all counts, but especially on texture.

Hint: Liquidising the onion/garlic is not essential provided they are finely chopped.

Tip: Peppercorns need to be freshly ground, when bought finely ground it loses flavour very quickly.

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HANGING BASKETS are very much a part of the tradition of gardening in Spain.

Balconies decorated with abundant geranium flowers are a hallmark of Spanish village homes.

When space is limited at your home, the imagination is still able to create inspiring ways to create a wonderful garden using containers and hanging baskets to achieve a garden on the walls and in open spaces.

The value of a hanging basket is that they can be placed to use space that otherwise is not used. On a balcony they can be placed to provide shade in summer instead of using blinds by making a row of baskets that capture the sun so that the balcony stays shaded. In winter they can be taken down to allow more of the sunlight to warm the zone.

The flexibility of hanging baskets makes them very versatile to always have the best flowering plants on dis-

Hanging baskets

Minimum space and maximum growth

play in prominent positions so that your hanging garden always looks its best. There is also the advantage of growing a wider range of different types of plants as they can be moved to shelter when adverse conditions prevail.

The choice of plants will depend, to a degree, on the time you can devote to your plants. Hanging baskets do need attention as they need regular watering and occasional feeding with liquid nutrients to stay healthy.

Succulents and low water use plants such as the ever popular geranium require less attention but many annuals such as lobelia, petunias, marigold, pansies, primroses, polyanthus and forget-me-nots do need to be looked after. Flowering annuals will provide an abundance of flowers with a little more

care than succulents.

You can grow bulbs such as freesias, crocus, iris and anemones that flower less but are hardier. If you wish to grow herbs, thyme, weeping rosemary, oregano, parsley, sage and many more can be grown in hanging baskets. Herbs may only last a season but you can enjoy them fresh and replace them the next year.

Hanging baskets are not really for larger growing plants or plants with a long life expectancy as the pot size will limit growth and the soil can become depleted of nutrients quicker than garden grown plants. They may seem to need frequent attention but the work is not heavy or difficult and does not require much bending. So placing them at a good height suitable for your care is important to make care easier.

The right container is important. There is a great variety of different types available. Ceramic pots give a good choice to select from. Some ceramic pots are made to be hung on walls with simply a hook installed on the wall or you can use wire to attach them to an existing support.

Ceramic is better than plastic for the plant as they allow the pot to breathe but they do evaporate more moisture. Wire baskets with coco fibre work very well, they are light to handle but do need more water than ceramic and plastic pots.

For the best success it is best to use a deep pot rather than shallow ones to hold more moisture, nutrients and reduce evaporation. Whatever you choose they can brighten your balcony or terrace.



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HANGING BASKETS: Can look beautiful anywhere.



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DON'T exercise a dog strenuously straight after feeding. Always wait for a minimum of one hour, otherwise it can be extremely dangerous and result in stomach torsion, a twisting which prevents gasses from escaping. Unless prompt veterinary attention is sought, this condition can be fatal.

Likewise, do not feed your dog directly after exercise as stomach torsion can also result.

However, gentle exercise after eating burns up more calories by raising the body's rate of metabolism. It is better than allowing the dog to lie down to digest its food, for while sleeping a pet will burn up only a few calories, just enough to keep its heart and lungs going. This can result in weight gain.

It makes sense to take your dog for a walk of not more than a half-hour after the two meals of the day. This very gentle exercise will also stimulate its digestion. Then, after a few hours have passed, you can let the dog enjoy more strenuous exercise.

David THE Dogman
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For smaller breeds, simply taking a dog outdoors to relieve itself gives a certain amount of exercise. This assists but does not cause defecation, for a dog does not need exercise to loosen his bowels unless it is ill.

Taking a dog on a daily run is not necessarily in its best interest. Dogs should never be run on hard surfaces such as pavements or paved roads but on earth, and certainly should not be made to run behind your car. If you insist on having your dog jog with you, then make the pace a fast walk or trot rather than a run, but don't do this in hot weather and always check the dog's feet after a run for cuts and rawness.

Medium and large breeds should not be allowed excessive exercise, or do agility work, until at least 18-months old, and even then with cau-

Your dog and exercise



KEEPING FIT: It is important to regulate your dog's exercise.

tion. Often a weakness will remain dormant in young bones if they are subjected to ex-

treme exercise. Throwing a ball in a park for an hour could bring on a problem. Dogs do not need as much exercise as

many think.

A dog should never be allowed out alone even if it has a name tag on its collar. It is an

offence in most European countries for it to be roaming on public streets or highways where it can still be classified as a stray dog and impounded by the police or a dog warden.

Dog owners are legally responsible for any damage caused by their dog. If your dog's actions result in a traffic accident you may well have to pay compensation for damaged vehicles or injured persons and this could be substantial.

No dog can ever be 100 per cent reliable when walking along a road off its lead. A sudden noise, a car back-firing, or the sight of a cat could cause the dog to bolt. Only luck will determine if the dog runs out in front of a car. So don't show off by walking your dog without a lead besides a busy road.

A living dog on a lead is better than a dead one off it.

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PORSCHE'S first fully electric sports car has been named the Taycan, with production set to begin in 2019.

The name can be roughly translated as 'lively young horse,' referencing the imagery at the heart of the Porsche crest, which has featured a leaping steed since 1952.

Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG said:

If anyone can Taycan

“Our new electric sports car is strong and dependable; it's a vehicle that can consistently cover long distances and that epitomises freedom.”

The name was announced as part of Porsche's 70th anniversary celebrations since it started mak-

ing sports cars.

It will be Porsche's first all-electric car, and was previewed by the Mission E Concept, although the brand has been building plug-in hybrid models of some of its cars for several years.

The power figures are certainly

impressive, with 592 bhp and 0-60mph in 'well under' 3.3 seconds.

Porsche is also being ambitious with its range estimates too, and claims the Taycan will be able to achieve 310 miles on a single charge.

Elsewhere, the sports car maker has committed to a €6 billion investment in electromobility - including new versions of the Taycan, electrification of its current cars, expanding production sites and developing charging infrastructure.

The Taycan will also lead to 1,200 new jobs being created at a new factory for the model in Zuffenhausen, Germany.

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BMW i8 has a world-beating engine

THE plug-in hybrid drive system in the BMW i8 has won its category in the world's leading engine competition for the fourth year in succession.

It won its class - for units with 1.4 litre to 1.8 litre displacement - in the Interna-

tional Engine of the Year Award for the fourth time in a row.

The BMW i8's drive solution came onto the market in 2014 and has topped its category in the prestigious competition every year since.

It has also been the world's highest selling plug-in hybrid (PHEV) sports car ever, and its technology is being rolled out across BMW's core models.

The recently updated i8 fuses sports car performance with the fuel consumption normally expected of small models.

The electric motor sources its energy from a lithium-ion battery (which can be charged from a conventional domestic power socket), and channels the power it generates to the front axle.

Combining this with a combustion engine at the rear creates all-wheel drive, gluing the car to the road.

This year marks the 20th edition of the International Engine of the Year Award, and BMW Group brand models have notched up a total of 69 wins.

This year, the event was held at the Engine Expo fair in Stuttgart and the jury was made up of 70 automotive journalists from 31 countries.

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Cars, cabaret and fashion...

IT'S another busy month for the organisers and members of the Classic Car Club of Andalucía.

June sees the Club involved with no less than five full events whilst others are winding down for the summer!

The month got off to a flying start with the Club's monthly dinner at Treetops Restaurante in El Chaparral Golf Club. Not just a dinner and a chance for members to get together, the Club arranged a full-scale Cabaret put on by 'A Touch of Class,' the Costa-based cabaret, singing and dancing group that put on so many performances in aid of various charities. Their polished performance in front of around 100 CCCA diners encouraged much dancing and merriment and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Not just a spectacular, full costumed Cabaret but also a very fine Fashion show was organised in the breaks by CCCA member and top couturier Brian Piccolo. Some beautiful clothes were modelled by CCCA's own lovely ladies as a small 'taster' of the range that Brian produces. Members were most impressed by the routines and clothes and much appreciated having the CCCA girls as models.

Not only that, the food and service at Treetops was to its usual very high standard and much enjoyed by everyone. The Club is very lucky to have this super place as its 'Home base' and has done so for over 10 years.

The following Saturday saw the Club members gather at Restaurante El Caserio, on the main A-7 coast road between San Pedro and Estepona for its monthly classic car run and lunch. Always a superb day out, always a different start venue, route and finish venue, organiser Ian Giles was delighted to have over 80 people out enjoying it all.

From near Estepona the route cut across to Casares and then headed up to Gaucin. The roads going up to here are beautiful but have, for many years, been in a dreadful state of disrepair and a danger to a low-slung classic. At long last, these roads have now been resurfaced and are an absolute delight to drive. A real pleasure to get out in a decent motor car and fully enjoy the scenery and the pleasure of driving in the sunshine.

From Gaucin cars headed in the direction of Ronda, but stopped for a coffee and tapas break at Venta Solera, before turning off to head down to Cortes de la Frontera. Then a loop back to Atajate before heading up to Ronda and a chance to enjoy the spectacular views as the route wound down towards San Pedro.

Restaurant El Gamonal at San Pedro was the choice for lunch and what a superb job these guys did. Fabulous food, plenty of decent wine and first class service. Well done El Gamonal, we shall be back!

The Summer Ball

Next Tuesday sees the Club's annual Summer Ball, held as always at the Hotel Tamisa Golf in Mijas Costa. It's a black-tie affair with dining and dancing around the pool and fabulous entertainment from the coast's top entertainer, Ricky Lavazza. Canapes and cava will greet revellers on arrival and a great night out is surely on the



cards! There are still some places available, contact Brian Ladd on brian.ladd8@gmail.com.

Saturday June 30 - Car Show in aid of Charity

On June 30 the Club is joining forces with the La Cala Lions and Joffreys restaurante in La Cala de Mijas to promote a car show with displays of cars of all ages. The show will run that day from 4.00pm until 9.00pm with food and tapas etc available from the restaurante. Awards



will be presented for various classes and it is hoped funds will be gathered for Lions' supported charities.

If you would like to show your car, whatever its age, please contact me, Ian Giles, at ian@iangiles.com.

La Noche de San Juan

Lastly, although not a motoring or classic car event, the Club usually joins forces with La Familia Beach to celebrate the Noche de San Juan

on Saturday, June 23. A special price has been negotiated for CCCA members of €30 including dinner, wines and beers etc, so please contact me if you would like to join in the fun.

That's it for now, more next time!

Ian Giles
MOTORING



BRITAIN'S Zhanel Hughes ran 9.91 seconds - the fastest time in the world this year - as he went under 10 seconds for the first time in Jamaica. Only Linford Christie has ever run faster for Britain.

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LION HEARTED: The England team are calmly confident that they can make a mark.

World Cup 2018: England unfazed by great expectations

THE biggest sporting event on the planet begins today (Thursday) in Russia, where 32 national football teams will compete for glory and sporting immortality.

England's World Cup preparations concluded with a promising 2-0 victory over Costa Rica at Elland Road, and Gareth Southgate's squad will approach the tournament with quiet optimism.

It has been an unusually tranquil build-up for England, so far devoid of injury dramas, tabloid scandals or selection sagas.

There are signs that Southgate knows the style of play he wants his team to adopt, and that he has the personnel to deliver it.

Gone is the iron grip of the Fabio Capello regime, or the muddled selections and positioning of players under Hodgson.

Southgate's men were all happy to take part in an open-media session that would have been unthinkable not so long ago.

The England manager has talked about learning the art of 'calm leadership' from Euro '96 manager Terry Venables, and has grown visibly in his role.

"Pressure is what you perceive it to be and is influenced by what you read and watch," said Southgate. "We had some guys in from the Marines who had lost limbs. What is the pressure on us?"

Southgate has a squad with plenty of youthful enthusiasm, not scared by previous failures, and one that seems to be growing in confidence.

"We are mates going to play in a World Cup, the highlight of everyone's career," he added.

"It's fantastic."

Spain meanwhile, tore their way through World Cup qualifying, scoring 36 goals while winning nine out of 10 games.

They have also been outstanding in

friendlies, beating Belgium, France, drawing with world champions Germany and smashing Argentina 6-1.

Above all, manager Julen Lopetegui has restored the excitement and joy which typified the teams that won the European Championship in 2008 and 2012, and the World Cup in 2010.

This can be seen in the speed at which they recover the ball and their desire to keep searching for more goals even when the games have been won.

"Most of all I've been impressed by the passion of the players to be a team, their desire to use their individual qualities for the collective good," said Lopetegui.

Only 11 players from the squads that flopped over the last four years have made it into the 23-man group, and linchpin Andres Iniesta will want to finish his international career on a high.

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal won an incredible 11th French Open title by beating Austrian Dominic Thiem in straight sets.

Nadal, 32, won 6-4 6-3 6-2 to earn his 17th Grand Slam on Sunday, putting him three behind Roger Federer's all-time record.

The Spaniard edged an intense opening set, before tightening his grip on the second with an early break of serve.

Despite having cramp in the

third set he somehow managed to increase the tempo, and 24-year-old Thiem in his first major final, had no answer.

"It's a dream to win 11 times," said Nadal. "I played a great match against a great player.

"He is a player who pushes you to the limit."

Nadal's victory means that the past six Grand Slam titles have been won by either him or Roger Federer, with the next generation of players struggling to break their dominance.

Nadal is only the second player in history to win the same Grand Slam 11 times after Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open titles between 1960 and 1973.

The Spaniard had been the hot favourite to win at Roland Garros, after warming up with three clay-court titles in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Rome.

Against seventh seed Thiem he was at his destructive best. "What you have done - to win this tournament 11 times - is one of the greatest things in sport," Thiem said to Nadal afterwards.

Nadal serves up 11th French Open title

Transfer rumours

Who is in, who is out, and who is most wanted in England and Spain?

Arsenal are in talks to sign Sampdoria's €25 million defensive midfielder Lucas Torriera, 22, who is playing for Uruguay at the World Cup. (*Daily Mail*)

Real Madrid have made contact with former Chelsea and Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas about succeeding Zinedine Zidane as manager. (*Express*)

Fiorentina have increased the asking price of Italy international midfielder Federico Chiesa, 20, to €70 million amid interest from Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United. (*Talksport*)

Barcelona left-back, Joel Lopez, 15, has agreed terms with Arsenal. (*Metro*)

Liverpool will step up their efforts to sign Switzerland's Stoke midfielder Xherdan Shaqiri when he returns from the World Cup. (*Mirror*)



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COURTING COURTOIS: The keeper is believed to want a move to Spain.

Chelsea goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois is reportedly ready to push hard for a summer transfer to Real Madrid this year. (*Sun*)

Tottenham have emerged as contenders in the race for Barcelona midfielder Rafinha. (*BBC*)

Real Madrid are preparing a €150 million bid for Lazio and Serbia midfielder Sergej Milinkovic-Savic. (*ESPN*)

CSKA Moscow are willing to sell Arsenal target Aleksandr Golovin this summer, but are likely to demand at least €25 million for the Russian international. (*Talksport*)

Paris St-Germain are interested in signing Chelsea's French midfielder N'Golo Kante. (*Sky Sports*)

Chelsea and Liverpool are set to compete for Dutch Barcelona goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen, 29. (*Daily Mail*)

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