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 The skies were brilliant over Elche.

Fireworks in Elche

FIREFIGHTERS worked tirelessly through the night in Elche tackling 15 separate fires during the Nit de l'Alba, which also saw 10 people injured.

By midnight on Monday, as the sky was spectacularly illuminated with the effects of 2,000 kilos of gunpowder, eight people had been treated by emergency services for burns and wounds, most of which were apparently related to the use of fireworks and debris.

As adrenalin seekers continued until dawn, a further two people needed medical attention for similar injuries.

According to sources, firemen made a total of 15 outings,

which centered mainly in green areas and the streets, posing a challenge for emergency services who had to operate around parked cars.

But despite the numbers of fires and casualties, the authorities involved in organising the annual spectacle and protecting the safety of visitors have been praised for keeping incidents to a minimum.

There were no 'serious' injuries and any blazes were quickly extinguished, according to city officials and emergency services.

A mammoth 2,000 kilos of gunpowder was launched from 17 points by the Ferrandez Fire-

works, culminating with the breathtaking Palm of the Virgin - a fantastic finale which composed of 1,300 rockets.

Mayor Carlos Gonzalez, who personally oversaw the assembly of the palm trees which were launched from the town hall and spoke with some of the 40 people involved in putting

the whole event together, said: "The culmination of the display ascended to a height of 250 metres to occupy in the sky a radius light of another 250.

"It is an unsurpassable palm tree that keeps the skies lit up for about 25 seconds. This is possibly the most special night of the year in our city."

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**Sky high
facelift**

THE tallest skyscraper in Spain is to be built in Madrid, the most important project earmarked for the city in the next 25 years. The top of the Castellana, previously known as Operation Chamartín, will receive a facelift.

Pilots strike

MORE than 14,000 passengers on Spanish flights were affected by Ryanair's biggest strike to date. Four hundred flights were cancelled last Friday, including 78 to and from across Spain after industrial action by pilots.

Syria aid

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND kilos of clothing and food has left Elche, Alicante, bound for Syria. The aid, donated by businesses, schools and individuals, will be distributed to areas hit the hardest by war in the Middle East.

Hot nights

ONE person died of heatstroke and 11 others required medical attention in the Valencia region in the last week. Tropical nights are registering a minimum of 25 degrees Celsius soaring to 40 degrees during the day.

Parents' tribute

'Devastated by her loss'

By Matt Ford

THE parents of an Irish girl who drowned in a Costa del Sol swimming pool have paid tribute to their 'tiny Wonder Woman.'

It comes after four-year-old Georgia Anne Callan drowned at a rented villa on Calle San Joaquin, just off Marbella's Golden Mile.

The youngster from Ardclough, Co Kildare, is believed to have climbed out of a paddling pool before falling into the adult pool.

One of the victim's parents was with her at the time and well-placed sources said she was briefly distracted while talking with other adults who are believed to be friends.

They are understood to have been coming to the end of a month-long family holiday when the tragedy struck.

The alarm was raised at 10.30 in the morning on Saturday July 28, but medics were unable to resuscitate her.

Mums Emeline Callan and Jacqueline Russell said in a statement they are "devastated by her loss."

They added: "Georgia was our own tiny Wonder



Photo credit RIP.ie/Google

TRAGEDY: Georgia Anne Callan died after falling into a swimming pool.

Woman. "A happy, playful, brave, gentle and funny girl, she

loved nothing more than making new friends and wearing princess dresses everywhere.

"Georgia loved everyone, and her pets were amongst

her dearest friends.

"She sought beauty, goodness and fun wherever she was. She brought immense joy to our lives and to the lives of everyone who

knew her.

"We love her deeply. We will miss her more than we can say. We are devastated by her loss.

"We ask that you respect our privacy, and the privacy of our family and friends at this incredibly difficult and sad time."

The family thanked the police, medics, and Irish Embassy staff for 'their professionalism, support and care.'

Georgia's funeral took place last Friday and mourners were asked to 'dress cheerfully' in a bid to ensure her 'bright, sparkling personality lives on.'

Spanish police have confirmed they are treating the death as accidental.

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FIREFIGHTERS tackling a blaze at a flat in Spain have been hailed as heroes for saving the life of a dog they found lying unconscious on the floor.

After smothering the flames in the apartment the firefighters found the motionless animal which was suffering from smoke

Heroes revive pet dog

inhalation.

The dog was rushed out into the fresh air in the street and was refreshed

with water and revived by the emergency team in the city of Cordoba, Andalusia.

The dog responded well to the prompt action and was soon standing, eating and drinking.

No personal injuries were reported in the apartment blaze.

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Stretchered out of danger

AN injured cyclist was carried a kilometre to safety on a stretcher after being rescued by police and firemen in the mountain of Cabecico Redondo in Benejuzar. The 34-year-old Spaniard was unable to walk after injuring his hip in a precarious location. This made the rescue extremely difficult for everybody involved.

Maritime funding

CALLS are being made to reinstate the Maritime Unit of Santa Pola which disappeared in 2015. With a hike in the number of people in the area during summer months, police officers are struggling to organise beach and urban patrols while also assisting maritime rescues. The request for funding has the backing of the resort's mayor.

Tuna fish haul

FORTY-FIVE tons of frozen tuna has been seized in four provinces of Alicante. The fish had been authorised for canned consumption but was being marketed as fresh, quadrupling its value on the market. Two men in their 50's have been arrested and face up to four years in prison.

Waiting lists cuts

A PLAN to cut hospital waiting lists in the two public departments managed by Ribera Salud (Torrevieja and Vinalopo) has been compiled. It follows accusations of worsening data despite officials claiming that on average it carries out scheduled surgery slightly faster - in 44 days - than in the Valencian community at 46.

Expats protest

HUNDREDS of residents of the Orihuela coast and La Mata, including many expatriates, took to the streets calling for better budget allocations and improved basic amenities and services. More than 400 people supported the protest, claiming they are being short-changed by the Orihuela municipal government, and calling for the resignation of the mayor.

Touching claims

TWO Ecuadorian men were arrested in Murcia, accused of alleged sexual abuse of a 27-year-old woman. The men aged 43 and 53 allegedly assaulted her at a party at the La Fica campus. A source said the victim 'under the influence,' and the men are believed to have taken part in the 'touching of the private parts.'



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 27

PARTY TIME: The Fiesta Mayor de Gracia began in the 1800's.

Streets in colour

THIS is Barcelona, but not as you know it.

Iakov Filimonov's picture shows one of the city's streets decked out in glorious colour bunting for its annual Fiesta Mayor de Gracia in 2015. This year's edition kicked off yesterday (Wednesday).

The festival, which includes concerts, dances and model displays, pays homage to the Catalan capital's Gracia district.

The area was once a town until Barcelona incorporated it in 1897. The fiesta has been used to assert the district's identity since the early 19th century.

Local monks chose to throw a festival on August 15, the day of the assumption of the Virgin Mary, after a

convent was demolished in 1812.

When Gracia briefly became an independent entity with its own town hall in 1850 it adopted the celebration as an annual event. The decking of streets in a variety of multicoloured styles also began around this time.

The festival took on a rebellious nature during the dictatorship of Francisco Franco who attempted to repress Catalan culture. Fiesta goers used it as a means to demonstrate against his regime.

It began to fall out of fashion in the 1970's until Cataluña's regional government declared it a festival of national interest in 1997.

Knives thrown at police

THIEVES who barricaded themselves inside a house they were robbing threw knives, appliances and broken glasses at police in a failed bid to avoid arrest.

The four men in their 20's, broke into the villa in Pilar de la Horadada, Alicante, and were surprised by officers who had receiving calls from neighbours reporting strange noises.

On arrival they noticed that a window had been broken, and clothes and furniture had been

strewn across the floor.

Realising they had been sprung, a source said the gang tried to get away through windows upstairs, but bars made it impossible.

After being cornered, the thieves sought refuge on the upper floor and began throwing anything to hand at the officers.

Reinforcements were called, and more than half a dozen guards eventually managed to contain the robbers in one room before detaining them.

Body returned

THE body of an Alicante woman who was murdered while holidaying in Costa Rica has arrived on home soil for internment at the Santa Faz funeral home.

Arantxa Gutierrez, 31, was found dead near a beach on the island of Tortuguero almost two weeks ago. She was there with her husband and a group of seven other Spaniards, staying at a nearby hotel.

Authorities say she had been strangled and suspect a sexual

motive as the clothes of the physiotherapist, who was living in Madrid, had been 'torn off.'

Police and prosecutors in Costa Rica are now racing to investigate the case before the Nicaraguan suspect is released by immigration authorities.

A court has ruled there is insufficient evidence to place the alleged murderer in pre-trial custody. The hotel gardener is being kept in a centre for undocumented migrants.

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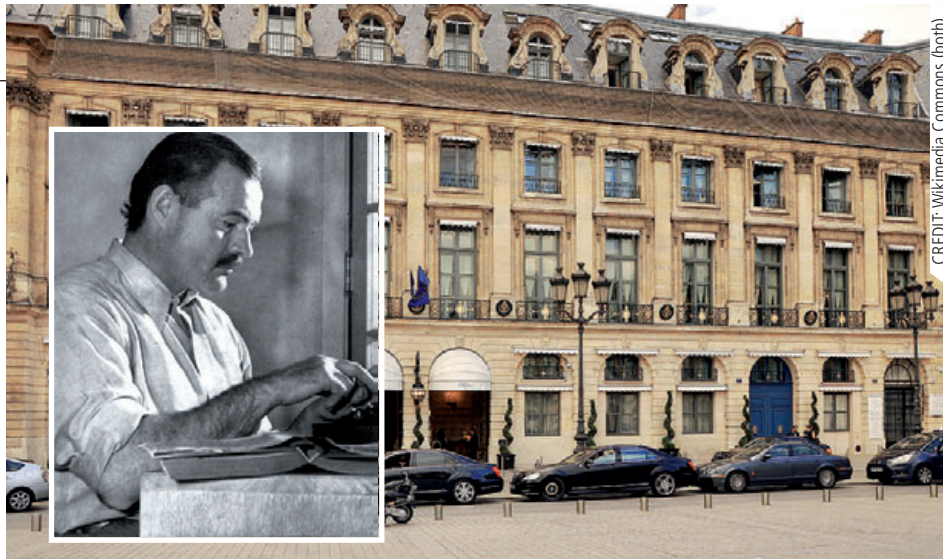
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UNPUBLISHED: Hemingway's (inset) book is set in the Paris Ritz hotel.

Story surfaces

AN unpublished short story from American author Ernest Hemingway about life in Paris after the Second World War is set to be released for the first time.

A Room on the Garden Side was written in 1956. The author, who spent much of his life in Spain as well as France, talks about his affection for both countries through the story's narrator and main character, Robert.

"I loved France and Spain next to my own country. I loved other countries too but the debt was paid and I thought that the account was closed, not knowing the accounts are never closed," Robert says.

The story has until now only been seen by a handful of scholars and academics. It sees characters debating 'the dirty trade of war' in one of Hemingway's favourite haunts, the Paris Ritz hotel.

Andrew F Gulli, an editor at Strand which is publishing the short story, said in a note introducing the work that Hemingway was paying homage to Paris in it.

"Hemingway's deep love for his favourite city as it just emerging from Nazi occupation is

on full display, as are the hallmarks of his prose," Strand said.

The author sent the story along with several others to his publisher Charles Scribner Jr and told him they were 'a little shocking' due to their themes of war.

'Anyway, you can always publish them after I'm dead,' he said in a note to Scribner.

War and travel were prominent themes in many of Hemingway's books. The Sun Also Rises, one of his first successes, centres on the protagonist Jake Barnes and his friends who journey to Pamplona to witness the Running of the Bulls.

Hemingway lived in various places across Spain in the 1930's. He travelled to Madrid in 1937 following the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War the previous year to make The Spanish Earth, a documentary about the Republican war effort.

The experience went on to inspire Hemingway's novel For Whom The Bell Tolls. The story follows an American volunteer named Robert Jordan who is sent behind fascist lines near Segovia to fight with Republican guerrillas.

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Spying on ex-wife

By Tara Rippin

A 58-YEAR-OLD man is being held after hidden cameras were discovered at his ex-wife's home in Murcia.

Workmen were installing an alarm system at the Spanish woman's house when they came across the recording devices, one in the living room and the other in the bedroom.

A police source said the couple were divorced and the woman suspected that it was her ex-husband who had placed the cameras in hidden places.

He has since been arrested on crimes of 'discovery and disclosure of secrets between individuals.'

Investigators from a variety of police departments, including the Family Unit and Care for Women, scientific research officers, together with agents from the Systems and Special Media Group, carried



HIDDEN CAMERAS: Were hidden in the home of ex-wife.

out an extensive search of complainant's home.

It was confirmed the two small cameras had been concealed inside a plastic 'housing cover' on both ceilings.

They discovered the recording systems were

wired to the basement, where there was a hidden recorder that stored the images obtained. In turn, this recorder was connected to a router with internet access.

The recorders were found to contain 'images of the intimate life of the complainant.'

Her ex-partner was arrested and a search was made of his home, where a further camera was found. His mobile phone and laptop were confiscated to gain further evidence.

The case is now in the hands of the courts.

22 abandoned dogs rescued

TEN dogs and 12 abandoned puppies have been rescued from 'lamentable' conditions in Alicante.

Local Police found the animals in a ramshackle warehouse on the Pla de la Vallonga industrial estate.

It appeared that they had been abandoned in the warehouse that was filled with debris. A local resident had alerted police after hearing incessant barking.

Police had to force locks to enter the building. There they found the dogs living amongst rubble and other debris, and in a very poor condition.

According to officers the animals - which were various breeds of hunting dog - showed signs of abuse. They were all riddled with fleas and ticks,

and some showed deformities and other physical problems.

The dogs and 12 puppies were taken to an animal shelter and are receiving veterinary care.

Police have traced the owner to Santa Pola through information on an embedded microchip and have now opened proceedings against them.



LAMENTABLE: Rescued dogs were in a poor condition.

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Monica Cruz turns heads on beach

MONICA CRUZ, younger sister of Hollywood star Penelope, turned heads in a bright yellow swimsuit when she soaked up the rays in Zahara De Los Atunes, Spain, last weekend.

The actress, 41, guaranteed that all eyes were on her in the eye-catching one-piece, which complemented her bronzed complexion perfectly.

Monica looked stunning in the simple yet stylish swimwear as she reclined on the sand to top up her tan.

The beautiful star's figure-hugging swimsuit showed off her hourglass physique and cleavage thanks to its low-cut neckline.

The Spanish siren went make-up free for her beach outing, and her natural beauty was there for all to see.

Monica made the decision to have a child alone in 2013, using an anonymous sperm donor, saying:

"It was not a decision I took on a whim, it was five years in the making."



Credit: Splashnews

| BEACH BABE: Monica Cruz.

Mel makes waves

MELANIE SYKES has been sharing endless sizzling bikini snaps for her fans, as she celebrates her 48th birthday in the Mallorca sunshine.

The TV presenter was the picture of confidence as she beamed for the camera from the water, clad in her pretty floral swimwear.

Fitness fanatic Mel is known for her impressive figure, which she often displays on Instagram.



| WATER BEAUTY: Melanie Sykes.

Boris bathes

BORIS BECKER was loving the sun and sea as he enjoyed a yacht ride in Formentera, Spain.

The former tennis player, 50, was joined by a number of beautiful female friends as he leapt into the water from the Francesco Petrarca, a private luxury vessel.

Mallett in wheel trouble

SOCIAL media users are rallying round TV personality Timmy Mallett to help find his stolen bike.

The star recently celebrated completing a 2,500-mile charity ride across Europe in memory of his late brother Martin.

Mallett, 62, was drinking with friends on Friday when the bike was apparently taken from a pub in Cookham, Berkshire.

He said: "The irony is so

awful. You can take it all over the world, and yet at home it was not safe at the local village pub.

"I'm heartbroken," he continued. "I was on my own across Europe and my bike was my best pal along the way, the only thing I could absolutely rely on."

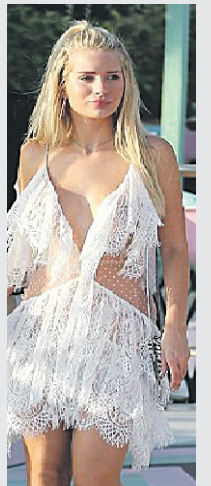
Mallett had just finished the Camino de Santiago trip in memory of his brother, who had Down's Syndrome.

Moss loss

L O T T I E MOSS jetted into Ibiza where she spent the first night partying with the sons of Gary Linekar and Piers Morgan.

The 20-year-old model, who is the half-sister of fashion icon Kate Moss, continued the festivities the next day as she stepped out in a daring plunging lace dress.

The blonde beauty had certainly got over leaving her Gucci sunglasses on the plane.



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OUR VIEW

Well done councils

ALTHOUGH Spanish councils can have something of a tendency to be bureaucratic they are often very different from UK councils in the way in which they look after residents.

The concept in the UK of having an overseas resident's councillor or department (except perhaps in areas where there is large scale immigration from Africa or the sub-continent) would be quite unusual and on the face of things, there are now far more coalition councils in Spain which means that they are in many faces more balanced.

Rubbish collection for purposes of hygiene and the heat is generally daily and in many towns, particularly those near to the coast, there is a daily watering of the streets and cleaning of the beaches.

Apart from the regular fairs and fiestas, councils go out of their way to provide entertainment with many towns now offering weekly or one off music events and they don't just bring in local amateur groups, but often pay quite high amounts for some well-known Spanish bands.

In some ways, there is almost too much entertainment and it can be quite irritating to neighbours who are disturbed by the noise of the music and the coming and going of the crowds.

All in all however, we have to admire the way in which so many councils endeavour to look after their residents and hopefully the days of corrupt local politicians are in the past so the money collected through tax will be used on the people rather than disappearing into a small number of pockets.

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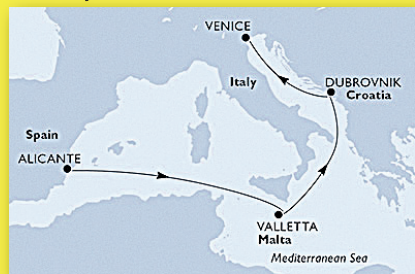
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France asylum offer



TAKEN IN: France has offered to take around 20 of the migrants

Joe Gerrard

THE French government has said it would be prepared to take migrants from a rescue boat that picked up migrants near Libya and docked in Algeciras last Thursday.

The French Presidency said it would offer to accommodate around 20 of the people from the Open Arms rescue ship in a show of 'European solidarity.'

The announcement from French officials and the decision by Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez to allow the ship to

dock follows its turning away by both Italy and Malta.

The people from the boat, including 12 youths, are now set to face an asylum application process which could take them up to two years to complete, according to reports. It includes health tests, interviews and identity checks.

French officials are due to travel to Spain to begin speaking to the migrants about their potential applications to seek asylum in the former country.

The news comes as Spain

opened its first refugee camp in Cadiz Province earlier this week to accommodate the growing number of arrivals.

Pedro Sanchez said Madrid was also planning to open a new Migrant Processing Centre in Algeciras at a cost of around €30 million.

More than 23,000 migrants, many of which are refugees fleeing war in sub Saharan Africa, have arrived in Spain since the start of this year according to United Nations figures.

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Gift of life

THE life of expatriate Stuart Ritchie, 68, was saved after the defibrillator he and his Portobello Bar Walking Football Club team purchased for Pinar de Cam-poverde was brought into action after he collapsed.

Thank you

SENIOR Freemasons of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Valencia were recently invited to the Red Cross HQ in Alicante to be thanked for their donation of an invaluable support vehicle, presented almost three years ago.

Crowds flock

MURCIA'S iron bridge was expected to reach maximum occupancy yesterday (Wednesday) according to a tourism report which suggests Puente de Hierro would enjoy more than half of the sight-seers descending on Murcia for the festival of La Asuncion de la Virgen.

Hundreds injured in stage collapse at Vigo



CONCERT CHAOS: Victims of the accident are treated in a makeshift tent.

A SECTION of wooden jetty collapsed at a sports and music festival in Spain, injuring more than 330 people, five seriously.

The stage was right on the seafront of the north-west city of Vigo, Galicia, and was crowded with people watching a rap artist at the O Marisquiño event.

Police stated that there were no known fatalities, but witnesses described chaotic scenes as people - many of them teenagers - tried to claw themselves to safety.

Some fell into the sea and people's belongings eg mobile phones and handbags were left strewn on the ground.

Emergency services attended to the injured, and divers were deployed to the sea to check for people, as the wooden boards had cracked along a central section.

Reports suggest that the incident happened shortly before midnight on Sunday during the performance of Mallorcan rapper Rels B.

In a tweet Rels B wished 'strength' to the injured and

told concerned relatives or friends to contact the emergency help desk set up by festival organisers.

It is not clear why the platform collapsed, and Vigo's mayor Abel Caballero has confirmed an investigation is underway.

A week earlier Elena Muñoz Fonteriz, President of the Vigo Popular Party, had warned on social media that the jetty was unsound and that officials should examine it before the concert went ahead.



NEW WEBSITE: Will be launched next year.

Ticketmaster shuts down SeatWave

TICKETMASTER, the American ticket sales and distribution company, has decided to close down their SeatWave programme due to user complaints.

A statement released by the company said: 'We've listened to your comments and we hear you: secondary sites aren't working any more and you're sick of seeing others grab tickets just to resell at a profit.'

As an alternative to the programme, the company is launching a new website with

the exchange service included.

The ticket giant said their new website will launch across Europe early next year. They added they won't publish any new events on SeatWave, although what's been posted until now will still be in effect.

Ticketmaster want to make sure concert tickets fall straight into the hands of 'true fans,' without them having to pay unfair prices in a '100 per cent transparent and secure environment.'

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STREET TALK

Should pet owners be legally required to neuter their animals in Spain, given the scale of abandonment in the country?

Name: Phyllis and Dave

On holiday: Yes

Where from: Basildon

YES! We have a lovely dog, a Schnauzer called Max, and he was neutered after six months. You have to do right by them and it's the best thing.

We've never seen strays in Fuengirola though and we come every year. The Spanish seem to love their animals and treat them very well.

Pets shouldn't spend too long in the sun, and they need plenty of food and

water, and treats!

Name: Chris and Alison

Age: 58 and 57

On holiday: Yes

Where from: England

Chris: I don't like dogs or cats! But neutering should not be legally forced. The strays should be collected and neutered, then maybe given to pet charities.

Alison: We haven't seen any abandoned pets in Fuengirola. A friend in Torreblanca saw a stray attacking a bird in his garden, and that's not nice!

Name: Angela Sanz

Age: 45

On holiday: Yes

Where from: Cordoba

Of

course not! No surgery, no. I have a dog, a female, they behave better. She is in heat at the moment though!

I don't think abandoned pets are a problem here, but it is a cruel thing to do and not fair on animals.

Pet owners would not like to be abandoned themselves, would they?

Name: Anonymous

Age: X

On holiday: Yes

Where from: Ireland

Yes, pets should be neutered. Otherwise there is a risk that they will breed and breed.

In Greece there are also public animal centres, where you can feed and water your pets, maybe there should be more of those here.

Name: Muriel

Age: 49

On holiday: Live here

Where from: Belgium

The key thing to remember is that it's a big responsibility to keep a pet for life. It doesn't matter if it is neutered or not.

When you take on a pet it's like having a child! It's life changing. Neutering is a choice, it shouldn't be law. Breeding is a choice too.

I used to have a dog, a Bichon Frise called Ella, she was wonderful. I had her spayed, and maybe had to manage her diet more after that.

Name: Ladonna Murray

Age: 55+

On holiday: Yes

Where from: County Antrim/NI

Yes it's a good idea. I have been coming here for years but haven't seen many abandoned animals though.

My cat has been neutered but he's fine. If you haven't much money (eg you're on benefits) the vets will do it for you for free.

My cat hasn't explored as much after the operation, he's happier to stay in the house a bit more, but I don't think he's affected too much.



Phyllis and Dave.



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Valencia wild fire extinguished

A FIRE that burned 3,270 hectares of land, destroyed or damaged 40 homes and forced the evacuation of 2,620 people was finally put out a week after it started.

At its height the blaze which was started by a lightning strike in the Llutxent area of Valencia threatened the seaside resort town of Gandia.

More than 700 ground-based personnel and 31 helicopters and planes were drafted in from Valencia, Castellon and Alicante, as well as from the forestry service and military units to contain the fire which had

been whipped up by strong gusts of winds.

By Friday the blaze, which had started in the early hours of Monday morning, was declared 'stabilised' and it was finally extinguished by 8pm on Sunday.

The municipal districts of Gandia, Llutxent, Pinet, Ador, Barx and Quatretonda were affected, with 120 people from Pinet joining 2,500 evacuees from La Drova and the Montesol and Montepino urbanisations.

Those people evacuated have been allowed back to their homes to assess any

damage, with the national government pledging to support those affected with grants to repair damage.

Local authorities may also be helped with cash to reforest affected areas. So far this summer, fire has destroyed a total of 11,722.90 hectares in Spain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, but these figures do not include the latest blazes in Nerva, Moguer, Almonaster Huelva, or Llutxent.

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Murcia's forest firefighting improved

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In total, there are four helicopters assigned to monitoring and extinguishing forest fires

in the area, with one of them used purely in a co-ordination role.

This latest addition has extra seats (now eight compared to six in the other aircraft) and faster response ability; and being fitted with a double-turbine instead of the traditional sin-

gle, the amount of water able to be dropped from the craft goes from 670 litres to 1,200.

The new machine was formally presented by the Murcia Regional President, Pedro Rivera, at the base at La Pila, in Abaran. During the course of the visit, Rivera also took the opportunity to personally thank the firefighters who have been involved in a number of recent incidents, including those that caused devastation in and around Valencia.

Rivera said that "helicopters play a key role in the monitoring and fighting of forest fires and so it's important that we are committed to providing the most modern equipment available for such tasks."



PREPARED: The firefighting team in front of their new aircraft.



CAUGHT: One of the two Georgian nationals led away by the National Police.

Photo credit: Policia Nacional

Elche 'plastic thread' robbers arrested

TWO people have been arrested in connection with a number of robberies in homes in Elche.

The detained couple - both 28 years old and Georgian nationals - are believed to have prepared their locations by using the well-known method of putting a small piece of plastic

The investigation was started after a neighbour surprised the

two men at 2am one morning as they were in the process of planning their next robberies before fleeing the scene.

This method is widely used by a number of gangs who specialise in home burglaries and consists of placing an almost invisible mark on the home to check which ones are empty.

They return a few days later to check if the plastic is still in

place and if they are, it indicates they're empty... especially during the holiday season.

Thanks to the description given by the man who stumbled across the alleged criminals, investigating officers were able to search for the men. In addition, they discovered that they moved from place-to-place in different high-end cars that were hired in other names.

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Exchange of information – what changes in September?

Last September, tax authorities across the world, including Spain and the UK, began sharing and receiving new information on their taxpayers' offshore assets and income.

This is carried out under the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) for automatic exchange of financial account information. More than 100 countries have so far committed to obtain information from their financial institutions and pass it on to the clients' country of residence. Over 45 more countries are in the pipeline.

Forty-nine jurisdictions began collecting data from 2016, making the first exchange in September 2017. Another 53, including Switzerland, Hong Kong, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Australia, Canada, Panama and many Caribbean jurisdictions, began collecting data last year, ready to share it by the end of this September.

This automatic information exchange will be repeated every year



By Gerald Turner,
Partner,
Blevins Franks

going forward.

The information being shared about the financial assets you own outside your country of residence includes your name and address, country of tax residence, tax identification number, investment income you earned over the year (interest, dividends, income from certain insurance contracts, annuities, etc), account balances and gross proceeds from the sale of financial assets.

When local tax offices receive this information, they can verify whether

the taxpayer has accurately reported their worldwide income and assets on their tax returns. In Spain, the authorities can also compare data with Modelo 720 declarations.

The UK's Requirement to Correct (RTC) - higher penalties from October .

Last year HM Revenue & Customs introduced a statutory requirement requiring UK taxpayers to disclose any undeclared offshore tax liabilities. Under the 'Requirement to Correct' (RTC), the deadline for those affected to get their affairs in order is September 30, 2018. From October 1, the penalties for undeclared offshore income and gains will shoot up to 200 per cent under a much tougher new regime.

This will coincide with the time HMRC will receive its next wave of information from abroad. Once the deadline has passed, tax investigators will use the information received to find those who still have undeclared offshore income.

The RTC affects people with outstanding UK tax liabilities on their offshore interests, whether bank accounts, investments, property, etc. It relates to income tax, capital gains tax and inheritance tax, covering non-compliance committed before April 6, 2017.

Note that paying tax in the country where the income is generated (for example, if you paid local tax on rental income from an overseas property) does not automatically excuse you from paying tax in Britain if you are a UK tax resident. You have to follow the double-tax treaty correctly.

HMRC has reportedly sent warning letters to taxpayers it believes have not correctly declared offshore income. The letters remind the recipients of the new penalties and suggest they carry out a 'tax health check.'

Anyone who lives in one country and has assets or earns income in another needs to take care with their tax planning and ensure they are declaring income as required by

both country's laws and paying tax correctly. This can vary from country to country, depending on the particular double tax treaty.

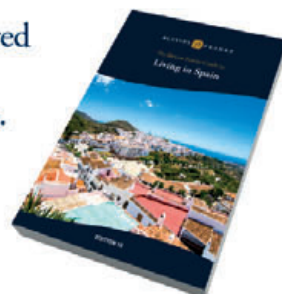
Getting it wrong can have serious consequences, and prove costly and time consuming, so take advice from a cross-border tax and wealth management specialist. They can also guide you on the compliant tax-efficient arrangements available in Spain and the UK to help you improve your tax liabilities, particularly on your investments and for your heirs in future.

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Corpse on coast

THE lifeless body of a man who has apparently been missing since last Friday, is thought to have been recovered in a coastal area between Elche and Santa Pola.

According to reports, the corpse was found on Sunday morning in a rocky area at the end of Carabassi beach.

The man, believed to have been in his early 50's, is thought to have drowned, but the exact cause of death is still to be confirmed.

Early morning bathers and walkers witnessed the recovery of the dead man's body.



CORPSE: Man in 50's found dead on Carabassi beach.

A YOUNG boy almost drowned and was rushed to hospital after his float overturned on a beach in Torrevieja.

Health sources at the General Hospital of Alicante said the seven-year-old was recovering 'favourably' having been transferred to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit.

Boy nearly drowns

The French youngster had been bathing in the sea at El Cura.

Lifeguards initially resuscitated the child before he was

transferred to Torrevieja Hospital and then onto ICU in Alicante.

The source said the schoolboy was admitted with "symptoms of drowning", and added: "The treatment administered has gone very well and doctors have kept the child in hospital to avoid any risks."

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Sanchez Merkel meeting

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Prime Minister and the German Chancellor have said they have found 'European solutions' to migrant arrivals on Spain's and the continent's southern frontiers following a meeting last Saturday.

Pedro Sanchez and Angela Merkel held a joint press conference following talks at Sanlúcar de Barrameda in Cadiz Province. Merkel was staying at the Prime Minister's summer residence in the Doñana National Park in Huelva Province.

Sanchez said the two had agreed to push for more dialogue and co-operation with countries such as Morocco which many migrants travel through in order to reach Spain.

He added he and the German Chancellor had agreed to begin talks with the European Union (EU) with a view to making more aid available for border security in Morocco. The Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla share a land border with the North African country.

Merkel said the EU's existing Dublin system, which

states that each member state is required to process asylum requests for those arriving on its soil, was not working.

She added her and Sanchez had spoken about trying to find a system that would fairly distribute arrivals across the bloc's member states.

"Germany and Spain are counting on European solutions," Merkel said.

The German Chancellor added she was now seeking to strike a similar deal with Greece, another leading destination point for migrants travelling to Europe.

The meeting comes as an

agreement between Germany and Spain on migrant transfers came into force yesterday.

The deal means migrants arriving in Germany but who are already registered in Spain will be returned within 48 hours.

There have been no cases since mid-June where the arrangement would apply, according to German media reports.

EU leaders are now set to meet in Salzburg in Austria for a summit on migration in September. Sanchez and Merkel are expected to take their proposals from last weekend's meeting to the talks. They are expected to be backed by the leaders of France and Portugal but they could face opposition from countries such as Italy, Austria and Hungary. Anti-immigration feelings hold sway

among senior officials in the latter states.

At least around 23,500 migrants arrived in Spain since the start of this year, more than arrived in 2017 and a larger amount than Italy and Greece have taken in.

Many of the migrants coming to Europe are refugees fleeing war and conflict in sub-Saharan Africa, according to United Nations officials.



PRESS CONFERENCE: Sanchez and Merkel met last weekend.

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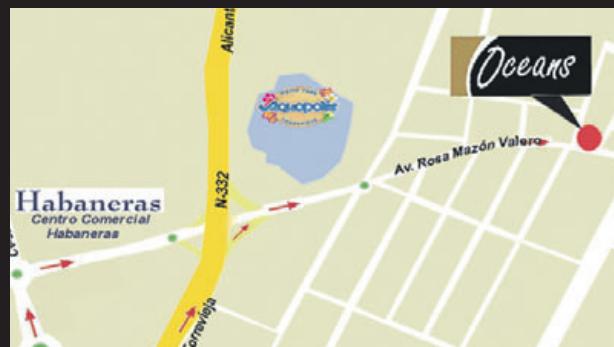
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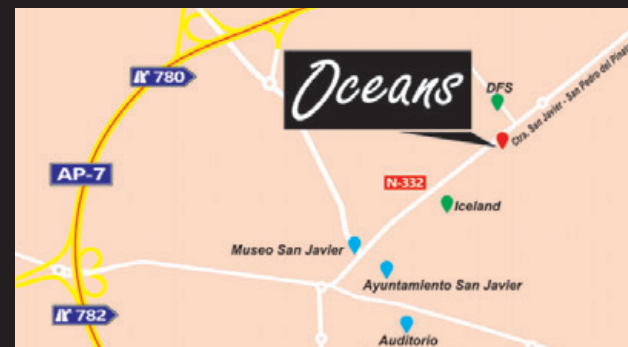
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Passenger numbers down



DROP: First time in six years July passenger numbers have fallen.

FOR the first time in six years July has seen a fall in the number of passengers at Alicante-Elche airport.

It handled 1,598,795 people in the month, down 2.1 per cent on the same month last year, bringing an end to a series of gains over the past few years. But the numbers remain well ahead of those seen at the depth of the financial crisis which hit Spain.

In July 2012, just

1,076,171 passengers passed through the facilities, a decrease of 8.4 per cent compared to July 2011.

But the airport remains the fifth busiest in Spain having dealt with 7,919,047 passengers during the first seven months of the year. Despite the drop in July, this was up 1.1 per cent on the same period of 2017.

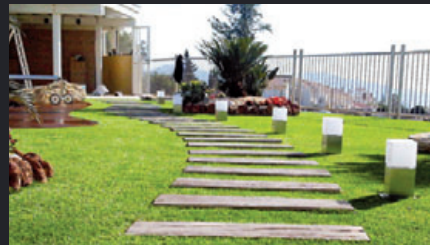
In terms of international traffic, the UK stands out with 3,157,279 passengers

arriving and departing followed by the Netherlands with 522,708 passengers. Germany had 492,211, Norway 473,887, Belgium 391,230 and Sweden accounted for 337,734 passengers.

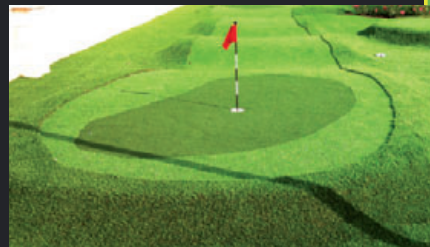
In total there were 54,661 flights to and from Alicante-Elche during the first seven months of the year, a slight decrease of 0.5 per cent compared to the same period of the previous year.

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PROMISING: The aircraft museum is looking increasingly likely for San Javier.

SAN JAVIER Airport has been given fresh hope in its bid to become the permanent headquarters of the historic aircraft museum, operated by the Infante de Orleans Foundation.

Last week the President of the Murcia Community, councillors, the mayor, and head of the foundation met to draw up a list of specifications that will need to be met if the move is to be carried out.

The project has been approved by the Regional Assembly, and a further meeting is scheduled with the head of the regional executive, Minister of Defence Margarita Robles, which owns the airport, and other parties involved to try to confirm the move from Madrid.

A spokesperson said the project would be a major tourist attraction for the area.

Illegal renters warned



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TOWELS: Dish the dirt on illegal holiday lets.

by Rhys Adam

ILLEGAL holiday lets in Spain are being found out by police due to the large number of towels on balconies.

Whistle-blowers in tourist hot spots across the country are turning up at council offices and dishing the dirt on private homeowners, who often don't pay tax on the 'black market' rentals.

Under new rules, owners of flats and villas must get a licence to rent out their homes or face hefty fines.

In the Balearics, permanent residents of apartment blocks have been told to report any neighbour who is

illegally renting out their home.

In July, 28 flats in Ibiza were officially reported and more are expected to follow due to an increase in police inspectors who are hot on the trail of any leads.

Warnings are in place to all homeowners across Spain who are considering renting out their homes - which are seen as unfair competition to hotels - without a licence.

Getting caught would mean having to withdraw the property from the market and could mean facing a fine of up to €40,000 with reductions for early payment.

NEWS EXTRA

Arrested for false plates

A DRIVER was arrested at El Altet Airport after the rented car he was using to pick up his girlfriend had false plates. The German man from Orihuela said the vehicle had been hired for €40.

Illegal 'fun'

PEEING in the street and using drugs were the most common illegal activities recorded during Elche's fiestas last week, and 12 shops were denounced for selling alcohol to minors or alcohol outside of permitted hours.

Tremors felt

THE town of Albufera in the Alicante region recorded an earthquake of magnitude 4.2 on Monday. The National Geographic Institute said it occurred 10 km deep, and was felt in the province of Alicante and part of Murcia at 4.40pm.

Snake safety

A SNAKE was rescued from a car engine for its own safety and the safety of passers-by in Ibi, Alicante, where it is believed to have been living in the urban streets.

Festive fun

MORE than 2,000 people enjoyed the Chupinazo de Callosa de Segura festivities at the weekend with access to the San Roque limited as attendance numbers doubled that of last year.

Cases triple

HEALTH bosses have revealed that cases of hepatitis A have tripled in the province of Alicante in the last year and are warning about the potential sexual health risks when visiting endemic areas.

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Does your Spanish investment bond have you tied up in knots??

By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



I'm a big believer in investment bonds, and many of my clients here in Spain hold them, in particular Spanish compliant investment bonds created by companies including The Prudential, SEB and Old Mutual.

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here in Spain, it will also be fully tax compliant, meaning it is effectively taxed at source, and under most circumstances you won't have to declare the bond itself on the Modelo 720, or indeed your annual gains or income.

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Firstly, the annual charges. Did you know that you could be paying more for exactly the same bond depending on which firm you sign up through? I've seen people commit to annual charges of

over 1% a year for as long as 10 years on a bond. That's an unnecessarily high charge, and if you'd taken that exact same plan through Chorus, you would be paying far less.

Secondly, and probably worst of all, there are certain bonds offered here in Spain which not only commit clients to incredibly high charges for a very long period of time, but also have exclusive agreements in place with particular financial advisories. This means if you become dissatisfied with your financial advisor you could be effectively forced to stay with them or face heavy exit penalties. This really isn't how the market should operate and would be illegal in the UK.

Chorus only use investment bonds that are openly available to all licensed advisors (such as the 3 I mentioned previously), so this means that if we fail to provide the service we've

promised you, you can simply cancel our ongoing fee and appoint another advisor. For us this is the only fair way for the relationship between an advisor and their client to operate.

The final element comes down to the investment funds your advisor uses within your bond. As I've been saying for many years here in Spain, the use of commission paying funds is prolific, and can mean your portfolio is loaded with low quality investments and high hidden fees that you may be unaware of for many, many years.

A well put together Spanish investment bond can offer so many advantages and can be a fantastic long-term investment solution, but sadly many advisors here in Spain fail to put them together with their client's needs at the forefront of the advice.

Your long-term financial security is simply too important to risk not asking enough questions or signing paperwork until you're 100% sure you're getting the best possible deal and the best possible investment advice. Never be afraid to get a second opinion, whether it's on a new application or an existing plan.

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CUSTODY: The Brit allegedly beat and raped his victim in her home.



HEAD BOWED: Suspected rapist Dylan Rogers is led into court.

Brit held for rape

A BRITISH man has been arrested after allegedly 'tying up, raping and beating' a woman in her flat in Mallorca.

Dylan Rogers, 26, who apparently lives and works in the resort of Magaluf, is alleged to have attacked the 22-year-old victim at an apartment in s'Arenal, near the island's airport.

She was taken to hospital after her ordeal with bruising to her arms, legs and face.

Police sources confirmed the victim appeared to have been physically assaulted as well as sexually attacked.

Officers were called to the crime scene around 4.30pm last Wednesday and made the arrest in the early hours of the following morning.

A source said: "She was bound with insulating tape and had bruises on her legs, arms and face.

"The suspect was located in a neighbouring flat and arrested several hours later after officers obtained a key and a warrant to access the property."

The victim, believed to be 'foreign' is said to have alerted police after freeing herself from her binds.

Rogers has not been charged with a crime yet, as is normal in Spain where charges are only laid shortly before trial.

Led into the courts in shorts and t-shirt on Friday, he was questioned by a judge as part of an ongoing criminal investigation. It's reported that he was remanded in custody.

Bar and restaurant sales on the up



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SALES RISE: There is one bar or restaurant for every 175 people in Spain.

SALES at bars and restaurants in Spain rose by 2.5 per cent last year with a total of more than €3.6 billion made by the sector, according to industry data.

Figures show there was a total of 277,539 food and

drinks establishments in Spain by the end of last year. That is the equivalent of one for every 175 people in the country.

There is a total of 49,642 food and drinks establishments in Andalusia. The re-

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Local councillor catches thieving visitor

by Darren Parmenter

A GERMAN tourist has been caught red-handed by a local councillor after allegedly stealing a selection of archaeological artefacts.

The incident happened when Councillor Ana Rama from the Ciudadanos party in Cartagena spotted the visitor to the Molinete dig 'placing several objects into a cold box.'

She was the prime witness to the theft and she immediately alerted the Local Police who arrested the holiday-maker. They then recovered the pieces that he had taken from the ancient site.

The thief immediately confessed to his crime and was later released on bail. However, according to a story in

the Spanish media, he is likely to have to return to face a trial in Murcia when the time comes.

Following on from the events that involved one of their representatives, the Ciudadanos party has urged the PSOE-led municipality of Cartagena to increase the security at the Molinete dig. It's located in the middle of the town centre and thus is well-known and easy to find. It's also easy to enter if nobody is guarding the area despite it being prohibited to do so without permission.

So far, the objects which were stolen have not been described, but it's highly likely they were pieces of ceramic that date back to the Roman era which are associated with that area of Cartagena.



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PROHIBITED: Tourist thief was spotted in city-centre archaeological dig.

Call the nit nurse!

by Darren Parmenter

CASES of head lice and nits are on the increase, and it's all due to the introduction of new technologies and especially selfies.

The findings come as a result of research by the Spanish Association Against Pediculosis (SAAP) (the medical term for being infested with lice) that is based in Cartagena, and it's something that is beginning to concern parents.

People of a certain age will remember the 'nit nurse' visiting schools and checking pupil's hair for any signs of head lice, and it's a problem that was thought to have been almost eradicated thanks to more chemical products used to both prevent and treat the problem.

However, as stated by the president of SAAP, Nuria Clemente, the lice aren't being effectively removed any longer as more heads in the



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SPREADING: Selfies believed to be a cause of recent outbreaks of head lice.

population are found to have nests of these insects.

One of the findings as to the increase suggests the growing trend of selfies has caused lice to spread.

Most selfies tend to see two people, or more, put their heads together to take the photo and lice are easily transferred during this operation. In addition, sharing

headphones is also suspected of being a further reason for more cases being reported.

Those behind the study state that it's essential that one someone who has been diagnosed with head lice should be kept in relative isolation and not mix with anyone until the problem is solved.

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Probe grounds fighters

by **Joe Gerrard**

SPANISH fighter jets stationed in Estonia have had their flights suspended after Spain's Ministry of Defence

and NATO opened probes into the misfiring of a missile.

Juri Luik, Estonia's Defence Minister, said the launch of the air-to-air missile from a Spanish Eurofighter was "extremely rare" and "regrettable."

Luik added the Estonian government's priority was to guarantee security and continue to work in co-operation with NATO allies.

Estonia's Prime Minister Juri Ratas spoke with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg about the incident which took place on Tuesday August 7. He has asked the head of the alliance for an explanation.

Ratas said no one was injured and added he had asked NATO to clarify how the projectile was fired in Estonian airspace 'without delay.'

"I told Jens Stoltenberg that it was a serious incident and that we are understandably worried," Ratas said in a statement.

Spain's Ministry of Defence said the incident took place when two Spanish Eurofighters were taking part in an exercise with two French Mirage 2000 warplanes.



GROUNDING: A Spanish Eurofighter accidentally launched the projectile.

One of the Spanish planes fired an air-to-air missile during the manoeuvres. All the planes later returned to the Siauliai air base in Lithuania without incident.

The cause remains unknown but it is suspected to have been accidental, according to Spain's Ministry of Defence.

Estonian media has speculated as to the location of the missile, with almost 60 people alerting authorities to possible sites.

It is believed to have exploded in mid air over Jogvera County in central Estonia, according to the country's air force commander Riivo Valge.

Valge said his team were almost certain the missile was destroyed but they would be 'cautious' while they confirmed this.

Estonia's Prime Minister said the missile caused no damage and repeated his country's commitment to NATO.

"The NATO mission makes an important contribution to the security of Estonia and the entire alliance," Ratas said.

The Eurofighter, from the Vilkas Bap-47 squadron, was taking part in NATO's wider operations in the Baltic.

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Account closure outcry



TWITTER STORM: The closure sparked an outcry.

A DECISION from the Twitter social network site to shut down an account which posted tweets in favour of a united Spain has caused uproar on the platform.

The hashtag #Twitter-RompeEspaña (Twitter breaks Spain in English) was trending on the site from last weekend.

Many users have tweeted that the move was unfair. Some have said Twitter's decision to close the account but allow ones in favour of Catalan independence smacks of hypocrisy from the social network.

'What will Twitter do with all the fascist-separatist-Catalanist accounts?' One user wrote.

Others have said opposition to the closure has been an overreaction. Some have argued that in a few cases accounts dedicated to Spanish unity have masked an undercurrent of fascist and nationalist sentiments that have no place on the social network.

'Apparently if you are not right-wing or nationalist or if you do not have the features of the right then you break a piece of land. You have to

laugh,' one user posted.

Politicians such as Gabriel Rufian, of the leftist pro-Catalan independence Esquerra Republicana (ERC) party, have also waded into the debate.

His tweet has been interpreted as a thinly-veiled slight on the leader of the centrist Ciudadanos leader Albert Rivera.

The party was founded in Cataluña in opposition to secessionist parties and has taken a firm line on issues such as the region's independence referendum last year.

Sect sex slave back home from Peru

THE 19-year-old woman recently freed from the clutches of a Peruvian sect has arrived back home accompanied by her father and new-born baby.

Patricia Aguilar lived for a year-and-a-half in the Peruvian jungle after allegedly being tricked by a 'false guru.'

Spanish consular officials met her at Lima airport where she was accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Women, the Special Prosecutor for Human Trafficking and the Victims and Witnesses Assistance Unit of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

Peruvian electrician Felix Steven Manrique, self-styled Prince Gurdjieff and leader of the sect, has been arrested and is being investigated for people trafficking with the purpose of exploitation. He remains in custody at the Castro prison in Lima.

He allegedly met Aguilar online when she was emotion-



PATRICIA AGUILAR: Has now returned to Spain.

ally vulnerable after the death of an uncle she was close to.

Manrique, police allege, offered young women emotional support promising salvation after the end of the world.

In exchange the women joined what was in effect a harem and had sex with him.

Aguilar, when found in a ramshackle jungle hut, was

looking after several children of other women in the sect as well as her new born baby.

Aguilar disappeared from her Elche home on the Costa Blanca and disappeared to Peru to join the sect. Her father then made several trips to the South American nation in a bid to find her and bring her home - an ambition that he has finally realised.



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Fishy practice reeled in

SIX HUNDRED kilos of illegal octopus worth €7,000 has been seized at a restaurant in Santa Pola.

Police spotted several fishing boats unloading their haul onto private vehicles, and followed them directly to the eatery.

“Once there they put the load in the restaurant, so officers proceeded to carry out an inspection,” said a spokesperson, adding: “The delivered cargo turned out to be freshly caught octopus and other species, but they had not undergone the relevant sanitary controls.

“Annexed to the restaurant, officers discovered another place which was being used by the owner of the restaurant to store, in three large industrial freezers, a large number of bags containing octopus, lacking any documentation about their origin.”



INSPECTION: The haul was not officially declared and a potential health risk

Officers believe the restaurant had been accumulating hundreds of kilos at a knockdown price for the summer season, but flouting regulations in this way poses a potential health risk to consumers.

“All sea products that are marketed must pass sanitary controls, which are carried out in the fish market, and which aim to avoid possible poisoning to consumers, however, all the fish which were in the freezers was

clandestine and had no traceability documents,” added the source.

The investigation and consequent seizure were carried out by the Guardia Civil, the Patrol of the Command of Protection of Nature (PACPRONA) and the Valencian government’s Inspection of Maritime Fishing.

The case is still open until it is established whether other restaurants are involved, but a substantial fine is likely to be imposed.



SENSITIVE: Police clear neighbourhood in bid to reassure father keeping his children against their will.

Two held hostage

A FATHER who barricaded himself in his wife’s home and kept their two children as hostages is being held by police in Murcia.

According to sources close to the case, the man allegedly has a restraining order against him for the ill-treatment of his wife.

She is said to have managed to escape the property in Calle Enrique Alcaraz, Patiño, and taken refuge in a nearby bar.

The source said that when the police arrived at the flat, he claimed to have a weapon of some sort, it’s not known exactly what he was carrying.

It’s also believed he made it clear he had the two toddlers with him, aged one and five years old.

Several National Police officers and fire-fighters attended, ordering neighbours who had gathered in the area to move away in an attempt to ‘reassure the alleged attacker.’

Officers were allegedly waiting on the landing in the apartment block with a battering ram, but witnesses reported that police entered the flat with the man’s wife to apparently negotiate his removal and safeguard the children.

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Heist murder rap



Credit: Metropolitan Police

CONVICTED: Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina has been on trial at the Old Bailey.

By Rhys Adam

AN international jewel thief has been convicted of murdering a 28-year-old Spanish man and his friend.

Colombian-born Gonzalo Andreas Gomez-Remolina, aged 36, and his brother Christian - who killed himself in prison before his own murder trial - stabbed Ruben Fuente and Carlos Ayala in Clapham, south London, in 2007.

Mr Ayala had helped the defendant in at least one burglary and named his killer with his dying breath, the

Old Bailey heard.

Spaniard Mr Fuente was in the 'wrong place at the wrong time' and stabbed eight times as he tried to escape, the jury were told.

Prosecutor Brian O'Neill QC said Mr Ayala and the Gomez-Remolinas brothers had 'fallen out... over dividing the spoils.'

It escalated when Mr Ayala got some friends to break into the brothers' flat and the Colombians were beaten, their girlfriends tied up and watches and cash stolen.

The Gomez-Remolinas re-

taliated by attempting to run over Mr Ayala and Mr Fuente in a car park.

During his trial, the defendant denied being involved in the killings, saying he had bolted when Mr Ayala produced a knife and that his brother had confessed to the killings whilst the brothers fled on a Eurostar service to Paris.

However, the jury did not believe him and convicted him of both murders.

After the trial, Mr Fuente's family said they had 'endured the greatest heartache.'

€170m coke bust sees drug lord, 85, held

by Matt Ford

A NOTORIOUS drugs kingpin has been held in a cocaine smuggling crackdown during police raids across Spain.

Manuel Charlin, 85, was arrested after armed officers swooped on his palatial mansion in Vilanova de Arousa, Galicia.

It comes after 2.5 tonnes of the drug worth more than €170 million was seized from a boat near the Azores archipelago, Portugal.

At least 18 other suspects have been held in connection with the probe, including his son Melchor Charlin, as investigators stormed properties in four other villages in the northern region plus private homes in Toledo, Huelva and Marbella.

Charlin is among the most powerful drugs lords in the country and in 1999 received a 20-year sentence for sailing 600 kilos of cocaine from Colombia to Galicia.

His Charlines clan is described by local media



Photo credit: FEGAMP/Twitter

KINGPIN: Manuel Charlin was held in Vilanova de Arousa.

as 'without a doubt the most violent organisation' operating in Galicia.

In 2003, he and 13 others were jailed for 15 years and fined more than €2.9 million for money laundering and tax fraud.

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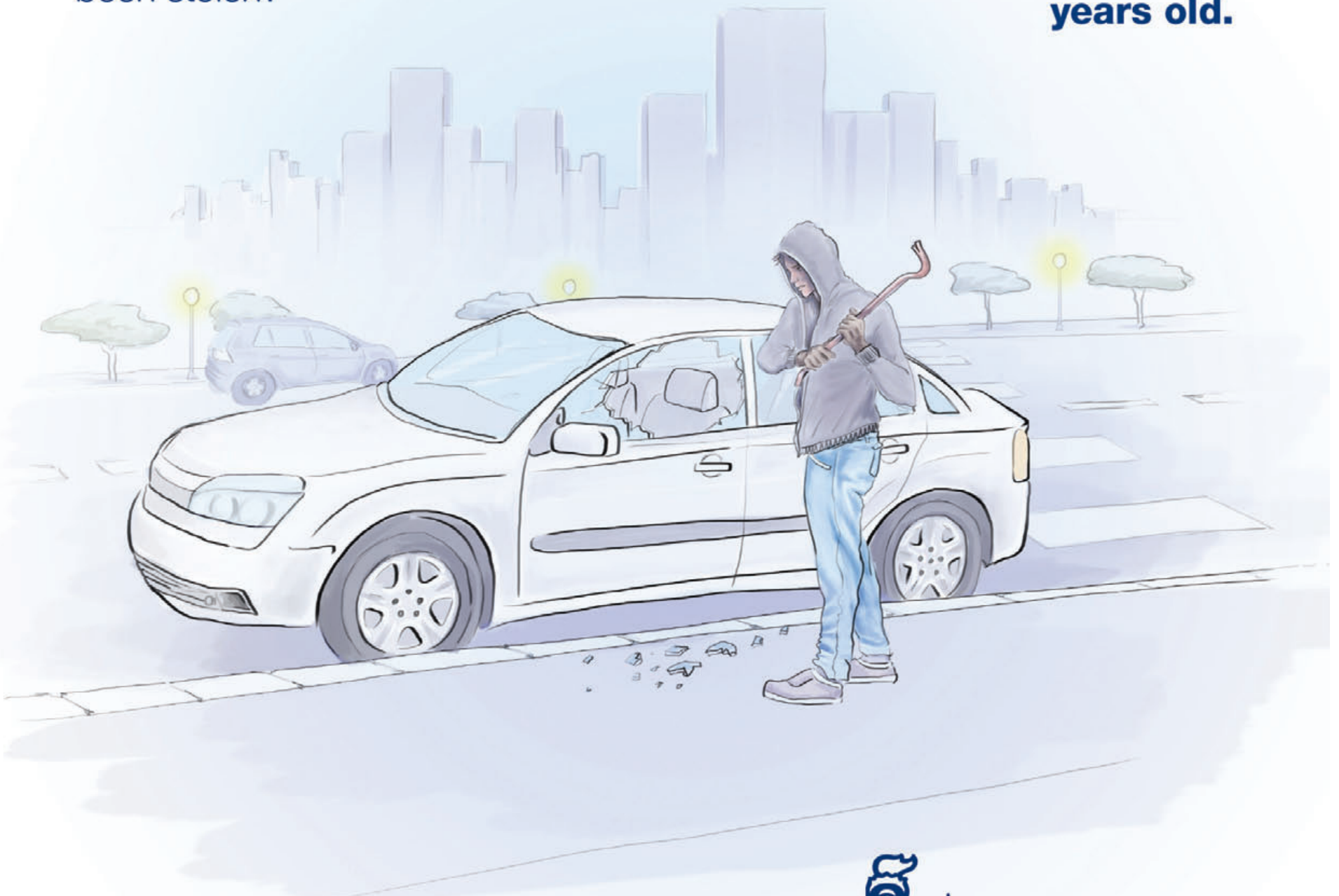
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Cruise stats

THE number of people arriving in Spain aboard cruise ships rose to 4.5 million in the first months of this year, according to data from the country's port authorities.

Authority statistics showed around 1,990 docked in Spanish ports in the months up to and including June, an increase of 251 on last year's figures.

Ornella Chacon, president of the authority, said efforts should be made to promote the industry.

"Cruise passengers generate direct and indirect jobs in local economies which also improves the quality of life for thousands of families," Chacon said.

The Canary Islands led the way in the increases, with the number of cruise passengers arriving there increasing by 35.6 per cent to 1.3 million.



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RISING NUMBERS: A total of 4.5 million cruise passengers came to Spain up to June.

They were followed by Spain's Mediterranean ports at 19.9 per cent to 2.76 million and its Atlantic ports with 14.8 per cent.

Cruises have been a divisive issue in Spain. Protesters demonstrated against the arrival of the Symphony of the Seas in Palma in Mallorca earlier this year.

Locals in Almeria City have previously com-

plained about the impact of ships arriving in its port on their health and well-being.

Those in favour of the ships argue it boosts local economies and increases wealth while those against cite environmental concerns and 'touristification.'

The latter term refers to price increases that follow rising tourist numbers and small areas often having to cope with more people.

Cultural tourism rises



GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM: One of the most popular attractions in Bilbao.

THE number of tourists paying a visit to Spain's cultural sites and attractions has risen by 23 per cent this summer compared to last year, according to a study.

The total number of holidaymakers who arrived in Spain was about 8.5 million during June, according to the latest statistics from tourism officials.

Data showed that those holidaying in Spain still tended to opt for beach holidays in areas such as the Costa del Sol and Costa Blanca.

The figures also showed the share of tourists taking in the country's culture offering was rising as a share of the

total, according to the Week- enddesk website's study.

The Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao in the Basque Country was one of the most popular. The gallery displays modern and contemporary art and is also famous for its avant-garde architecture.

Visits to aquariums, zoos and areas such as national parks have risen by 20 per cent so far this summer in comparison to the same time last year. The Cabarceno Nature Park in Cantabria was the most popular of its type of attraction.

Data analysts said statistics from Cantabria and elsewhere in the north of Spain showed

growth in off-beach holidays in those areas.

Figures also showed beach tourism continued to grow during June in comparison to last year. The number of travellers expected to travel to the Costa del Sol between June and September numbers more than seven million, a 1.5 per cent increase on summer 2017.

Elias Bendodo, the head of the Costa del Sol tourist board, said the authority estimated tourists would bring an extra €7.4 billion to the region's economy. The southern destination is currently the most popular with tourists out of those in Spain.

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Saudi arms sales

by Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S arms industry sold more than €361 million in armaments last year to states that are part of a coalition led by Saudi Arabia currently fighting in Yemen's civil war.

The sales figures, from an annual Spanish government report sent to the country's Parliament, show the Saudis were the leaders in the exports.

About €270.2 million in arms was sold to the Saudi state including a transport plane, drones, mortar shells, artillery, ammunition and other equipment.

The figures come as Spain saw a record year last year in terms of arms sales. Around €4.4 billion in weapons was bought from the country, an increase of 7.3 per cent on 2016 levels.

They also come as two political parties in Granada called on public prosecutors to investigate the alleged illegal shipment of arms from the port of Motril.

The parties claimed the shipping



ARMS SALES: Saudi Arabia's air force has conducted airstrikes in Yemen.

of weapons from the civilian port broke a number of Spanish and European Union (EU) regulations.

NGOs including Oxfam and Amnesty International called on Spain to halt weapons shipments to the Saudis earlier this year.

They claimed the weapons were being used in strikes that cause civilian deaths in Yemen, which has been gripped by civil war

since 2015.

The war has seen the involvement of Saudi Arabia, as well as the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Morocco and Sudan, on the side of the Hadi government.

They have been fighting against Houthi rebels which are allegedly backed by Iran and the Lebanese Shi'a organisation Hezbollah.

There have been around 17,062

civilians killed and injured in Yemen from March 2015 to last August 10, according to estimates from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees. A total of 6,592 of those lay dead and 10,470 have been wounded.

The High Commission estimates that the majority of casualties, about 10,471, were as a result of Saudi-led coalition airstrikes.

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by Joe Gerrard

Barcelona attacks - one year on

Spain remains on high alert as authorities claim several plots foiled

AUTHORITIES in Spain remain concerned about possible terrorist attacks in the country as Cataluña approaches the one-year anniversary of strikes there today (Thursday) and tomorrow (Friday).

Senior police officials said they had foiled around a dozen plots over the past four years which included gun raids and a plan to poison water supplies in major cities.

The plotters were linked in most cases to the Islamic State and other fundamentalist terror organisations, they added.

The attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils and explosions in Alcanar on August 16 and 17 in 2017 claimed the lives

of 24 people including eight attackers. More than 152 people were injured.

Spain's Interior Ministry has kept the country's terror threat level at four out of five since last year, meaning the risk of an attack is high.

Francisco Jose Vazquez, a senior Guardia Civil officer, said the threat level was justified given the amount of plots uncovered.

"We can assure the public that jihadist activity is cur-

rently latent in Spain. Recently we have investigated and raided cells that were plotting attacks similar to the ones seen in Berlin in 2016 and on Westminster Bridge in London in 2017," Vazquez said.

The Berlin attack saw several people run over by a truck at a Christmas market in the city. Khalid Masood ran over pedestrians on Westminster Bridge before stabbing a police officer as he attempted to get onto the Houses of Par-

liament estate in March last year.

The Cataluña incidents saw one house explode on August 16. The cause is believed to have been a stockpile of explosives accidentally going off and a second blast occurred during evacuation efforts.

Younes Abouyaaqoub drove a Fiat Talento van down the pavement of Barcelona's La Rambla the following day at high speed before fleeing on foot.

fake bomb vests before ramming pedestrians in Cambrils on August 18.

Four of the attackers were shot and killed on site and a fifth died in hospital. A 63-year-old Spanish woman was stabbed to death in the strike and six other people were injured.

Police later said the five were linked to the attacker in Barcelona. The motives in all cases were said to be support for the Islamic State and other terror groups.

Others cited Western intervention in countries such as Syria and Iraq which Spain has played a minor role in.



ANNIVERSARY: A total of 15 civilians were killed in the Barcelona attack.



OUTCRY: Protestors took to La Rambla the day after the attack.

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U3A Walkers



WALKING GROUP: See and appreciate Costa Blanca at its best.

ALONG with the rest of the Torrevieja U3A sections, June saw the last outing of the Torrevieja U3A Walking Group, although the team leaders themselves along with a few other hardy members, have been embarking on several expeditions during the oppressive July sunshine to check out new walks for the members to enjoy during the new season.

The Group's walks give its members a unique opportunity to see and appreciate the Costa Blanca at its best and to gain a different perspective of the region, its countryside, wildlife and coast.

Following a successful season of walks, the group coordinators are now putting together a schedule of monthly walks which will start in September and carry on until May.

The current coordinating team of Paul Farrow and Bob Morris has been increased with the welcome addition of John Summers to ensure continuity of coordination and that a full schedule of new walks is in place for the new season.

The Torrevieja U3A Groups Fair which will be held on Monday September 24 at 10.30am, at the CMO

building (Central Municipal de Ocio behind Carrefour) allows for the showcasing of many of its group activities. The Walking Group will be doing just that, inviting current and new members of the U3A to join the group.

So, if you enjoy the countryside and would like to see more of it with a group of like-minded and friendly people come long to the U3A Groups Fair and see what the group has to offer you.

Details of the walking group, and all other sections can also be found on the Torrevieja U3A website torreviejajau3a.org.

Holi Festival

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Arty plan

VILLA ADELAIDA, given to Santa Pola Council by the late Maribel Lopez Perez-Ojeda, will be turned into an arts centre as well as a museum about the woman, who was the first Santapollean to get three degrees and a Phd.

Peaks rescue

TWO residents of Alicante - a man and woman both aged 37 - were amongst 13 people rescued in the Pyrenees over the weekend as thick fog and strong winds left people stranded.

Migration ship refused docking

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN has rejected an appeal from a boat carrying 141 migrants picked up in the Mediterranean that previously sent out an SOS docking request to European Union (EU) countries.

The Aquarius, which rescued the 84 men and boys and 57 women and girls off the coast of Libya last Friday, has had other requests rejected by Malta and Italy.

Spain's ports were not the nearest for the vessel and were therefore not the safest, according to sources from the government in Madrid.

The Italian transport minister said the British should take responsibility for letting the vessel dock due to it flying the flag of Gibraltar.

"The ship is now in Maltese waters and under the flag of Gibraltar, at which point Britain must take responsibility for it and its passengers," he said on Twitter.

Local officials in Barcelona said the city's council would be willing to take the boat despite Madrid's refusal.

Laia Oritz, a council social rights spokesperson, said Barcelona would always be committed to saving lives.

"Members of the European Union need to take responsibility because these people are fleeing dire circumstances and



TURNED DOWN: The Aquarius remains at sea after Spain's decision.

need to be rescued," she said.

Jean-Claude Gaysot, the head of the port of Sete in France, said he would be willing to allow the boat to dock there.

"The only condition is getting the green light from French authorities," he said.

Gaysot said he understood there were concerns about smuggling and trafficking which crossed over into the issue but added that was secondary to saving lives.

"Everything must be second in relation to saving the lives of families, women and children. This is about human lives and the problem is first and foremost a

humanitarian one," he said.

French authorities did not rule out allowing the boat to dock earlier this week but they also did not state they would do so.

Spain allowed the Aquarius and one other boat to dock in Valencia City in June and authorities arranged for the 629 passengers to be granted asylum in the country.

The news comes as Amnesty International accused the EU of presiding over migration policies that have led to rising deaths in the Mediterranean.

Matteo de Bellis, an asylum specialist

with the group, said the number of deaths had increased 'significantly' in recent months.

"The responsibility for these growing numbers rests with European governments who are more concerned with keeping migrants and refugees out of their borders than saving lives," De Bellis said.

"European governments are in cahoots with the Libyan government to contain refugees and migrations there despite the terrible violations they are enduring from coastguards and in detention centres," he added.

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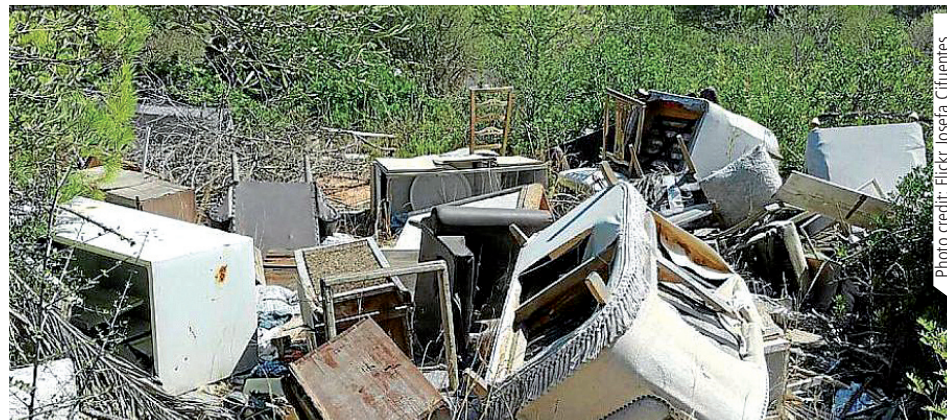


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INCREASE: Furniture dumping rises during the summer months. (File image)

It's becoming a rubbish summer in Santa Pola

by **Darren Parmenter**

LOCAL residents and opposition parties in Santa Pola have highlighted the amount of large items of rubbish - including furniture - that are being abandoned on the municipality's streets.

The council are aware of the problem and according to a report in the Spanish media, they say that around 70 per cent of the items are being dumped without notifying the free collection service that exists for such rubbish.

The problem is always exacerbated in August with the arrival of thousands of people at their second holiday homes in the municipality. Many decide to change and renew household goods, furniture and mattresses and not knowing the collection arrangements simply dump them in the streets close to the rubbish containers.

Already across June and July, a total of 178,740 kilos of bulky waste such as sofas, tables, chairs and cabinets have been removed from public

roads. This accounts for 60 per cent more than the same period last year.

Mattresses make up the most abundant item dumped, with 594 recovered and taken to one of the two dedicated eco-park dumps in Santa Pola.

Residents groups and the opposition Partido Popular (PP) have written to the council asking them to extend the opening hours of the dumps to include the weekend which is aimed at going some way to solving the problem.

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Name protest

ACTIVISTS throughout the Netherlands have honoured prominent women including mathematician Ada Lovelace and resistance fighter Maria Anne Tellegen by renaming streets after them following research which showed about 88 per cent of roads were named after men.



REBRANDING: The activists put up new street sign.

Shock visit

RESIDENTS of Ommen in Overijssel Province were shocked after an escaped elephant was found on their driveway according to the policeman who received the report and added he had never seen anything like it in his career.

Last post

WILLIE DILLE, of the Freedom

Party (PVV) and councillor in The Hague, could not bear the reactions to a video she posted claiming she was kidnapped and raped by Muslims and committed suicide as a result, according to PVV spokespeople.

Plane crash

TWO people were killed after a Dutch aircraft which took off from Lelystad crashed while attempting to land at Munster's airport last Thursday according to regional authorities.

GERMANY

Pilot strike

AN estimated 42,000 passengers in German airports saw their flights disrupted after Ryanair pilots staged a Europe-wide walkout last Friday for 24 hours in protest against their pay and working conditions.

World War bombs after a man placed one explosive in a cardboard box and drove it to firefighters in the city.

co, authorities said.

Bomb find

OFFICIALS in Monchengladbach have warned locals never to touch, move or transport unexploded Second

Early release

A MAN serving a 15-year prison sentence in Hamburg for being a terror group member and assisting a murder is set to be freed in mid-October instead of November to allow for his deportation to Morocco, authorities said.

Ban goes

GAMING regulators in Germany have lifted a ban on Nazi symbols and insignia appearing in video games and software in the country after one studio caused controversy by removing Adolf Hitler's moustache and replacing the swastika with a triangle.

DENMARK

Model demo

AN Iranian designer based in Denmark has dressed models wearing traditional Muslim headscarves at a Copenhagen fashion show in protest against the country's recent introduction of a burqa ban which had sparked rallies in the capital.

Missile buy

THE Danish military is set to acquire up to 50 air defence missiles for about €132 billion after the United States gave pre-approval to the sale which is due to see three of Denmark's warships armed with the projectiles.

Storm record

DENMARK has been struck by the earliest summer storm in 127 years after the arrival of Storm Johanne last week which a senior official at the country's Meteorological Institute said was 'definitely surprising.'

Moths arrive

HUNDREDS of Danish people who called naturalists to tell them they had spotted hummingbirds have actually come across some of the estimated 200,000 macroglossum giant moths that have recently arrived from the Mediterranean.

SWEDEN

Fire aid

THE assistance the European Union gave Sweden after forest fires broke out across the country was the largest level ever provided to one of its member states to tackle blazes, with the support 'crucial' according to a senior Swedish firefighter.

Saudi call

CANADA has asked the Swedish government to help mediate between it and Saudi Arabia after a diplomatic row erupted over Canadian criticism of the Middle Eastern country's human rights record.

Drought shot

PICTURES from a satellite have shown the extent of recent droughts across Sweden as once green areas have turned yellow and brown following above average temperatures this summer which have also caused food shortages.

Shutting shop

THE United States technology firm Microsoft has closed its office in Lund which it acquired after buying out the Nokia phone company in 2013, which will mean the loss of some 40 jobs as the firm reassesses its locations.

NORWAY

Boy confesses

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy has admitted to killing Sunniva Odegard, aged 13, after crossing paths with her while she was on her way home from school in her home town of Varhaug in Rogaland County last month.

Drug policy

THE government of Norway has announced plans to start giving free heroin to up to 400 of those most addicted to the drug as part of a wider effort to reform policies on recreational substances.

Flight stats

TRAFFIC at airports across Norway increased on average during July with the biggest rise in flight numbers at Oslo which saw a jump of 5.4 per cent compared to the same time last year, according to air traffic control statistics.

Ship tease

A 71-YEAR-OLD politician from Norway's Green Party has posted a picture online of him standing naked at his Olden holiday home as a cruise ship passes in protest against the amount of them sailing through the country's fjords.

FRANCE

Memorial snub

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron drew criticism from opposition politicians after refusing to attend a ceremony to mark the centenary of the Battle of Amiens and choosing to remain in Fort de Bregancon where he is holidaying.

Probe opens

AIR security authorities in France have reportedly opened a probe into missing Malaysian Airlines Flight MH370 following the release of the Malaysian government's final report last month which failed to find a cause for the plane's disappearance.

Worker claims

AID workers in Calais have submitted a formal complaint to France's human rights watchdog after accusing the country's police of harassing them in a total of 600 incidents while working with migrants between November 2017 and last month.

Jail ruling

A PARIS appeal court has upheld a ruling to keep Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan in prison while a probe into his alleged rape of two women continues after the former academic's lawyer failed to get the charges dropped.

BELGIUM

Asylum plea

A FORMER Rwandan army major sentenced to 20 years in prison over the deaths of 10 Belgian soldiers has applied for asylum in the country after being released early, with Bernard Ntuyahaga's request causing outrage among military members.

War ride

MORE than 70 horse riders are set to trek to Belgium from France in September to mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War in a 100-kilometre ride organised by the International Cavalry Association.

Ivory haul

AUTHORITIES in Belgium have seized more than 270 kilos of ivory goods since the launch of a crackdown on the material in May and citizens of the country were able to deposit ivory items in containers until last Sunday.

Holiday fears

A DROUGHT in Belgium could mean there are less Christmas trees available in the country this year after data from a nurserymen's union suggested up to 30 per cent of those growing in the Ardennes forest have died from heat.

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BARRED: Pussy Riot's Maria Alyokhina (left) is a prominent Russian activist.

Activist banned from travelling

■ A MEMBER of the Pussy Riot rock band has been barred from leaving Russia over allegations of dodging community service handed down for protests. Maria 'Masha' Alyokhina tweeted airport security had stopped her from flying to London for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival where she was scheduled to perform last week. The ban could reportedly last up to six months.

Prisoner 'barely alive'

■ A JAILED Ukrainian filmmaker who went on hunger strike more than 90 days ago in protest against alleged political detentions claimed he was 'barely' alive in a letter. Oleg Sentsov, from Crimea, is in a prison north of the Arctic Circle serving a 20-year sentence on terror convictions.

Petition gets backing

■ ELECTION authorities in Russia have approved a petition for a referendum on whether to raise the country's retirement age. The Central Election Commission (CEC) gave the go ahead to petitions which called for a poll on plans to raise

retirement ages to 65 for men and 63 for women.

Policy support slump

■ A TOTAL of 16 per cent of Russians back President Vladimir Putin's foreign policy amidst domestic initiatives such as plans to raise the retirement age, according to a survey. Denis Volkov, of the Centre, said many Russians wanted politicians to put their country first instead of intervening abroad. Support stood at 22 per cent two years ago.

Sanctions slammed

■ DIPLOMATS at Russia's Washington DC embassy have claimed new United States sanctions targeting their country in the wake of the alleged poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal are 'draconian.' The penalties, the news of which caused Russian stock and currency prices to tumble last week, follow claims that Russia targeted the Skripals. The embassy branded the accusations 'far-fetched.'

Off the rails

■ A LONDON-BASED media company has produced a guide to Moscow's metro network in an effort to give visitors all the information needed to track down its architectural gems. The Moscow Metro Architecture and Design Map comes in a yellow on red Soviet style booklet reminiscent of the era that spawned the 'People's Palaces,' or stations, of the 1930's. It highlights 43 out of 214 stops.



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million is the additional amount that the Spanish Ministry of Labour will need to find to cover increased benefits for the unemployed elderly in 2019.

€2.8bn state aid plunge revealed

SPAIN has placed third bottom in a European Union-wide ranking of financial support offered to companies.

A new report by the National Commission of Markets and Competition has revealed how state aid to firms based in the country has been slashed by €2.8 billion - almost half - since 2009.

This represents just 0.26 per cent of gross domestic product with only Italy (0.22 per cent) and Ireland (0.2) contributing less.

And the UK (0.36) also fares badly, falling below the EU average 0.7 per cent.

Mango losses reduced

by John Smith

ALTHOUGH at one time the Mango fashion chain was pushing Inditex (owner of Zara and other high street names) for financial dominance, recently it has been in the doldrums.

Founded in Barcelona by brothers Isak and Nahman Andic it became one of the biggest fashion firms in the world, but having moved into negative profit for a number of years, it is beginning to see a reduction in losses.

At one time, employing 9,000 staff and with a turnover of more

than €2 billion which produced significant profits, its 2017 report shows that it has reduced losses by 45 per cent to €33 million, although sales have dropped €2.194 billion.

At least its gross operating profit has increased by some €115 million which is 50 per cent up on 2016, but this would have been much higher had it not been for a very hot second half of the year in its main markets which saw overall

sales depressed.

Indeed according to the company, had the results of the first half of the year carried through to the second half, then it would have seen a return to profit.

Interim figures for 2018 are encouraging and if they continue to follow the trend of the first six months then final results should be encouraging, especially as the company has reduced its debt €617 million to €415 million.

Mango now has 2,190 stores in 110 countries.

National bank's crypto scheme

SPAIN'S central bank has claimed that cryptocurrency and blockchain technology could help the country's economy.

It comes after the Banco de España (BDE) released a report probing the pros and cons of introducing a virtual version of the state currency.

And according to industry boffins, digital coins and ledgers would particularly benefit monetary policy and financial infrastructure.

BDE senior economist Galo Nuño was the man behind the study, and he argues that blockchain technology could help track the nation's money supply.



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Most Spaniards live at home until nearly 30**HAPPY FACES:** But still having to stay at home.

SPANIARDS tend to remain at home until the age of 29 according to a new report from the European Eurostat barometer.

This is one of the older ends of the age scale when compared to other youth in the eurozone and can be ascribed to a combination of youth unemployment, the number of short term work contracts and the lack of affordable property to rent or purchase.

Those who leave home earliest

are the Swedes with an average age of just 21, whilst in Malta the average age is as high as 32.2 years.

The figures for Spain which were provided by the Emancipation Observatory of the Council of Youth of Spain is accurate to the end of the first half of 2017 and it is noted that only approximately 20 per cent of those under 29 are able to afford to leave home.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Grove concern**

BLACK olive producers are set to launch an official appeal against trade tariffs imposed by the United States saw their profit margins plummet, according to the president of a national exporters and producers association.

Beer we go

SPANIARDS spend 10 per cent of their wages on beer, with almost 36 billion litres consumed across the country last year and an average citizen spending more than €1,000 per month, according to new Brewers of Spain figures.

Tax back

FORMER Real Madrid star Ronaldo has received a €2 million refund from the Spanish Tax Authority as he paid IVA (VAT) on the financial settlement agreed in order to keep him out of jail for tax irregularities.

Sex toy sales buzzing

SPAIN'S hotspots for female sex toys have been revealed, and Madrid is the saucy capital of the country. And the most popular racy device is the humble vibrator, which comes top of the ranking in seven autonomous communities, according to a new survey by price comparison website *idealo.es*.

Madrid accounts for almost 30 per cent of sex toy sales, with the Valencian Community the second-

most profitable region with 20 per cent and Cataluña third with 17.7 per cent.

Andalucía trails in fourth with 16.6 per cent and the Basque Country completes the top five with just 3.4 per cent.

Ownership was lowest in Navarra with just 0.4 per cent of the market. The survey was commissioned to mark international female orgasm day.



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ITV	169.25	0.40	0.24	6,847.22
Just Eat	820.10	21.10	2.64	5,483.82
Johnson Matthey	3,696.00	13.00	0.35	7,261.37
Kingfisher	301.50	7.40	2.52	6,346.97
Land Securities Group	930.50	-4.50	-0.48	6,954.89
Legal & General Group	262.50	-2.10	-0.79	15,764.14

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	62.20	0.34	0.55	44,404.79
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,505.00	24.00	0.54	15,666.36
Micro Focus International	1,222.50	-21.50	-1.73	5,442.87
Marks & Spencer Group	288.50	-14.10	-4.66	4,970.26
Mondi	2,205.00	33.00	1.52	8,171.11
Melrose	220.25	3.45	1.59	10,629.86
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	260.75	-3.55	-1.34	6,268.07
National Grid	813.50	-5.20	-0.64	27,229.85
NMC Health	4,012.00	0.00	0.00	8,432.53
Next	5,710.00	42.00	0.74	8,023.53
Ocado Group	1,060.00	15.00	1.44	7,378.27
Paddy Power Betfair	6,940.00	-315.00	-4.34	6,247.94
Prudential	1,797.50	1.98	0.11	47,275.94
Persimmon	2,470.00	-4.00	-0.16	7,758.26
Pearson	914.00	-6.00	-0.65	7,162.29
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,840.00	21.00	0.31	48,606.21
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	245.00	-2.90	-1.17	30,372.65
Royal Dutch Shell	2,581.00	50.00	1.98	117,627.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	54.50	2.12	97,532.47
RELX	1,714.50	24.00	1.42	17,820.07
Rio Tinto	3,845.00	42.00	1.10	51,166.79
Royal Mail	458.75	-6.95	-1.49	4,595.00
Rightmove	4,897.00	6.00	0.12	4,467.58
Rolls-Royce Group	1,047.50	3.50	0.34	20,266.37
Randgold Resources	5,425.00	21.00	0.39	5,282.80
RSA Insurance Group	634.00	6.00	0.96	6,550.97
Rentokil Initial	309.20	-24.10	-7.23	6,169.64
Sainsbury (J)	302.50	-31.30	-9.38	7,437.53
Schroders	3,195.00	95.00	3.06	7,119.71
Sage Group (The)	646.00	-26.00	-3.87	7,295.30
Segro	644.60	-29.40	-4.36	6,792.24
Shire	4,150.50	-300.00	-6.74	41,134.25
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,253.00	-5.00	-0.15	7,799.52
Sky	1,537.75	7.25	0.47	26,266.58
Standard Life Aberdeen	327.50	0.60	0.18	9,856.38
Smith (DS)	496.90	-14.90	-2.91	7,021.53
Smiths Group	1,632.50	7.00	0.43	6,526.10
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	577.00	20.00	3.59	8,048.24
Smith & Nephew	1,362.50	6.00	0.44	11,956.74
SSE	1,272.50	2.00	0.16	12,994.62
Standard Chartered	685.50	5.60	0.82	22,905.28
St James's Place	1,156.00	6.05	0.52	6,198.26
Severn Trent	1,927.75	-47.75	-2.42	4,693.82
Tesco	262.50	-3.70	-1.39	25,943.91
TUI AG	1,565.50	0.00	0.00	9,060.44
Taylor Wimpey	189.75	17.40	10.10	5,681.75
Unilever	4,410.00	36.50	0.83	53,007.68
United Utilities Group	722.50	-15.70	-2.13	5,077.34
Vodafone Group	185.00	2.48	1.36	49,519.04
WPP Group	1,222.50	-12.50	-1.01	15,362.04
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	201,960	-1.38%	-2,820	118,466,59
AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,5800	-1.37%	-1,4100	87,474,50
APPLE	207,530	-0.65%	-1,350	1,002,354,54
BOEING CO	339,410	-1.25%	-4,310	194,993,87
CATERPILLAR	135,920	-1.88%	-2,600	80,780,71
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,780	+0.00%	0,000	205,892,17
COCA-COLA	46,08	-0.58%	-0,27	195,974,67
DOWDUPONT	67,74	-1.85%	-1,28	156,301,71
EXXON MOBIL	79,42	-1.12%	-0,90	336,249,22
GOLDMAN SACHS	229,61	-1.78%	-4,17	86,702,01
HOME DEPOT	196,3000	-0.90%	-1,7800	226,440,61
IBM	144,48	-0.20%	-0,29	131,876,75
INTEL CORP	48,8500	-2.57%	-1,2900	227,641,00
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	115,7300	-0.98%	-1,1500	388,955,12
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	130,7500	-0.34%	-0,4500	350,770,35
MC DONALD'S CORP	158,6800	-0.39%	-0,6200	123,104,01
MERCK AND CO. NEW	66,07	+0.11%	0,07	175,661,65
MICROSOFT	109,000	-0.61%	-0,670	837,468,58
NIKE	80,73	-0.65%	-0,53	103,386,66
PFIZER	40,9300	-0.17%	-0,0700	239,422,94
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	81,430	+0.04%	0,030	202,573,89
VERIZON COMMS	52,47	-1.02%	-0,54	216,802,66
VISA	139,73	-0.20%	-0,28	248,163,64
WAL-MART STORES	90,1800	+1.31%	1,1700	266,136,66
WALGREENS BOOTS	66,49	+0.48%	0,32	65,985,46
WALT DISNEY CO	112,6800	-1.30%	-1,4800	167,597,37

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CLOSING PRICES AUGUST 13

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 127.93	34.64 ▲ 37.13%
Celgene Corporation	\$ 2.45	0.48 ▲ 24.37%
Corium International, Inc.	\$ 8.65	1.44 ▲ 19.97%
Ruth's Hospitality Group, Inc.	\$ 33.15	4.35 ▲ 15.10%
Ingles Markets, Incorporated	\$ 34.35	4.40 ▲ 14.69%
Inseego Corp.	\$ 2.76	0.34 ▲ 14.05%
Universal Display Corporation	\$ 114.85	13.70 ▲ 13.54%
CareDx, Inc.	\$ 16.99	2.02 ▲ 13.49%
WAVE Life Sciences Ltd.	\$ 44	5 ▲ 12.82%
TrueCar, Inc.	\$ 12.79	1.41 ▲ 12.39%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 13.65	1.36 ▲ 11.07%
Most Declined		
Endologix, Inc.	\$ 2.99	1.75 ▼ 36.92%
Redfin Corporation	\$ 17.96	5.18 ▼ 22.39%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 17.73	3.97 ▼ 18.29%
ViaSat, Inc.	\$ 59.52	12.25 ▼ 17.07%
The ExOne Company	\$ 6.72	1.29 ▼ 16.10%
Chuy's Holdings, Inc.	\$ 26.15	4.80 ▼ 15.51%
iShares MSCI Turkey ETF	\$ 21.42	3.64 ▼ 14.53%
Rimini Street, Inc.	\$ 7.19	1.18 ▼ 14.10%
News Corporation	\$ 13.20	2.06 ▼ 13.50%
News Corporation	\$ 13.45	1.95 ▼ 12.66%
Amtech Systems, Inc.	\$ 5.14	0.69 ▼ 11.84%

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Multi Asset Conservative B EUR
Multi Asset Balanced B GBP
Multi Asset Balanced B EUR
Multi Asset Growth B GBP
Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE	PRICE MOVEMENT
£1.1698	£0.0086
£1.0754	£0.0076
£1.3702	£0.0162
£1.2450	£0.0143
£1.5653	£0.0257
£1.4303	£0.0229

Remaining Elite Fund prices available on request

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It's still cheaper to live in Spain

Good news for expats

A RECENT report suggests that although prices have increased, it is still much cheaper to live in Spain than in the United Kingdom.

Naturally there are regional differences in both countries and there may be a negative affect for new arrivals following Brexit but overall, there are some significant savings to be made for any Brits who want to emigrate to the Iberian Peninsula.

The company thinkSpain highlights the main savings that can be made, with the most striking being in the cost of property with average prices per square metre as much as five times cheaper in Spain with certain costs such as heating also significantly lower.

Public transport is cheaper as well and there are special discounts which can be obtained for pensioners who are looking to travel relatively long journeys by train.

Petrol is still cheaper although by only a few per cent, but if you are lucky enough to live near to Gibraltar, you can pop in there and fill up saving up to a stunning



SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS: Enjoy cheaper food and drink in Spain.

20 per cent on Spanish prices.

Eating out is generally much cheaper with a choice of set menus at prices that may astound the tourist used to London prices and although the Spanish have increased the margins on wines and

spirits sold in restaurants and bars, it is still possible to buy a decent bottle of wine in a store for around €3 and something drinkable can be as cheap as €1.50.

Whilst looking at 'vices,' beer, spirits and cigarettes are generally

cheaper than the UK and apart from Gibraltar, there are also bargains to be had in both Andorra and the Canary Islands.

There are some negatives, especially with regards to inheritance tax for foreigners and the fact that a spouse may not be able to be left the family property if there are children or other family members in the country, but a good lawyer will be able to advise on the best form of Will and which country it should be prepared in.

If you decide to take up work and are registered with Spanish Social Security then you and your family will be able to take advantage of the health care system and for expatriate pensioners, the UK will currently advise the Spanish health service of your eligibility to be included.

So life (including most 'council taxes') is cheaper, but there is also the added bonus of the warm weather which suits many, although it would be a good idea to check average temperatures across the year as some areas can see exceptional heat in the summer months.

Mercadona phases out plastic bags

AFTER introducing a trial in 66 of its supermarkets throughout Spain, the Mercadona group has announced that with effect from 2019 it will cease to supply new plastic bags to customers.

The company declared that it supported a sustainable policy as early as 2011 and for the future it will be offering consumers the opportunity to purchase recycled plastic, paper or at a slightly higher cost a raffia basket.

The basket in particular has been quite popular with shoppers and has seen an overall reduction in consumption of other types of bags.

Another part of its strategy will be to phase in new household goods such as buckets and brooms also made from recycled plastic.



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"DADDY," says the little boy, looking enquiringly up at his Father. "Why do we wear these long white robes?"

"Well my son," replies his Dad. "That's to keep the flies away and the mosquitoes from biting our arms and legs." "Oh I see," says the boy. "And Dad, why do we wear these wide sandals?" "To stop us from sinking into the sand," explains his Father. "Also," he adds, "this cloth over our head is to protect us from the sun and the dust of the desert." The boy appears somewhat puzzled. "Dad" he says; "why are we dressed like this in the middle of Luton!?"

This oldie but goodie, just about sums up the burka controversy that has been wasting so much of our precious time over the last couple of weeks. Basically it demonstrates that there is simply no valid reason whatsoever for any woman to walk around in this garment of utterly depressing Draconian diversity.

Not only is it an affront to European society, it is yet another weapon in the cultural war that is being waged against us by people who have no interest in any integration or acceptance of Western values at all. This foreboding garment is confrontational,



ERODING: Debate over the burka has being sparked following Boris Johnson's (inset) remarks.

intimidating and, as there is no mention of it in any 'holy book,' bears no religious significance whatsoever.

For the women who dress in this manner to consider themselves 'upset' or 'offended' by Boris referring to them as resembling 'letterboxes' and 'bank robbers' is pretty rich, when many of them

have been utterly scathing and downright insulting with their public accusations of 'sluts' and 'whores' toward any Western women who deems to wear clothing that may reveal some part of their anatomy slightly above the knee or elbow.

Most of these women wear this shapeless attire at the behest of their men, who are so insecure in their

relationships, and so jealous and distrustful of their peers, they simply can't risk any randy rival taking a shine and delivering the ultimate insult by possibly running off with their missus. To my way of thinking, as long as it doesn't incite rioting or undue hardship, we should be allowed to voice any opinions we desire.

Our Western values are slowly but surely being eroded and gagged by this ridiculous political correctness, which to me increasingly appears to be totally one sided and biased against our Western communities.

This is how we are all being thanked for extending the hand of friendship and welcome to the diversity and cultures of distant lands. Well I've got another phobia which is moving nearer to my heart by the day. It's called Westernphobia. And I for one am utterly sick and tired of it.

The sooner those, who think they can change our society and proud historical heritage by running slipshod over all we hold near and dear, begin to realise we will never succumb to their endeavours, the better it will be for all concerned.

Many happy returns to my wonderful twins David and Rebecca who reached the ripe old age of 18 this week. Where did it all go I ask myself? Have a great day. Love ya both to bits.

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**TECH FOR
THE TIMID**

THE astonishing thing about last month's headlines is not that Spain's new submarines initially couldn't float, nor that they won't fit in their dock.

It's that the darn things work at all, given the quintillions of technical calculations which go into designing them, and the tendency of Murphy's Law to work overtime in our utterly techno-dependent world.

Spain's minor maritime mishap almost pales into insignificance compared to just how badly NASA screwed up and lost their \$125 million Mars orbiter spacecraft in 1999 - because contractor Lockheed Martin was using imperial measurements while NASA was on metric. Oops.

How about the Italian ocean liner which couldn't get out of the shipyard a while back because someone forgot a bridge was in the way?

There was Microsoft's catastrophic Windows ME, consistently voted one of the worst tech products of all time (and let's not mention Windows Vista).

Sillier than a chocolate teapot

To err is human, but computers do it better, says Terence Kennedy

**NOPHONE: World's most pointless tech product?**

Or the utterly ill-conceived Amstrad E-mailer in 2000, apparently so bad that rather than wait to hear Alan Sugar's famous words, 'You're fired!', Amstrad CEO Bob Watkins actually fired himself.

More recently we've had the €400 Juicero which flopped so unsurprisingly when users found they could squeeze the juice better themselves by hand. Or the electronic spaghetti fork which disappeared

from sale last year just before I could add it to my Christmas list.

Take the appalling Magellan GPS (please!) that I bought at a bargain price in London's Tottenham Court Road back at the turn of the century.

Never mind something fishy about the price; I should have smelled a whole aquarium. I can still hardly believe that a major manufacturer would put a product on the market which did not, and

could not, actually work - as a browbeaten technician finally admitted to me after weeks of badgering their Customer (Dis)Service department.

But the all-time useless-tech product simply has to be the NoPhone Zero. It's not a phone. It just resembles a phone. It's a rectangular block of plastic that does absolutely sod-all.

Apparently it's a comfort blanket for phone addicts, who feel that familiar weight in their pocket, but aren't tempted to pick it up and play with it because they'd get bored pretty quickly.

There's also a NoPhone Selfie which has a mirror strapped to the front, and the very latest just off the production line: the NoPhone Air which is literally just an empty bag of packaging.

If you're among the 15,000 people so far who have shelled out around €15 for one of these revolutionary non-gadgets, well, let me talk to you about that bridge I'm still trying to sell.

The \$25m laptop

LITTLE did the American civil servant realise when his work laptop was burgled from his home in 2006, that it would cost his government over \$25 million.

The laptop held all the details of 17.5 million veterans. In a desperate scramble to contain the data breach the authorities set up call-centres, mailed millions of notifications, engaged credit-monitoring services for those affected, and paid \$20 million to the victims.

By contrast, the bill for ensuring that Hawaii never again suffers the mass panic induced by last January's incoming-missile false alarm, came to just over \$200.

That's what it cost for a programmer to add a few lines of code asking the duty operator if he was really, REALLY sure he wanted to press that big red button.

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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Fake Britain
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Red Rock
3:30pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Royal Recipes
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Impossible
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	DIY SOS the Big Build
10:00pm	Keeping Faith
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:30pm	BBC London News
11:45pm	New Tricks
12:45am	Miriam's Big American Adventure

BBC TWO

7:00am	An Island Parish
7:30am	Animal Park Summer Special
8:15am	Impossible
9:00am	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live Coast
1:00pm	The Maggie
2:45pm	Building Dream Homes
3:15pm	24 Hours in the Past
4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
5:15pm	Oceans: Atlantic Ocean
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	The Repair Shop
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix
10:00pm	Searching for Mum: Sri Lanka
11:00pm	Quacks

BBC FOUR

4:30am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
8:30pm	The Sky at Night
9:00pm	Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity
10:00pm	Super Senses: The Secret Power of Animals
11:00pm	Impact! a Horizon Guide to Plane Crashes
12:00am	Cleopatra: A Timewatch Guide
1:00am	Mark Gatiss on John Minton: The Lost Man of British Art
2:00am	Looking for Mr Bond: 007 at the BBC
3:00am	Britain's Lost Masterpieces
4:00am	Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity
5:00am	This is BBC Four

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
1:50pm	The Great British Bake Off
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun
5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
6:30pm	The Simpsons
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Trains From Hell

CHANNEL 5

9:05am	Paw Patrol
9:25am	Floogals
9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Police Interceptors
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:20pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:20pm	Death of a Vegas Showgirl
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Police Interceptors
9:00pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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10:30am	Baby Daddy
11:00am	Young and Hungry
11:30am	Young and Hungry
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	The Goldbergs
2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
2:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
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7:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	The Goldbergs
9:00pm	Young Sheldon
9:30pm	Young Sheldon
10:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
11:00pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine

sky sports main event

7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
	<i>Day one of the Nordea Masters, hosted at the Hills Golf Club in Gothenburg</i>
1:00pm	Sky Sports News
2:00pm	Sky Sports News
3:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Live T20 Blast
8:30pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Live ATP 1000: Cincinnati

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4:50am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:55pm	ITV News London
3:00pm	Judge Rinder
4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Eat, Shop, Save
9:00pm	Emmerdale
9:30pm	Birds of a Feather
10:00pm	The Detectives
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	easyJet: Inside the Cockpit
12:45am	Unforgotten
1:40am	Give it a Year
2:00am	Jackpot247
4:00am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:20am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
8:10am	Dress to Impress
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Coronation Street
9:55am	Coronation Street
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
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7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	Paul
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Paul
12:10am	Family Guy
12:35am	Family Guy

itv3

7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
	<i>Derek goes for an interview, selling beds but doesn't get the job.</i>
7:50am	Heartbeat
	<i>A vicar's wife is murdered and a psychic offers to assist the police.</i>
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	George and Mildred
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
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4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Vera
11:00pm	Law and Order: UK
12:00am	Law and Order: UK
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Kojak
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10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Kojak
2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Professionals
7:05pm	Storage Wars Texas
7:35pm	Storage Wars Texas
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special
10:00pm	Die Another Day
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	Die Another Day
12:40am	Crank 2: High Voltage
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	Crank 2: High Voltage
2:45am	The Big Fish Off
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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4:55am	Jarhead 3: The Siege
6:30am	Anon: Special
7:00am	Robin Hood
9:00am	Days of Thunder
11:00am	Goal!
1:00pm	Atomic Blonde
3:00pm	Broken Arrow
5:00pm	Days of Thunder
7:00pm	Goal!
9:00pm	Atomic Blonde
11:00pm	Machete
	sky CINEMA COMEDY
10:10am	Brewster's Millions
11:55am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
12:15pm	This is the End
2:10pm	Jack and Jill
3:50pm	American Pie: The Wedding
5:35pm	Hot Tub Time Machine
7:20pm	Jack and Jill
9:00pm	This is the End
11:00pm	American Pie: The Wedding
12:45am	Hot Tub Time Machine
2:30am	Election
4:20am	Jackass 2.5

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6:30am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
	<i>Sky Movies takes a behind-the-scenes look at the latest trip into JK Rowling's wizarding world.</i>
7:00am	2:22
8:55am	Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again: Special
9:25am	Quackerz
11:00am	Waiting for You
12:50pm	2:22
2:50pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
5:25pm	Quackerz
6:55pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:10pm	Waiting for You
9:00pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
11:30pm	Canaries
1:05am	The Resistance
	<i>Docu-drama following four young Jews living in hiding in Nazi-controlled Berlin.</i>
3:05am	Trafficked

sky sports football

9:30am	Football's Greatest
10:00am	Play-Off Final Highlights
11:00am	Championship Season Review
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
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6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:00pm	Football
11:00pm	The Debate - Live
12:00am	Phenoms - England

Move over Mrs May - amid Tory turmoil and a possible 'no-deal Brexit'!

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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IT'S really hard to understand why Theresa May's leadership hasn't been challenged. If the milk's gone off, don't you throw it out of the fridge? The idea that some miraculous Brexit white-rabbit deal will be pulled out of the hat at the last minute is sheer wishful thinking. Even the infamous Chequers deal's been rejected by Brussels.

Theresa May's been given plenty of time to show leadership skills. She excels in hand-wringing, feet-dragging and kow-towing to the EU. But her heart isn't in Brexit.



And her poor negotiating skills seem to be a deliberate act. She sidles into negotiations with an apologetic expression on her face like some bit-part actor in a gloomy pantomime as though all's lost - maybe geared towards boring everyone into submission?

But this isn't a play or a game. This is about the future of the UK. This accidental PM has nothing to offer, no vision for the future and is totally frozen in power due to the warring Tory tribes and the nightmare proposition of a Marxist Labour opposition.

As divisions within the

Tory Party deepen, the prospect of a leadership challenge increases. As Enoch Powell put it: 'all political life ends in failure,' but the problem is that ***** leading politicians never know when the party's over and it's time to leave the stage.

The one thing Brexit negotiations have demonstrated is we simply don't have the calibre of politician who can deal efficiently with this vital, complex task. They cope with insignificant matters, but when it comes to the 'biggies,' they're out of their depth.

None of them have any conviction. They just say what they think people want to hear in the hope of winning and then proceed to do what their donors tell them. Like ferrets in a sack. The country deserves better.

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'BIT-PART ACTOR' : Theresa May has come under fire for her role in Brexit negotiations.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can he sue the mechanic?

Q. My neighbour, a mechanic, offered to repair my car for an hourly rate. He stripped down the piece involved and I bought the necessary parts. He spent seven hours working on it, for which I paid him.

He then decided he didn't want to work on it any more because he is too busy with other jobs. I said that I could wait until he had time, but he said I should find somebody else. Do we have a verbal contract? Can I seriously threaten to denounce him if he doesn't complete the job?

WC (Costa del Sol)

A. Yes, you have a verbal contract, and, yes, you can bring a case against your mechanic, but your prospects are not good.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



First, what does your contract actually say? Did your mechanic promise to finish the job, or only to work on it? Do you have a witness? You cannot 'denounce' him because he has not committed any crime. You would have to sue him for your financial loss. Your legal expenses would surely come to more than you can reasonably claim from him, and your chances of winning are small.

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7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Animal Park Summer Special
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Fake Britain
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
1:38pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News at One
2:30pm	BBC London News
2:45pm	Red Rock
3:25pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Royal Recipes
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Impossible
7:00pm	BBC News at Six
7:30pm	BBC London News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	A Question of Sport
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Still Open All Hours
10:00pm	Death in Paradise
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten
11:25pm	BBC London News
11:35pm	Room 101
12:15am	One Hot Summer
12:50am	The Real Marigold Hotel
1:50am	Weather

BBC TWO

3:15am	This is BBC Two
7:00am	An Island Parish
7:30am	Animal Park Summer Special
8:15am	Impossible
9:00am	Gardeners' World
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	Scott of the Antarctic
2:45pm	Talking Pictures
3:20pm	Meet the Monkeys
4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
5:15pm	Oceans
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	The Repair Shop
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Gardeners' World
10:00pm	Extraordinary Rituals
11:00pm	The Big Asian Stand-Up
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:05am	Edinburgh Nights with Nish Kumar
12:35am	Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience
1:05am	Imagine...
2:15am	Picnic at Hanging Rock
3:05am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

5:00am	This is BBC Four
8:00pm	World News Today
	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>
8:30pm	BBC Proms 2018
10:30pm	Top of the Pops
	<i>Paul Jordan and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 27 February 1986.</i>
11:00pm	There's Only One Madonna
11:55pm	Madonna Rebel Heart Tour
1:55am	Top of the Pops
2:25am	Disco at the BBC
3:25am	Totally 60s
	<i>Psychedelic Rock at the BBC</i>
4:25am	This is BBC Four
	<i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>

CHANNEL 4

9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me
1:50pm	The Great British Bake Off: The Final Countdown
3:10pm	A Place in the Sun
4:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
5:00pm	Come Dine with Me
6:00pm	The Simpsons
6:30pm	The Simpsons
7:00pm	Hollyoaks
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	The Crystal Maze
9:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10:00pm	The Last Leg
11:00pm	Peng Life
12:05am	Rude Tube
12:40am	Top Secret

CHANNEL 5

9:25am	Floogals
9:40am	Digby Dragon
9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
10:05am	Mofy
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies
1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:15pm	Asteroid: Final Impact
6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News Tonight
8:00pm	Penguins of Cape Town
9:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Funniest Celeb Reality TV Ever
12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side

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9:00am	Melissa and Joey
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	Baby Daddy
10:30am	Baby Daddy
11:00am	Young and Hungry
11:30am	Young and Hungry
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	The Goldbergs
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory
10:00pm	The Inbetweeners Movie
12:00am	Friday Night Dinner

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Live European Tour Golf
1:00pm	Football Centre
2:00pm	Football Centre
3:00pm	Live European Tour Golf
6:00pm	Sky Sports News at 5
7:00pm	Sky Sports News at 6
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	Info not available
12:15am	Info not available
12:30am	Barclays Premier League Preview
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Masterclass: Ab De Villiers
2:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20

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4:00am	ITV Nightscreen
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
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7:00pm	ITV News London
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	James Martin's American Adventure
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Doc Martin
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	ITV News London
11:45pm	Couples Retreat
1:45am	Jackpot247

itv2

8:10am	Dress to Impress
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	Emmerdale
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7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
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10:45am	George and Mildred
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3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street
4:45pm	Inspector Morse
7:00pm	Heartbeat
8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm	Prime Suspect 1973
12:00am	Prime Suspect 1973
1:00am	DCI Banks
2:00am	DCI Banks
2:50am	A Touch of Frost
4:40am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green
5:05am	Tales From Northumberland with Robson Green

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Pawn Stars
8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Kojak
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:40pm	The Professionals
1:45pm	Kojak
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3:55pm	Minder
4:55pm	The Sweeney
6:00pm	The Professionals
7:00pm	Storage Wars
7:30pm	Storage Wars
8:00pm	World Series of Darts: Brisbane
12:00am	Assault on Precinct 13
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	Assault on Precinct 13
2:15am	Lethal Weapon
3:10am	The Protectors
3:35am	Snooker v Darts
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:40am	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
12:00pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
2:25pm	The Last Samurai
5:00pm	Salt
6:45pm	Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
9:00pm	The Count of Monte Cristo
11:20pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble

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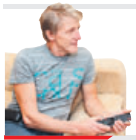
11:15am	Rough Night
1:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:15pm	My Cousin Vinny
3:20pm	American Pie: Reunion
5:20pm	Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
6:55pm	My Cousin Vinny
9:00pm	Rough Night
10:45pm	American Pie: Reunion
12:45am	My Blind Brother
2:20am	The Escorts

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:55am	Couples Vacation
6:30am	Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again: Special
7:00am	Waiting for You
8:45am	Quackerz
	<i>When a flock of mallards arrive at the island home of a group of mandarin ducks, it's up to the clans' kids to help everyone get along.</i>
10:15am	2:22
12:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
2:50pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
5:25pm	Waiting for You
7:20pm	Quackerz
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
2:15am	Trafficked
4:10am	Canaries

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9:00am	Efl Cup Highlights
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4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
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5:00pm	Efl Cup Highlights
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	Efl Cup Highlights
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	Greatest Moments in Football
1:15am	Football's Greatest
1:45am	EFL Greatest Games
2:00am	One2eleven



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SO, the dragons are back. No breathing fire please, remember we are under a Wild Fire Order, but they burst back onto our screens on Sunday evening, BBC2. I'm not sure where said Dragons got their studio from. I think they pinched from Channel 4's Four Rooms - you know, the show where you turn up with bit of old tat and the rich people in the rooms tell you it's lovely, but just not for them.

Back to the Dragons. Just how tall is Peter Jones and does he live in Sloane Square? I don't know, but it must deflate your ego something terrible when Peter tells you 'I just don't like you' as he did on Sunday. I really liked the new model tuk-tuk and even though the Dragons were concerned that the entire project was doomed (which it was, Dad's Army style doomed) I might have risked a Euro or two just to see where the idea might have gotten to. *The Dragons* continue to deflate bubbly entrepreneurs on BBC2, Sunday evenings.

Fans of BBC1's *Strictly Come Dancing*, please place your feet firmly on the floor, return your tray table to the upright position and brace yourselves. Auntie has started to

Bring on the Dragons



THE DRAGONS: Strictly not necessary.

release the names of the celebrities who will appear on this year's show. I really don't like the trickle approach to telling us who will be waltzing across our screens in a few weeks' time. Just tell us. We can stand it and we won't inflate our life vests until we are clear of the aircraft, promise Auntie. It will be difficult for hard core *Strictly* fans across the Costas not to wish the summer heat away

and chair dance to the theme tune, but be careful what you wish for guys, remember last winter?

How are you getting on with BBC1's *Age Before Beauty* on Tuesday nights? I know there are a lot of Robson Green fans out there, but we haven't yet spotted any river monsters or even a suggestion of a rowing boat, never mind deep sea fishing.

I think the first few episodes have done far too much scene setting and haven't netted me yet. To be honest I'm just not sure that Teddy (Robson) would want to break up Wesley and Bel (James Murray and Polly Walker) and this could be the lobster pot in the plot, why is Teddy going to all that trouble when he could be out catching monster fish?

The cast is solid enough though and I won't give up on this one just yet.

BBC1 is currently dishing up another helping of *The Real Marigold Hotel* on Wednesday nights. The celebrities are, in theory, experiencing life in India with a view to possibly retiring there. I smell a rat. I don't know how many celebs have visited nice places in the name of possibly retiring there, only to go home and think it over in the final episode and actually never think about it ever again - like those folk on *A Place in the Sun* who you know just aren't going to buy the villa on the coast although it is perfect for them. It is worth dipping in via BBC iPlayer, just for Selina Scott and Stanley Johnson.

Celebrity Big Brother launches today (Thursday) on Channel 5. You just know I can't wait for next week's column.

Happy Viewing.

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12:30pm	Nadiya's Family Favourites
1:00pm	Football Focus
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather
2:15pm	Athletics
5:30pm	Final Score
6:15pm	Wedding Day Winners
7:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out
7:40pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Impossible Celebrities
8:50pm	Pointless
9:40pm	Casualty
10:30pm	Mrs. Brown's Boys
11:00pm	BBC News
11:15pm	Weather
11:20pm	Match of the Day
12:45am	The Rugby Codebreakers
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:50am	BBC News

BBC TWO

9:35am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities
9:55am	Nature's Miracle Babies
11:00am	Natural World
12:00pm	Miniature Britain
1:00pm	Nigel Slater: Eating Together
1:30pm	Great British Menu
2:00pm	Great British Menu
2:30pm	Homes Under the Hammer
3:30pm	Garden Rescue
4:15pm	Escape to the Country
5:00pm	Flog It!
5:50pm	Inventing the Impossible: The Big Life Fix
6:50pm	Reinventing the Royals
7:50pm	BBC Proms Extra
8:30pm	Dad's Army
9:00pm	Blitz
10:00pm	QI XL
10:45pm	The Boy with the Topknot
12:15am	West is West
1:50am	Picnic at Hanging Rock
2:40am	This is BBC Two

BBC FOUR

4:25am	This is BBC Four <i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>
8:00pm	Wild Ireland
9:00pm	Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special
10:00pm	Cardinal
10:40pm	Cardinal
11:25pm	Country Kings at the BBC
12:25am	Top of the Pops <i>Paul Jordan and Steve Wright present the pop chart programme, first broadcast on 27 February 1986</i>
12:55am	There's Only One Madonna
1:50am	Acoustic at the BBC
2:50am	Wild Ireland
3:50am	Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special

CHANNEL 4

7:35am	King of Queens
8:00am	King of Queens
8:25am	Everybody Loves Raymond
8:50am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:20am	Frasier
9:50am	Frasier
10:20am	Frasier
10:55am	The Big Bang Theory
11:25am	The Big Bang Theory
11:50am	The Simpsons
12:20pm	The Simpsons
12:55pm	Come Dine with Me
1:55pm	Four in a Bed
2:25pm	Four in a Bed
3:00pm	Four in a Bed
3:30pm	Four in a Bed
4:00pm	Four in a Bed
4:30pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:30pm	The People's Vet
6:35pm	Escape to the Chateau: DIY
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	A Year in the New Forest
9:00pm	Fixing a Hole
10:00pm	Terminator Genisys
12:25am	Sin City: A Dame to Kill For

CHANNEL 5

7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Access
11:40am	Police Interceptors
12:25pm	Police Interceptors
1:20pm	Police Interceptors
2:20pm	Police Interceptors
3:20pm	Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords
4:15pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
5:15pm	Rich House, Poor House
6:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
7:10pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
8:55pm	5 News
9:00pm	Blind Date
10:00pm	Gino's Win Your Wish List
11:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
12:05am	Best of Bad TV: Most Shocking Ever
1:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	Britain's Parking Hell
5:00am	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb

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5:45am	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:00am	Couples Come Dine with Me
7:55am	Couples Come Dine with Me
8:55am	Made in Chelsea: Croatia
10:00am	The Goldbergs
10:30am	The Goldbergs
11:00am	The Goldbergs
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	Doctor Dolittle 2
2:05pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
2:40pm	Brooklyn Nine-Nine
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7:40pm	Iron Man 2
10:00pm	The Inbetweeners 2
12:00am	The Inbetweeners
12:35am	The Inbetweeners
1:05am	Gogglebox
2:10am	Gogglebox

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2:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
6:30am	Cricket
6:45am	Best of the 2017 Blast
7:00am	Live New Zealand NPC Rugby
8:50am	Rugby Archive
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Cricket
1:30pm	Football
3:55pm	Cricket
6:30pm	Football
9:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	The Oval: 100 Not Out
1:15am	Best of the 2017 Blast
1:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
5:30am	Cricket
5:45am	The Oval: 100 Not Out

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7:55am	The Oddbods Show
8:05am	Ninjago: Possession
8:30am	Toonmarty
8:40am	Toonmarty
8:55am	Drop Dead Weird
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Saturday
10:25am	Saturday Morning with James Martin
12:20pm	James Martin's American Adventure
12:50pm	Eat, Shop, Save
1:20pm	Love Your Garden
2:20pm	10k Holiday Home
2:50pm	ITV Lunchtime News
3:00pm	Tenable
4:00pm	Tipping Point
5:00pm	The Chase
6:00pm	WOS Wrestling
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	Japandemonium
8:00pm	Big Star's Little Star
9:00pm	Info not available
12:20am	ITV News
12:35am	Play to the Whistle
1:20am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Eternal Glory
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

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6:55am	ITV2 Nightscreen
7:00am	You've Been Framed!
7:25am	Emmerdale Omnibus
10:00am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:55pm	Catchphrase
1:35pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Flintstones
3:50pm	FYI Daily
3:55pm	The Flintstones
4:30pm	Ella Enchanted
5:30pm	FYI Daily
5:35pm	Ella Enchanted
6:25pm	Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope
9:00pm	Robin Hood
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Robin Hood
11:45pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy
12:45am	American Dad!
1:15am	American Dad!
1:40am	The Cleveland Show
2:05am	What If...
3:05am	FYI Daily

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5:30am	Rosemary and Thyme
6:20am	Judge Judy
6:40am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Murder, She Wrote
7:50am	Murder, She Wrote <i>Classic US murder mystery drama series. Jessica Fletcher is on a movie set in Rome, where producer and friend Boyce Brown is filming one of her novels</i>
8:55am	Inspector Morse
11:15am	Inspector Morse
1:30pm	Inspector Morse
3:50pm	Carry on Cowboy
5:50pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot
8:00pm	Midsomer Murders
10:00pm	Endeavour
12:00am	Vera
2:00am	On the Buses
2:30am	On the Buses
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Football's Greatest: George Best
7:15am	Storage Wars Texas
7:35am	Storage Wars Texas
8:00am	Storage Wars
8:25am	Motorsport UK
9:25am	Silverstone Classic
10:30am	ITV Racing: The Opening Show
11:30am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
1:00pm	Pawn Stars
1:25pm	Pawn Stars
1:55pm	Pawn Stars
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:00pm	Kelly's Heroes
6:00pm	FYI Daily
6:05pm	Kelly's Heroes
8:00pm	World Series of Darts (Non UK Legs)
12:00am	Better Late Than Never
12:55am	River Monsters
1:55am	Minder
3:00am	Minder
3:55am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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9:10am	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
11:40am	Spider-Man: Homecoming
2:00pm	Thor: Ragnarok
4:20pm	Doctor Strange
6:30pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2
9:00pm	Spider-Man: Homecoming
11:30pm	Thor: Ragnarok
1:50am	Desperado

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5:45am	Police Academy 6: City Under Siege
7:15am	Death at a Funeral
8:55am	Groundhog Day
10:40am	The Wedding Singer
12:25pm	Stuck on You
2:30pm	Zombieland
4:05pm	Snatched
5:45pm	Going in Style
7:30pm	30 Minutes or Less
9:00pm	Zombieland
10:35pm	Snatched
12:15am	Superbad
2:15am	Where's the Money

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6:00am	Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: Special
6:30am	Monster Family: Special
7:00am	Waiting for You
8:40am	2:22
10:25am	Quackerz
12:00pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
1:50pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
4:30pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
7:00pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle <i>A suave secret agent must team up with stateside allies to take down a ruthless villain.</i>
2:05am	Waiting for You
3:45am	Trafficked
5:30am	Quackerz

sky sports football

6:00am	Football's Greatest
6:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
7:00am	EFL Greatest Games
7:15am	EFL Greatest Games
7:30am	SPFL Greatest Games
7:45am	Football
11:00am	Soccer A.M.
12:30pm	Best Championship Goals 2017/18
1:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:00pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
4:15pm	Gillette Soccer Saturday
6:15pm	Football
9:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
10:00pm	Football
12:05am	Best Championship Goals 2017/18
12:35am	MLS Greatest Games
12:45am	MLS Greatest Games
1:00am	Football
3:05am	Football's Greatest
3:30am	Football's Greatest Teams
4:00am	Football Years
4:30am	Football Countdowns

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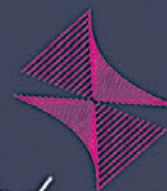
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7:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Match of the Day
11:25am	Sunday Morning Live
12:25pm	Homes Under the Hammer
1:00pm	Animals Behaving Badly
2:00pm	BBC News
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead
2:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:45pm	Songs of Praise
3:20pm	Fake or Fortune?
4:20pm	Eat Well for Less
5:20pm	Pointless
6:05pm	Swallows and Amazons
7:35pm	BBC News
7:50pm	Regional News
7:55pm	Weather
8:00pm	Countryfile
9:00pm	Antiques Roadshow
10:00pm	Fake or Fortune?
11:00pm	BBC News
11:20pm	Regional News
11:25pm	Weather
11:30pm	Match of the Day 2
12:30am	Supermarket Shopping Secrets
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead

BBC TWO

7:20am	Coast
7:50am	A to Z of TV Gardening
8:35am	Gardeners' World
9:35am	Countryfile
10:30am	The Beechgrove Garden
11:00am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
12:30pm	Great British Menu
1:00pm	Great British Menu
1:30pm	Great British Menu
2:00pm	The Hairy Bikers' Best of British
3:00pm	Sailing
4:00pm	Motorsport
5:00pm	Seven Wonders of the Commonwealth
6:00pm	Tribes, Predators and Me
7:00pm	Fighting for Fresh Air
8:00pm	Inside the Factory
9:00pm	Dragons' Den
10:00pm	Eight Go Rallying: The Road to Saigon
11:00pm	Supercar, Superfam
11:30pm	Man Like Mobeen
11:50pm	Man Like Mobeen
12:15am	Just Jim
1:35am	Countryfile
2:30am	Holby City

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Eisteddfod 2018 with Jason Mohammad
8:30pm	Bute: The Scot Who Spent a Welsh Fortune
9:30pm	BBC Proms 2018 Mozart and Mahler.
11:30pm	Dial "B" for Britain: The Story of the Landline
12:30am	Ovid: The Poet and the Emperor
1:30am	Jerusalem: The Making of a Holy City
2:30am	Sounds of the 70s
3:00am	Arena: American Epic
4:00am	Bute: The Scot Who Spent a Welsh Fortune

CHANNEL 4

6:15am	Lost and Found
7:10am	Motorsport
7:40am	Motorsport
8:05am	Motorsport
9:00am	Frasier
9:30am	Frasier
10:00am	Frasier
10:30am	Sunday Brunch
1:30pm	The Simpsons
1:55pm	The Simpsons
2:25pm	Peng Life
2:55pm	Location, Location, Location
3:55pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
4:25pm	Homes by the Sea
5:30pm	The Devil Wears Prada
7:30pm	Channel 4 News
8:00pm	Flying Across Britain with Arthur Williams
9:00pm	Hidden Britain by Drone
10:00pm	Bridge of Spies
12:45am	First Dates
1:45am	Still Alice
3:30am	Building the Dream
4:25am	Phil Spencer: Secret Agent
5:20am	Lost and Found

CHANNEL 5

5:45am	House Doctor
6:10am	Great Scientists
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
11:00am	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
11:35am	Holidays Make You Laugh Out Loud
12:20pm	Police Interceptors
1:15pm	Police Interceptors
2:10pm	Police Interceptors
3:10pm	Police Interceptors
4:10pm	Police Interceptors
5:10pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
8:55pm	5 News
9:00pm	Greatest Ever
10:00pm	Celebrity Wind Ups
11:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
2:00am	Straight Outta Compton
2:00am	Super Casino
4:10am	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
5:00am	My Mum's Hotter Than Me!
5:45am	House Doctor

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5:50am	How I Met Your Mother
6:10am	How I Met Your Mother
7:00am	Hollyoaks Omnibus
9:20am	Made in Chelsea: Croatia
10:25am	Don't Tell the Bride
11:30am	The Goldbergs
12:00pm	The Goldbergs
12:30pm	The Goldbergs
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
1:30pm	Young Sheldon
2:00pm	Young Sheldon
2:30pm	Volcano
4:35pm	Rude(ish) Tube Shorts
4:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
5:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
6:50pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:20pm	The Big Bang Theory
7:45pm	Super 8
10:00pm	Krypton
11:00pm	Fear the Walking Dead
12:00am	Gogglebox
1:05am	The Big Bang Theory
1:35am	The Big Bang Theory
2:00am	Krypton

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6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Total Goals
	<i>Enjoy all the goals from the Premier League and beyond.</i>
11:00am	Cricket
	<i>Day two of the third Test between England and India, held at Trent Bridge</i>
1:30pm	Live Renault Super Sunday
4:30pm	Live Renault Super Sunday
8:00pm	Gary Neville's Soccerbox
8:30pm	Gary Neville's Soccerbox
9:00pm	Live PGA Tour Golf
12:00am	Info not available
1:30am	Live Caribbean Premier League T20
3:30am	Cricket's Greatest Games
	<i>Relive some of the most memorable moments in cricketing history</i>
4:00am	Sky Sports News

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8:05am	Ninjago: Possession
8:30am	Toonmarty
8:40am	Toonmarty
8:55am	Drop Dead Weird
9:25am	ITV News
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Sunday
10:25am	Japandemonium
10:50am	Cannonball!
11:50am	Ninja Warrior UK
12:50pm	WOS Wrestling
1:55pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:00pm	Big Star's Little Star
3:00pm	Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
3:30pm	Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes
4:00pm	Tenable
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	ITV Evening News
7:15pm	Regional News and Weather
7:25pm	Info not available
10:00pm	Unforgotten
11:05pm	ITV News
11:20pm	Info not available
12:15am	Info not available
1:10am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Motorsport UK

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Emmerdale Omnibus
9:25am	Coronation Street Omnibus
12:25pm	Ninja Warrior UK
1:25pm	You've Been Framed!
2:30pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
3:30pm	FYI Daily
3:35pm	Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams
4:20pm	Smurfs 2
5:20pm	FYI Daily
5:25pm	Smurfs 2
6:25pm	Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back
7:25pm	FYI Daily
7:30pm	Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back
9:00pm	Spectre
10:00pm	FYI Daily
10:05pm	Spectre
11:45pm	Family Guy
12:15am	Family Guy
12:45am	Family Guy
1:15am	American Dad!

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3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Judge Judy
7:20am	Murder, She Wrote
8:10am	Heartbeat
	<i>When a local industrial dispute threatens to get out of hand, Miller's personal feelings almost get the better of him and Rachel is called in to investigate.</i>
9:10am	Heartbeat
10:15am	Inspector Morse
12:35pm	Inspector Morse
2:55pm	Rosemary and Thyme
3:55pm	Rosemary and Thyme
4:55pm	Victoria
6:00pm	Victoria
7:00pm	Lewis
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	Midsomer Murders
1:00am	Wire in the Blood
2:45am	Blue Murder
3:35am	Blue Murder
4:25am	Road to Avonlea
5:15am	Road to Avonlea

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4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Counting Cars
7:20am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
8:35am	The Professionals
9:40am	Pawn Stars
10:05am	Pawn Stars
10:30am	Pawn Stars
11:00am	Pawn Stars
11:25am	Ronaldo
12:25pm	FYI Daily
12:30pm	Ronaldo
1:30pm	Mr. Bean
2:00pm	Mr. Bean
2:35pm	Kelly's Heroes
3:40pm	FYI Daily
3:45pm	Kelly's Heroes
5:30pm	The Sting
6:35pm	FYI Daily
6:40pm	The Sting
8:00pm	World Series of Darts (Non UK Legs)
12:00am	The Missouri Breaks
1:05am	FYI Daily
1:10am	The Missouri Breaks
2:40am	Minder
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	2012
9:45am	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
12:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
2:15pm	The Hurricane Heist
4:05pm	2012
6:45pm	Pirates of the Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge
9:00pm	Kong: Skull Island
11:15pm	The Hurricane Heist

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7:45am	Clueless
9:30am	The Cable Guy
11:15am	Napoleon Dynamite
1:00pm	Baywatch
3:05pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:25pm	Chips: Law and Disorder
5:15pm	Any Which Way You Can
7:15pm	Napoleon Dynamite
9:00pm	Baywatch
11:05pm	Chips: Law and Disorder

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5:30am	Quackerz
7:00am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
7:20am	Goodbye Christopher Robin
9:20am	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
11:50am	Patti Cakes
1:50pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
4:30pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
6:30pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	Patti Cakes
	<i>Feelgood underdog tale following an unlikely New Jersey rapper desperate to escape her humdrum life and make it big.</i>
1:40am	The Resistance
3:35am	Canaries
5:20am	Quackerz

sky sports football

9:30am	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
12:30pm	EFL Goals: Championship
1:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
1:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
2:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
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4:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
4:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
4:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
5:30pm	MLS Greatest Games
5:50pm	Major League Soccer
7:55pm	Football
10:00pm	Football
12:05am	Phenoms - England

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No 'get you home tyre'

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

LOOKED at my tyre and it was flat. No big deal - I can phone the grua or change it myself. So I opened the boot of the car to see what's what and, to my surprise, there was nothing there. No jack, no spare wheel, not even the 'get you home tyre.'

There was a bottle of some kind of gooey stuff and a contraption that you plug into the ciggy lighter and then fix to the tyre and blow it up which is useless if the tyre has got a gaping hole in. I didn't even bother to try and read what you do with the gooey stuff. So why have they stopped putting spares into cars?

To make them lighter, which in turn saves fuel apparently, and a few other BS reasons. I was happy with the skinny 'get you home chap' that you used to get but to be stranded with nothing is a bit dumb if you ask me. I liked having that option. Why does everyone know better than the consumer? Because no one I've asked thinks it's a good idea. If you do, please let me know why.

Although I have a house phone, I use my mobile for nearly all my calls. When I got my bill this month I had a few Spanish calls that I

had to pay for which is unusual because I have a contract that includes all Spanish land lines for free. But of course, that doesn't include 901 or 902 numbers, which is a nuisance because my car insurance company and many other services I use have those numbers.

My tip is to go online and find the alternative number, which they all have, that you can then use your mobile to call them. Why don't companies just change to a 'normal' number which would seem logical? However, phone companies offer incentives in order to avoid this happening. In this way the phone company can offer their flat rate tariffs to the public, but know that the majority of people will need to call a 901 or 902 number from time to time. Conned again!

Here is another thing to watch out for that happened to me. I got a call from an 8xx number. It rang a couple of times then stopped. Now as I've been round the block a few times I didn't do what a lot of people would do and ring it back because, somewhere in the back of my mind, I remembered reading about a scam where this happens and you call it back and get put on hold after being told some cock and bull story and finish getting charged €3-400 for calling this premium number. As Shaw Taylor would say on Police 5 'keep 'em peeled' and if you remember that, well done.

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8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	The Pope and I
9:00pm	EastEnders
9:30pm	Legal Weapon - Panorama
10:00pm	Who Do You Think You Are?
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Cuckoo Cuckoo
12:15am	Segregated America: A School in the South
12:55am	Celebrity Apprentice USA
1:40am	Celebrity Apprentice USA

BBC TWO

7:00am	Island Parish Sark Winter
7:30am	Animal Park Summer Special
8:15am	Impossible
9:00am	The Sheriffs are Coming
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	Coast
1:25pm	Whisky Galore!
2:45pm	Building Dream Homes
3:15pm	Collectaholics
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8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Nadiya's Family Favourites
9:30pm	University Challenge
10:00pm	Bollywood
11:00pm	The Wedding Guru
11:30pm	Newsnight
12:10am	Weather
12:15am	Searching for Mum: Sri Lanka
1:15am	Imagine...

BBC FOUR

8:30pm	Francesco's Mediterranean Voyage
9:00pm	Art of Germany
10:00pm	Dwarfs in Art: A New Perspective
11:00pm	The Story of Ireland Fergal Keane presents a landmark five-part series charting the history of the island and her people from the earliest days to the present
12:00am	Britain and the Sea
1:00am	Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures
2:00am	Jerusalem: Making of a Holy City

CHANNEL 4

10:00am	Frasier
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12:00pm	The Simpsons
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8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	How to Get Rich Quick
9:30pm	Jamie Cooks Italy
10:00pm	Saving Poundstretcher
11:00pm	Who is America?
11:35pm	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
12:40am	Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back
1:30am	The Secret Life of the Zoo
2:30am	60 Days in Jail

CHANNEL 5

6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
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3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:15pm	The Art of Murder: Garage Sale Mystery
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10:00pm	Made in Chelsea: Croatia
11:00pm	The Inbetweeners
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12:05am	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans Bitesize
8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:00am	Cricket
11:30am	Cricket
8:00pm	Live Monday Night Football Crystal Palace take on Liverpool at Selhurst Park in the Premier League.
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
2:00am	Live WWE Late Night Raw
5:15am	WWE From the Vault
5:30am	WWE From the Vault
5:45am	WWE From the Vault

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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News
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7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Give it a Year
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Lewis
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	The Detectives
12:45am	Long Lost Family
1:35am	Jackpot247

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11:25pm	Family Guy
11:55pm	American Dad!
12:25am	American Dad!
12:50am	The Cleveland Show

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5:15am	Road to Avonlea
6:05am	Judge Judy
6:30am	ITV3 Nightscreen
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:50am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
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10:45am	George and Mildred
11:20am	Inspector Morse
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8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Marple
11:00pm	DCI Banks
12:00am	DCI Banks
1:05am	Scott and Bailey
2:05am	Scott and Bailey
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

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7:00am	The Chase
7:50am	Storage Wars
8:10am	Storage Wars
8:30am	Kojak
9:30am	Quincy, M.E.
10:35am	Minder
11:40am	The Sweeney
12:50pm	The Professionals
1:50pm	Kojak
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:40pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	Mr. Bean
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10:00pm	Benidorm
11:00pm	Better Late Than Never
12:00am	Killer Elite
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2:20am	Motorsport UK
3:20am	The Protectors
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6:00am	Sky Movies Preview - August 2018
7:00am	Behind Enemy Lines
9:00am	Sucker Punch
11:00am	Saving Private Ryan
2:00pm	Dunkirk
4:00pm	Behind Enemy Lines
6:00pm	Saving Private Ryan
9:00pm	Dunkirk
11:00pm	Sucker Punch
1:00am	Bad Boys II
3:30am	Cyborg 009
5:00am	The Next Karate Kid

sky CINEMA COMEDY

11:25am	Bruce Almighty
1:10pm	10 Things I Hate About You
3:00pm	This is the End
5:00pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
5:20pm	Dumb and Dumber
7:15pm	Bruce Almighty
9:00pm	10 Things I Hate About You
10:45pm	This is the End
12:40am	Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:20am	Quackerz
7:00am	Canaries
8:45am	Goodbye Christopher Robin
10:45am	The Truth About Lies
12:35pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
3:15pm	Patti Cakes
5:15pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
7:10pm	The Truth About Lies
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	Patti Cakes
1:40am	Waiting for You
3:30am	Trafficked
5:25am	Quackerz

sky sports football

1:30pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
2:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
3:00pm	Championship Season Review
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Football's Greatest One2eleven
5:30pm	Football's Greatest One2eleven
5:45pm	Football Years
6:00pm	Football Countdowns
6:30pm	Soccer Am Best Bits
7:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:45pm	EFL Goals: League One and League Two
8:00pm	EFL Goals: Championship
8:30pm	EFL Goals: Best Championship Goals 2017/18
9:30pm	Best Championship Goals 2017/18
10:00pm	MLS Greatest Games
10:15pm	MLS Greatest Games
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11:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
11:30pm	Soccer Am Best Bits
12:00am	Championship Season Review

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9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Age Before Beauty
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11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	The Truth About Healthy Eating
12:45am	Who Do You Think You Are?
1:45am	Weather for the Week Ahead
1:50am	BBC News

BBC TWO

7:00am	The TV That Made Me
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BBC FOUR

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9:00pm	Andrew Marr's History of the World
10:00pm	Kidnapped: A Georgian Adventure
11:00pm	Henry VIII: Patron or Plunderer?
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8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders
11:00pm	Scott and Bailey
12:00am	Scott and Bailey
1:05am	A Touch of Frost
3:00am	ITV3 Nightscreen
3:30am	Teleshopping

itv4

4:00am	Teleshopping
7:00am	The Chase
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8:10am	Pawn Stars
8:30am	Kojak
9:25am	Quincy, M.E.
10:30am	Minder
11:35am	The Sweeney
12:45pm	The Avengers
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5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:35pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:30pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	River Monsters
10:00pm	Die Another Day
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Die Another Day
12:45am	Exit Wounds
1:45am	FYI Daily
1:50am	Exit Wounds
2:50am	The Protectors
3:20am	Ax Men
4:00am	Teleshopping

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5:00am	The Next Karate Kid
7:00am	Godzilla
9:30am	Ghost Rider
11:30am	Aeon Flux
1:10pm	Justice League
3:15pm	Geostorm
5:15pm	Death Race
7:15pm	Aeon Flux
9:00pm	Justice League
11:10pm	Geostorm
1:05am	Death Race
3:00am	Ghost Rider

sky CINEMA COMEDY

9:50am	The Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell of Fear
11:25am	Top Ten Show, the 2018
11:40am	Planes, Trains and Automobiles
1:20pm	The House
2:55pm	Top Ten Show, the 2018
3:15pm	Hitch
5:20pm	Fletch
7:10pm	Keeping up with the Joneses
9:00pm	The House
10:35pm	My Cousin Vinny
12:40am	Little Man

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:25am	Quackerz
7:00am	Waiting for You
8:50am	Patti Cakes
10:50am	Goodbye Christopher Robin
12:50pm	The Jurassic Games
2:30pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
5:10pm	The Truth About Lies
7:00pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	The Jurassic Games
1:10am	Patti Cakes
3:05am	The Resistance
5:00am	Canaries

sky sports football

10:00am	EFL Greatest Games
10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	MLS Round Up Show
11:00am	Play-Off Final Highlights
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
2:00pm	Soccer Am Best Bits
2:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
3:00pm	Championship Season Review
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
5:30pm	One2eleven
5:45pm	One2eleven
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football Countdowns
7:00pm	MLS Round Up Show
7:30pm	Best Championship Goals 2017/18
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live
12:15am	EFL Greatest Games
12:30am	MLS Round Up Show
1:00am	EFL Greatest Games
1:15am	SPFL Greatest Games

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BBC one

7:00am	Breakfast
10:15am	Animal Park Summer Special
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer
12:00pm	Wanted Down Under
12:45pm	Thief Trackers
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt
2:00pm	BBC News
2:30pm	Regional News
2:45pm	Murder, Mystery and My Family
3:30pm	Escape to the Country
4:30pm	Royal Recipes
5:15pm	Flog It!
6:15pm	Impossible
7:00pm	BBC News
7:30pm	Regional News
8:00pm	The One Show
8:30pm	Rip Off Britain
9:00pm	The Lenny Henry Birthday Show
10:00pm	The Real Marigold Hotel
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather

BBC TWO

7:30am	Animal Park Summer Special
8:15am	Impossible
9:00am	The Great Cheese Chase
9:30am	The Farmers' Country Showdown
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live
1:00pm	Coast
1:20pm	A Hard Day's Night
2:45pm	Building Dream Homes
3:15pm	Collectaholics
4:15pm	Nature's Weirdest Events
5:15pm	Oceans
6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip
7:00pm	Celebrity Eggheads
7:45pm	The Repair Shop
8:30pm	Great British Menu
9:00pm	Recipes That Made Me
9:30pm	Recipes That Made Me
10:00pm	Horizon
11:00pm	Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience
11:30pm	Newsnight

BBC FOUR

8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days
8:30pm	Francesco's Mediterranean Voyage
9:00pm	Sacred Wonders of Britain
10:00pm	Britain's Lost Masterpieces Manchester
11:00pm	My Asian Family: The Musical
12:00am	Schama on Rembrandt: Masterpieces of the Late Years
1:00am	Treasures of the Ancient East
2:00am	Genius of the Ancient World
3:00am	Sacred Wonders of Britain
3:00am	Neil Oliver goes in search of the Sacred Wonders of Britain.

CHANNEL 4

8:10am	King of Queens
8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond
10:00am	Frasier
10:35am	Frasier
11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
12:00pm	The Simpsons
12:30pm	The Simpsons
1:00pm	Channel 4 News
1:05pm	Come Dine with Me
2:05pm	Bang on Budget
3:10pm	Countdown
4:00pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun
5:00pm	Sun, Sea and Selling Houses
6:00pm	Come Dine with Me
6:30pm	The Simpsons
7:00pm	The Simpsons
7:30pm	Hollyoaks
8:00pm	Channel 4 News
9:00pm	Orangutan Jungle School
10:00pm	24 Hours in a and E

CHANNEL 5

6:10am	Great Scientists
6:35am	Wildlife SOS
7:00am	Milkshake!
10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:15pm	Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords
1:10pm	5 News
1:15pm	GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:10pm	Access
2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	Cagney and Lacey
4:20pm	Forgotten Evil
6:00pm	5 News
6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	5 News
8:00pm	Cricket on 5
9:00pm	Big Week at the Zoo
10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
11:00pm	Extraordinary People
12:00am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
1:05am	The Last Days of Jimi Hendrix
2:00am	Super Casino

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9:00am	Melissa and Joey
9:30am	Melissa and Joey
10:00am	Baby Daddy
10:30am	Baby Daddy
11:00am	Young and Hungry
11:30am	Young and Hungry
12:00pm	How I Met Your Mother
12:30pm	How I Met Your Mother
1:00pm	The Goldbergs
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2:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
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8:00pm	Hollyoaks
8:30pm	Extreme Cake Makers
9:00pm	The Big Bang Theory
9:30pm	The Big Bang Theory

sky sports main event

6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Total Goals
8:00am	Total Goals
9:00am	Total Goals
10:00am	Total Goals
11:00am	Cricket
11:30am	Cricket
12:00pm	Cricket
1:00am	Cricket
1:30am	Cricket
2:00am	Cricket
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itv

7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
11:30am	This Morning
1:30pm	Loose Women
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News
2:25pm	Regional News and Weather
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live
5:00pm	Tipping Point
6:00pm	The Chase
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather
7:30pm	ITV Evening News
8:00pm	Emmerdale
8:30pm	Coronation Street
9:00pm	Paul O'Grady's Little Heroes
9:30pm	Coronation Street
10:00pm	Info Not Available
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather
11:30pm	Regional News and Weather
11:45pm	Bad Move
12:15am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights
1:30am	Jackpot247
4:00am	Paranoid
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen

itv2

7:25am	Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
7:45am	You've Been Framed!
8:10am	Dress to Impress
9:00am	Emmerdale
9:30am	You've Been Framed!
10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
11:20am	The Bachelorette
1:15pm	Emmerdale
1:45pm	You've Been Framed!
2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show
3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show
5:55pm	Judge Rinder
7:00pm	Dress to Impress
8:00pm	You've Been Framed!
8:30pm	You've Been Framed!
9:00pm	Two and a Half Men
9:30pm	Superstore
10:00pm	American Pie 2
11:00pm	FYI Daily
11:05pm	American Pie 2
12:10am	Family Guy

itv3

3:30am	Teleshopping
7:00am	Classic Coronation Street
7:25am	Classic Coronation Street
7:50am	Heartbeat
8:55am	The Royal
9:55am	Judge Judy
10:20am	Judge Judy
10:50am	George and Mildred
11:20am	Inspector Morse
1:35pm	The Royal
2:40pm	Heartbeat
3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street
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12:45pm	The Avengers
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2:55pm	Quincy, M.E.
3:55pm	Minder
5:00pm	The Sweeney
6:05pm	The Avengers
7:10pm	Storage Wars
7:40pm	Storage Wars
8:05pm	Pawn Stars
8:35pm	Pawn Stars
9:00pm	British Superbike Championship Highlights
10:00pm	Jaws
11:05pm	FYI Daily
11:10pm	Jaws
12:40am	The Specialist
1:40am	FYI Daily
1:45am	The Specialist
2:50am	Lethal Weapon
3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am	Teleshopping

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11:45am	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
2:15pm	Conan the Barbarian
4:30pm	300
6:30pm	Marvel's Avengers Assemble
9:00pm	Kingsman: The Golden Circle
11:30pm	Conan the Barbarian
1:45am	300

sky CINEMA COMEDY

4:15am	Coming to America
6:15am	Brewster's Millions
8:00am	Laws of Attraction
9:40am	The Naked Gun 3 1/3: The Final Insult
11:10am	Why Him?
1:10pm	Jack and Jill
2:50pm	Girls Trip
5:00pm	The Longest Yard
7:00pm	Why Him?
9:00pm	Jack and Jill
10:40pm	Girls Trip
12:50am	White Chicks
2:50am	Monty Python's the Meaning of Life
4:45am	Dazed and Confused

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

5:00am	Canaries
6:30am	Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again: Special
7:00am	Waiting for You
8:50am	The Jurassic Games
10:30am	Goodbye Christopher Robin
12:30pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
3:10pm	The Truth About Lies
5:00pm	Patti Cakes
7:00pm	Goodbye Christopher Robin
9:00pm	Star Wars: The Last Jedi
11:40pm	Mountains May Depart
2:00am	The Jurassic Games
3:30am	Patti Cakes
5:30am	Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again: Special

sky sports football

10:15am	EFL Greatest Games
10:30am	Football Years
11:00am	Play-Off Final Highlights
12:00pm	One2eleven
12:15pm	One2eleven
12:30pm	SPFL Greatest Games
12:45pm	SPFL Greatest Games
1:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
1:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
2:00pm	Football Years
2:30pm	Football
3:00pm	Countdowns
3:30pm	Championship Season Review
4:00pm	Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm	Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm	Football's Greatest
5:30pm	One2eleven
5:45pm	One2eleven
6:00pm	Football Years
6:30pm	Football
7:00pm	Countdowns
7:00pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:15pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:30pm	EFL Greatest Games
7:45pm	EFL Greatest Games
8:00pm	Football
11:15pm	The Debate - Live



EWN MEDIA GROUP: Head office.

Welcome aboard Harrison

THE new Editor of the EWN Media Group has the savvy nous and sheer common sense, hard won through careers in media and public relations, as well as many years as a hard-bitten policeman.

Such a wide-ranging wealth of experience should serve Dean Harrison (just call him Harrison) well in his new role as hands-on editor of the six editions of the *Euro Weekly News (EWN)*, as well as his position overseeing the three-strong *RTN* family of papers and the *Sol Times* in Almeria.

Harrison, who has previously worked for the *EWN* as head of its digital media team, has been in Spain for five years now and says he plans to approach the job with diligence, openness and with a team mindset.

“I want to ensure we deliver the best results for all our editions and ultimately for our readers and clients,” he said.

He added that he will work hard to build on the success of the company following its winning of the Spanish Press Association’s Professional Trajectory Award this year and the Best Free Publication award in 2017.

“I’m conscious that the *EWN* has achieved great things recently and I can’t wait to take it to greater heights,” he said.

“The group has gone from strength to

strength under my predecessors and under the guidance of owners and publishers Steven and Michel Euesden. Let’s see how far we can take it going forward,” he said.

Harrison’s background in the police gives him an attention to detail and a hunger for facts that serves him well in sniffing out the news, plus the organisational skills to put his ideas into practice.

He is committed to delivering the quality combination of hard-hitting news and community and human interest stories that readers have come to associate with the *EWN*.

“I’ve been back here for a short time to prep for my new role and I’ve already seen a wide array of well researched local stories. Our excellent team of young reporters have been interviewing residents and holidaymakers, as well as covering national news, which our loyal readers come back to us for time and again.

“I’d like to take this opportunity to ask all readers of the *EWN* to keep getting in touch with us and letting us know about the issues that are affecting them in their local areas,” he said.

Harrison has until recently spent much of his time on the Costa del Sol. Now he is looking forward to getting to know other areas popular with expatriates

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through his work at the *EWN*.

“I’ve spent time in our other areas but not as much as I would like. I feel our readers want to have the opportunity to learn about what’s going on where their fellow expats are based.

“Now I have the opportunity to join our readers on that and to learn more about places which I’ve not had the chance to see,” he said.

Harrison believes that in today’s testing times for both Spain and the world the *EWN* can continue to be an informative, interesting and entertaining read for anyone interested in news and current affairs.

“I would like to thank everyone in the office for welcoming me on board and having the chance to give the best to our readers. I’m looking forward to hearing everyone’s feedback on how my tenure as editor goes,” he said.



HARRISON: New editor.

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Amazing help when needed from Benalmadena hospital

TWO weeks ago I collapsed in Arroyo and the receptionist in the pensioners building of Mosquito Plaza phoned for a doctor and ambulance.

I gave my HIC card and passport to them and 10 minutes later I was in the Benalmadena hospital being attended by doctors. They said it was very serious and we were sent by ambulance to Virgin de la Victoria hospital Malaga.

In great pain I told the doctors and surgeon I had a pacemaker and was refused an operation in the UK, long before it become an emergency. They laughed, saying "no problem we do these ops every day," they spoke English as do many nurses.

It was a successful operation, by an amazing team of doctors and as it was 4am my wife was offered a bed to sleep and given updates on me.

I enjoyed eight days of high standard care with voluntary translators if needed and I thank everyone for their kindness to us both.

I then spent eight days in the Torrequebrada clinic again with voluntary translators on hand if needed.

Money grabbing reds are taking fans to cleaners

THIS season, it will cost a supporter a staggering £110 (€123) to buy a replica Manchester United shirt... utterly outrageous!

The weekly salary of the Cambodian textile workers who make the shirts is just £31-a-week (€34.70).

The money-grabbing Premiership club - the most hated football club in the world by the way - already has £3.6 billion (€4.1bn) in the bank from its American owners, the Glazers, plus an annual income of £70m (€78.5m) from Adidas.

There's also a £429m (€481m) seven-year shirt sponsorship with Chevrolet, £285m (€32m) per annum comes in from various commercial deals and almost £200m (€224m) from broadcasting rights.

The club pays out around £275m (€308m) in annual wages (including salaries of £23m (€25.8m) to



Credit: ManUtd Twitter/Tony Matthews, Almeria

WELL PAID: Jose Mourinho using fans' money.

Alexis Sanchez and £15m (€16.8m) to manager Jose Mourinho and to add insult to injury, an adult season ticket at Old Trafford for this current campaign is £532 (almost €600).

Tony Matthews, Almeria

What a tremendous job that everyone did and I am so grateful to all.

John Killick, Benalmadena

Tale of two cities

AS far back as 2003, a UN Sponsored Conference affirmed the importance of citizens having ready access to the 'information society.'

Recently, a number of EU countries, including Spain have gone further and declared internet access to be a basic right of citizens.

Unfortunately, in the year 2018, access to 'reliable' internet services in Spain seems to be a postcode lottery. For example, if you are a Movistar customer in the village of Orxeta, in the hills just above Villajoyosa, you can expect 4G wireless internet at download speeds in excess of 20 mbps. If you live just over the hill, as I do, in the village of Relleu you have to make do with a grossly over-subscribed 3G service, very often returning speeds less than 1 mbps.

That just can't be right. Yes we have access to the internet, but often we can't use it! It's 2018 Movistar, get your act together and give all your customers the level of service they were promised and are paying for!

A MacDonald Thompson, Relleu

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Plane from Malaga makes emergency landing at Sevilla

Probably a Ryanair pilot who thought he made a mistake! Should have been on strike.

Tomas Kirken

Brit wakes up in Mallorca after night out in Wales

Rubbish.

Marlene Boxall

BREAKING: Wildfire reported on Costa del Sol

Someone on another site was just saying she's seen three drivers throwing cigarettes out their window.

Jeni Potter

FUEL TAX: Spanish government proposal to increase diesel price by estimated 28.6 per cent

Gutted, should have bought a petrol car!

Katie Dakin

Just fill up in Gibraltar.

Luke Dixon

Comments from EWN online

Anti-corruption boss on trial for extortion

Nothing surprises me any more.

Jeni Potter

WATCH: 'Cowards' kick, hit and throw broken glasses at injured bull

Why are these heinous events still allowed. What sort of tradition is this. To cause pain and suffering to a living being? People who support these events, or even worse, torture an animal at them, are not fit to be in human society! Next kicks for them to be from torturing a child in the street then, maybe????

Sandra n' Neil

This is an absolute disgrace. It's time this outrageous behaviour is stopped.

Sandra Lyons

WATCH: Brave firefighters save life of unconscious dog in fire

It's nice to see good people and happy endings. Well done to the firefighters that saved this little doggy.

Zara Maria

SELFIE SHOCK: Youth electrocuted as he snaps trains and head touches live wires.

Was it worth it and more to the point... did he get the photo?

Jane Wilson

Spanish fighter jet accidentally fires air-to-air missile in Estonia training exercise.

So that's what that button does!

Bob Saunders

Thanks Dr Jones

I WOULD like to give thanks and praise to Dr Jones and his staff at Clinica Dental in Alfaz del Pi. I had cause to have some unusual and quite difficult dental surgery recently and this was carried out very professionally with the minimum of discomfort. If you are not yet fluent in Spanish, you need not worry as they speak perfect English. I recommend them to you.

Peter, Alfaz

Sharia law

I ALWAYS read your paper with great appreciation, but Leapy says it all for me this week when quoting what our High Court have decided in relation to accepting Sharia Law.

I worked in the Courts for many years, and that is the worst decision in my lifetime. It opens up a can of worms and where will it end?

I conclude by congratulating you on a most interesting and informative newspaper. Carry on the good work.

Roger Davis, Calpe

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HAVE NOTS: A fraction of billionaires' wealth could end global extreme poverty.

Trivia from around the world

*** The French army is the only one in Europe that still employs carrier pigeons. The birds are stationed at Mount Valerien, near Paris, and are intended for use during major natural disasters.

*** Women from the Kayan Lahwi tribe in the Shan state of Myanmar wear a

series of neck rings to lengthen them.

*** Bolivia's San Pedro prison allows inmates to live with their families, work and rent and buy their cells.

*** Eritrea has scheduled elections regularly but all have been cancelled and none have ever been held.

*** The United Arab Emirates is made

up of seven kingdoms, or Emirates, each of which is ruled by a different royal family. The Emirates decided to unite in 1971.

*** Madagascar was discovered by humans relatively recently in 500 CE. That is about 300,000 years after the appearance of Homo sapiens in Africa.

DID YOU KNOW?

Billionaires around the world made €656 billion last year, enough money on top of their existing funds to end extreme poverty across the globe seven times over, according to Oxfam. Winnie Byanyima, of the charity, said the rising number of the super rich was not a sign of a thriving economy, but a symptom of a 'failing' system. The world has at least 2,043 billionaires.

Women's wit

“If my thoughts affect my body then I should be careful about what I think. If I get angry I ask myself why and if I can find the source I can turn that negativity into something positive.”

Yoko Ono, artist



Famous quote

“If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their own happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have a paradise in a few years.”

Bertrand Russell, philosopher

World of English

“Digerati - Someone who is an expert or professional with information technology such as the internet, computers and mobile phones. Comes from a blend of digital and literati.”

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

You like to do your own things in your own way and in your own time. That certainly shows this week. It can cause a bit of a stir with family. Even so, it will inspire someone close to step forward and make their own stand. Put someone straight when they step out of line.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

The kind nature that is so much a part of you is only too evident this week. A situation makes you feel frustrated and you need to find a way forward. A bit of expert advice goes a long way even if it does mean that you still have to go it alone. Be strong and remind yourself that this is for someone else.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

As you prefer living in the here and now, you find it difficult to understand and tolerate people who plot and plan in advance. It is tedious in the extreme to consider every little detail of something which may never happen. Because there is this relaxed attitude, you have developed a larger-than-life personality.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

This time of year reminds you just how much you enjoy home comforts. Plan ahead now for those chilly winter nights when the air is crisp and the wine is mullied. The urge is to work with others this week and that in itself throws up plans for evenings ahead. Having planned a romantic weekend there may need to be some adjustments.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Your mind, as ever, is changeable. This is a fun time to dabble at this and that to bring a bit of variety to your life and work. Meeting new people and starting new projects means that it is a busy time at work but the rewards are high.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

This is an emotional week, when it is difficult to keep things to yourself. Get together with others and do a bit of social networking. Talk, and if you cannot bring yourself to confess to a problem, say that it is a friend of yours who has it. Certainly, you need to share

this concern to get a balanced picture.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

There is a highly social week ahead with social gatherings here and there. A trip means that finances start to look brighter. You may find it necessary, if you are to progress, to consider a move to another job or area. Get involved with people who have been in the same situation.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

There is a great impatience this week when someone flatly refuses to see something through to the end. You do not admire sloppiness and your reaction shows this. It may be necessary for you to sort out a situation which has been going on far too long. As you dislike loose ends in any respect, your patience may come to an end.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Energy is high and there is a lot of fun to be had. An invitation sent out brings an old friend to your table. This is not as straightforward as you think it will be. Odd stirrings make you confused.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

You feel like a fish out of water in a confused and noisy situation. Perhaps you are not making the right kind of friends, so take control of the quality of people who you associate with. Maybe it is relatives that are causing concern. You cannot choose your relatives, but it is possible to see less of them.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

This is a great social week. Your puppy-like enthusiasm attracts others and a barrage of good vibes comes your way. Indeed, your relaxed attitude allows someone close to get their own life a bit more into perspective.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

People look to you to guide them through the maze of right and wrong this week. Your talent for bringing humour into the most tense situations is invaluable midweek. Summer is a socialising time for you and it is all steam ahead as you issue invitations and receive some back.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday August 11

1 3
10 18
19 37

BONUS BALL

57

IRISH LOTTO



Saturday August 11

4 22
30 37
45 47

BONUS BALL

17

EURO MILLIONS



Tuesday August 7 Friday August 10

16 28
29 30
36 30
18 20
36 43
44 43

LUCKY STARS

8 10

EL MILLON: GJD73688

LA PRIMITIVA



Thursday August 9 Saturday August 11

4 12
15 17
37 46
10 13
15 16
24 43

REINTEGRO

16 8

JOKER: 8 668 538

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA



Sunday August 12

19 34
43 44
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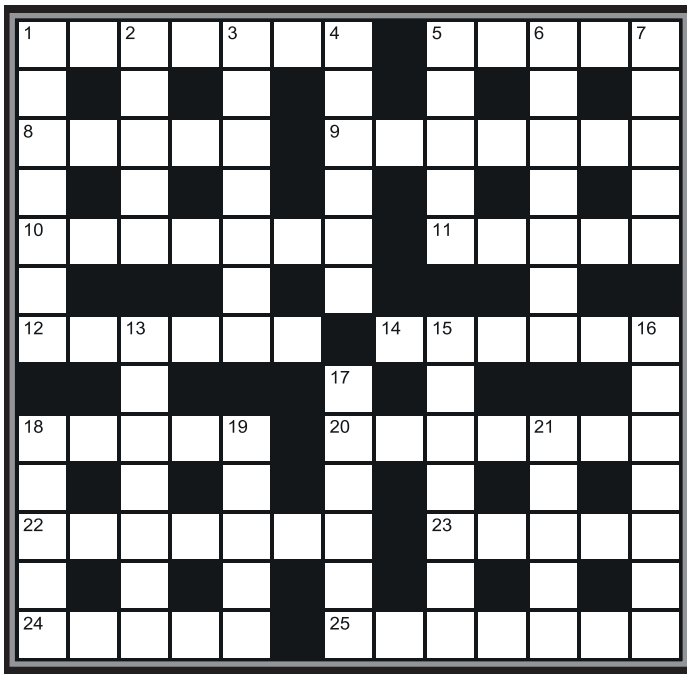


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 Scolds following change of rebates (7)
- 5 A representative the French had enough of (5)
- 8 Weep, our sovereign is unaffected by alcohol (5)
- 9 A doctor owes me? Very good! (7)
- 10 Peter is about to have time off (7)
- 11 Spoil a spoilt Titan (5)
- 12 He's sad, possibly, in sunglasses (6)
- 14 Secret agent gets around centre of Leeds fast (6)
- 18 Friends who end the games (5)
- 20 Best man splitting stone (7)
- 22 One lagging behind in movie advertising (7)
- 23 Words that signify nothing among sisters (5)
- 24 Lavished affection on a diminutive couple (5)
- 25 Simple type but he shows skill in bridge (7)



Down

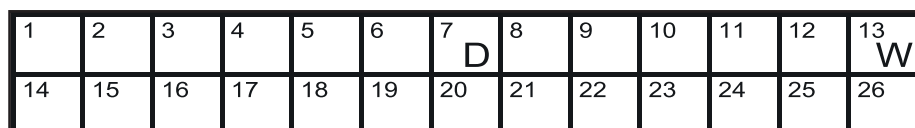
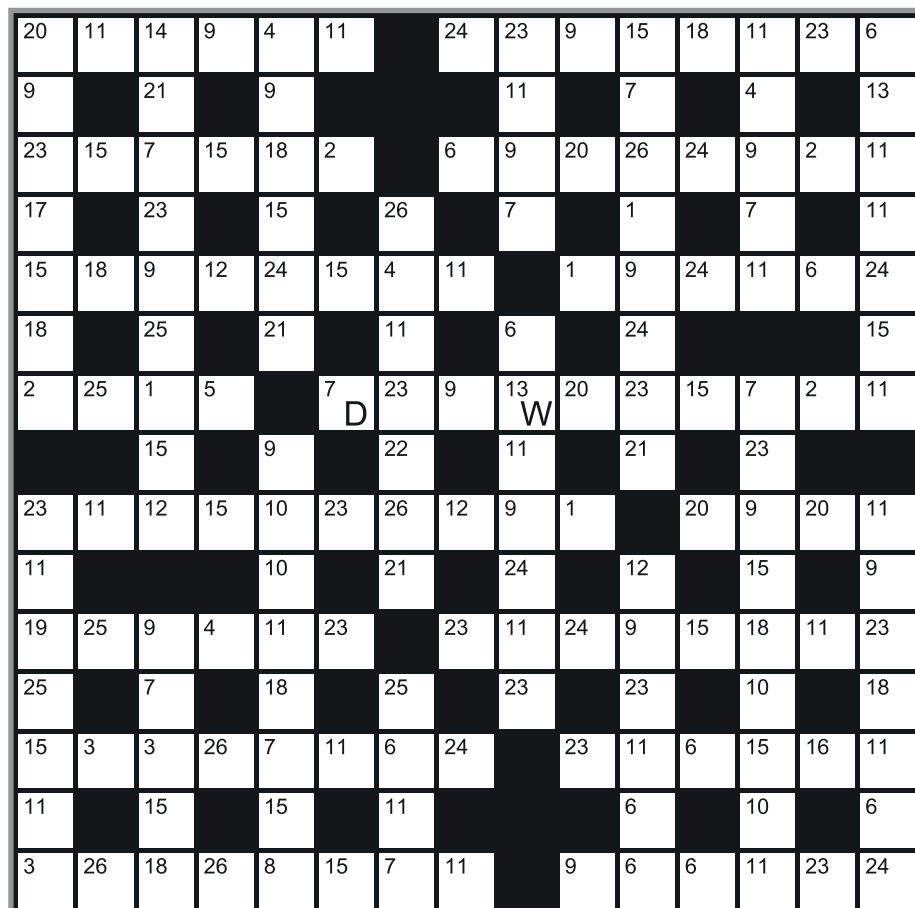
- 1 They write about street restaurants (7)
- 2 Picture puzzle about public transport (5)
- 3 Brute in a mess over rotary engine (7)
- 4 Didn't use drapes properly

- 5 Proficient in a small department (5)
- 6 Write about a side view (7)
- 7 Choose from a select few (5)
- 13 Pull a ton over large area of land (7)
- 15 Tie up an awkward flower (7)
- 16 Former Russian statesman revolting in style (7)

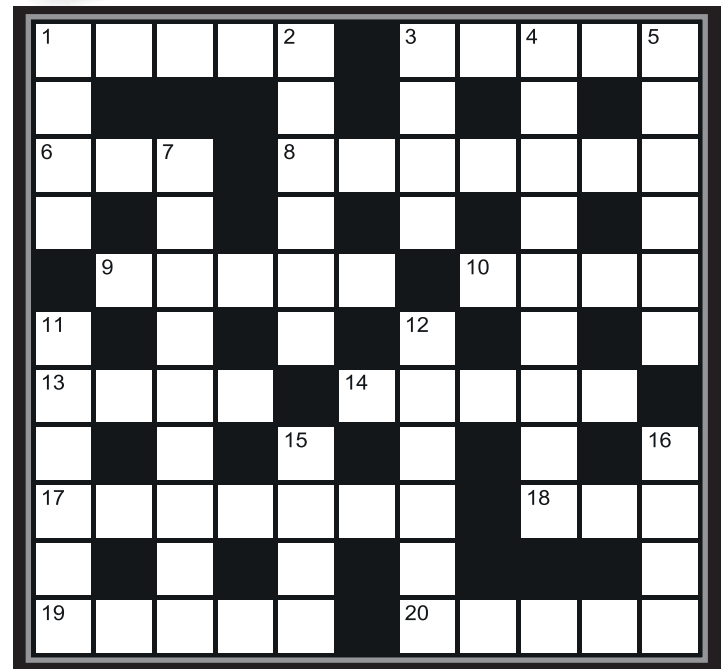
- 17 Dangerous reptiles make firm supporters (6)
- 18 Very subdued letter from Greece to Edward (5)
- 19 So the cover is firm (5)
- 21 Climb up on horse on high ground (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 7 represents D and 13 represents W, so fill in D every time the figure 7 appears and W every time the figure 13 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

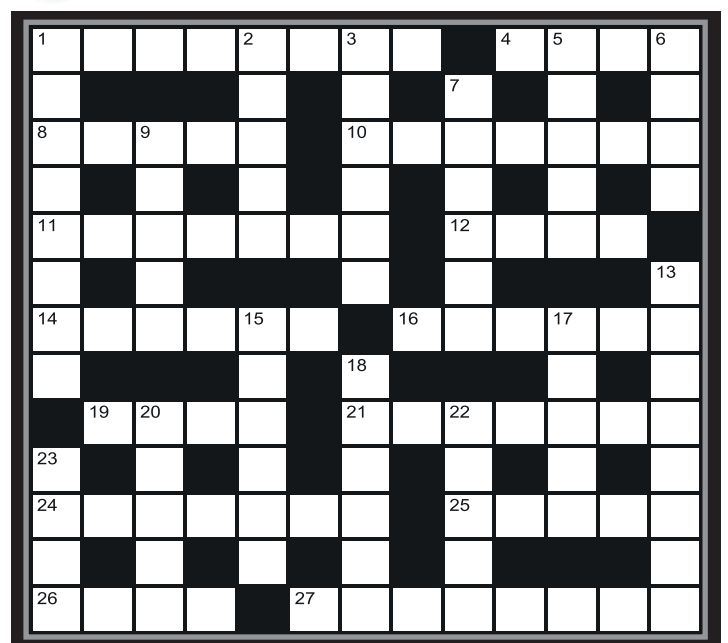
- 1 Cold dish of vegetables and or herbs (5)
- 3 Intercept and hold (5)
- 6 Polynesian garland of flowers (3)
- 8 Young tree (7)
- 9 Useful or valuable quality (5)
- 10 Feel physical pain (4)
- 13 Identical (4)
- 14 Enthusiastic (5)
- 17 Spend frivolously and unwisely (7)
- 18 Nervous or timid in the company of others (3)
- 19 Having or bringing good fortune (5)
- 20 Have in common (5)

Down

- 1 Exchange for money (4)
- 2 Drive away and scatter (6)
- 3 Soft, flat brimless hats (4)
- 4 Bird watchers (9)
- 5 Advanced in complexity or elaboration (6)
- 7 Someone who cannot sleep (9)
- 11 Convenient (6)
- 12 Large marine mammal (6)
- 15 Remain (4)
- 16 Computer memory unit (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Singer (8)
- 4 Vague (4)
- 8 Pecho (5)
- 10 Thirty (7)
- 11 To save (7)
- 12 Juguetes (4)
- 14 Oil (6)
- 16 Vallas (6)
- 19 Something (4)
- 21 Absent (person, thing) (7)
- 24 Sincero (7)
- 25 Habas (5)
- 26 Rose (4)
- 27 Espliego (8)

Down

- 1 Spoons (8)
- 2 Después de (tras un hecho concreto) (5)
- 3 Teapot (6)
- 5 Molestar (5)
- 6 To pray (say prayers) (4)
- 7 Hervidor (6)
- 9 Fugarse para casarse (5)
- 13 Lift (elevator) (8)
- 15 Trophy (6)
- 17 Ribbon (5)
- 18 Chain (6)
- 20 Enlaces (5)
- 22 Envelope (5)
- 23 To roast (4)

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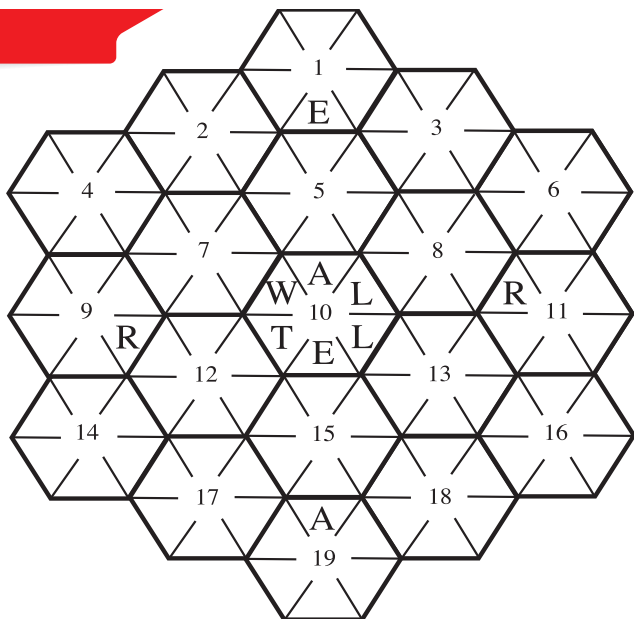
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Hexagram

- ARREAR
- BEREFT
- DENIAL
- FALLEN
- INBRED
- LAUREL
- NECTAR
- PALATE
- REGRET
- RELIEF
- RENTAL
- ROTTEN
- SODDEN
- STRAIN
- TEEING
- TELLER
- UPDATE
- WALLET (10)
- WEASEL



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

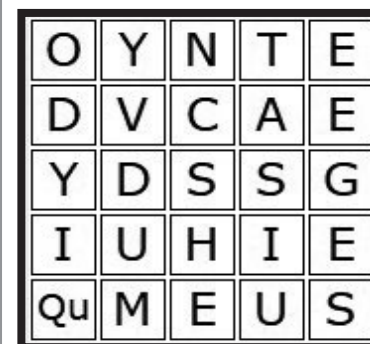
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Micron 2 Suffer 3 Hidden 4 Afford
- 5 School 6 Puffed 7 Cupful 8 Confer
- 9 Biopsy 10 Cocoon 11 Fledge
- 12 Sunder 13 Morgue 14 Pyrite
- 15 Wisdom 16 Maraud 17 Denies
- 18 Sweaty 19 Dispel.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 24
- Very good: 48
- Good: 33
- Excellent: 62

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

tags taste tastes tasty tithe tithes
ages ashes ashy gats gait gaits gases
gash gashes gets feat feats feast fest
fetish fats fast fash fashes stag stage
stages stags sage sages sagest sags
saith site sites seat eats east efts
seats seas sets safe safes safest
safety aseba bits bias biases bite bites
teat teats teas test testa theft thefts
heat heats heft hefts jest jets sync

Nonagram

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



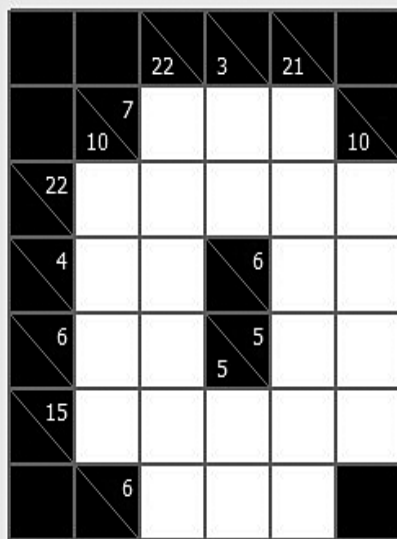
- TARGET:**
Average: 8
Good: 11
Very good: 15
Excellent: 20

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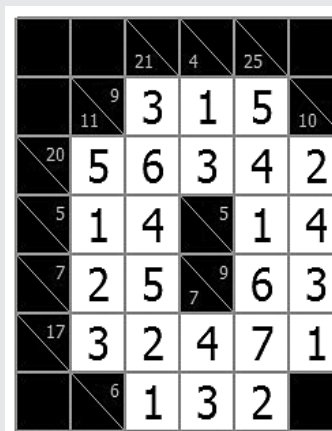
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eyed lade lady lead teed badly baldy baled bated bayed
beady blade bleed dally dealt delay delta ladle lated baldly
beadle belled belted debate elated tabled yelled belated
belayed bleated labeled elatedly BELATEDLY

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

- Across:**
1 Cafeteria, 7 Works, 8 Ruler, 9 Dim, 10 Plucky, 14 Prefer, 15 Ale, 18 Irate, 20 Unite, 21 Tasteless.
- Down:**
1 Cows, 2 Fertile, 3 Task, 4 Rarely, 5 All, 6 Strays, 11 Collide, 12 Sprint, 13 Recess, 16 Pure, 17 Bets, 19 Ant.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

- Across:**
1 Races, 4 Gristle, 8 Curtail, 9 Lacks, 10 Adoption, 11 Mine, 13 Dampen, 15 Potent, 18 Anna, 19 Liberate, 22 Ghana, 23 Edifice, 24 Electra, 25 Trees.
- Down:**
1 Richard, 2 Cargo, 3 Startled, 4 Gallop, 5 Idle, 6 Tactile, 7 Ensue, 12 Novelist, 14 Mandate, 16 Theseus, 17 Cinema, 18 Angle, 20 Abide, 21 Bait.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

- Across:**
1 Typist, 4 Bricks, 9 Colonel, 10 Yerno, 11 Etapa, 12 Justice, 13 Información, 18 Luggage, 20 Bache, 22 Abeto, 23 Tercera, 24 Scared, 25 Next to.
- Down:**
1 Ticket, 2 Pelea, 3 Sensato, 5 Reyes, 6 Carrito, 7 Storey, 8 Alojamiento, 14 Noguera, 15 Cobarde, 16 Always, 17 Verano, 19 Above, 21 Chest.

App of the week



Holedown

An app which takes users on a journey deep underground in a tense game involving dodging blocks as a little avatar crawls its way towards the cores of planets. Users can update their avatar by collecting crystals along the way. Players have to use their limited shots per round strategically in order to win the game.

QUIZ: A LITTLE BIT OF...

All the answers feature the name of a girl (plus Lou) mentioned in Lou Bega's 1999 UK number one hit single **Mambo No 5**

- Which politician has served as Chancellor of Germany since 2005 and leader of the centre-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 2000?
- Which American novelist, satirist and poet is best known for her 1973 novel *Fear of Flying*, which has sold more than 20 million copies worldwide?
- Which Sheffield-born heptathlete was the 2012 Olympic champion, a three-time world champion (2009, 2011, 2015) and the 2010 European champion?
- What is the name of the cocktail made with vodka and spicy tomato juice?
- Born in California in 1973, what is the name of the former White House intern who had an 'inappropriate relationship' with US President Bill Clinton?

- Who was the only female member of the cast of the BBC TV comedy programme *Not The Nine O'Clock News*?
- Which actress starred in 1960s films *A Taste of Honey* (1961), *The Leather Boys* (1964), *The Knack ...and How to Get It* (1965), *Doctor Zhivago* (1965) and *Smashing Time* (1967)?
- Which performer's *Puppet on a String* was, in 1967, the first British entry to win the Eurovision Song Contest?
- Anna Mae Bullock is the real name of which American-born Swiss singer-songwriter, dancer, actress and author?
- And finally... what is the name of the American bodybuilder and actor who is best known for his title role in the CBS television series *The Incredible Hulk*?

Not a lot of people know that... Mambo No 5 was originally recorded and composed by Cuban musician Dámaso Pérez Prado in 1949

Answers:

- ANGELA MERKEL
- ERICA JONG
- JESSICA ELLIS (DAME JESSICA ENNISH-HILL)
- BLOODY MARY
- MONICA LEWINSKY
- PAMELA STEPHENSON (Lady Connolly)
- RITA TUSHINGHAM
- SANDIE SHAW (real name SANDRA GOODRICH)
- TINA TURNER
- LOU FERRIGNO

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A rebel speaks

AUTHORITIES in the United States have just decreed that women in the country are now only allowed to speak 100 words per day.

As officials fit 'wrist counters' which send jolts of electricity through anyone who breaks the new rules, Dr Jean McClellan is struggling to come to terms with the new regime.

'Pure Women' gradually begin to lose their jobs, their reading and writing skills and soon their voice. They are expected to keep their mouths shut and stay at home.

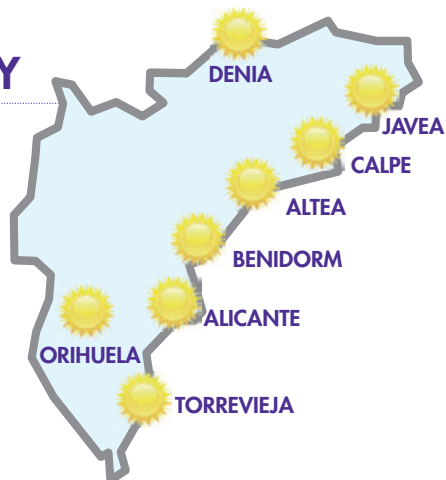
They are told they must be modest, submissive, humble and pure, that they must be honourable and obedient. Their husbands will take care of everything, after all.

Dr McClellan sees a future in which herself, her daughter and all women are subdued. She decides to reclaim her voice in Christina Dalcher's Vox.

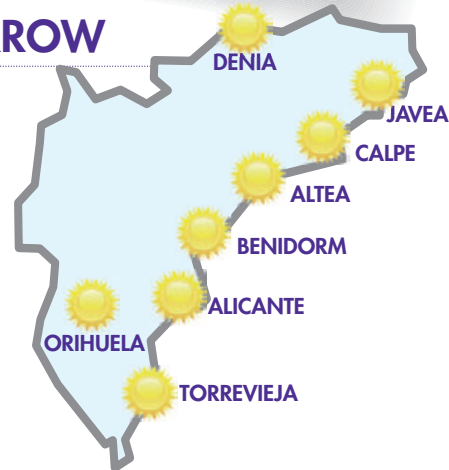
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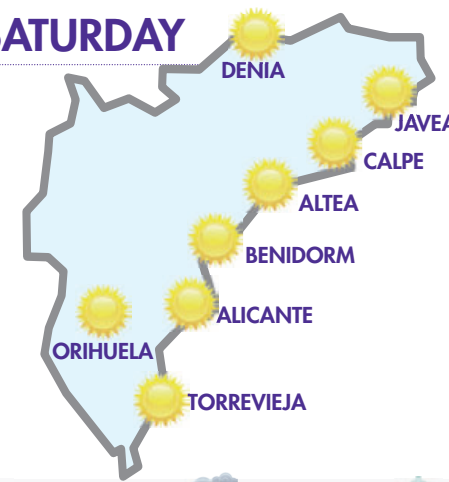
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SATURDAY



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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

- **Madonna, Singer; August 16, 60**
Born Madonna Ciccone in Bay City, Michigan in the United States, the singer moved to New York City to pursue a career in dance after graduating from university. She has since sold more than 300 million albums and had hits with Like A Virgin and Papa Don't Preach.
- **Robert De Niro, Actor; August 17, 75**
The actor starred in the Martin Scorsese films Taxi Driver, Raging Bull and Cape Fear and had roles in The Godfather Part II and The Deer Hunter. Born in New York City in the US, he first acted at the age of 10 as the Cowardly Lion in a Wizard of Oz production.
- **Robert Redford, Actor; August 18, 82**
Redford starred in All The President's Men, The Sting



Madonna.

and Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid and directed Ordinary People which scored him an Oscar. He began acting in guest roles on the TV shows Perry Mason, The Untouchables and Alfred Hitchcock Presents.

- **Melissa Fumero, Actor; August 19, 36**
The actor who played Adriana Cramer in One Life to Live was born in Lyndhurst, New Jersey in the United States and studied Drama at New York University. She went on to play Amy Santiago in the TV series Brooklyn Nine-Nine and also featured in Gossip Girl.
- **Robert Plant, Singer; August 20, 70**
Plant was the front man of rock band Led Zeppelin and sung the hits Stairway to Heaven and Whole Lotta Love,

among others. Born in West Bromwich in England, he went on to be named the number one lead singer of all time in a Rolling Stone magazine ranking.

- **Bo Burnham, Comedian; August 21, 28**
Burnham became famous through comedy songs posted on YouTube including Bo-Fo' Sho and Repeat Stuff. He later released two hit albums in 2009 and 2010 and has produced the Netflix specials What and Make Happy.
- **Kristen Wiig, Actor; August 22, 45**
The actor was born in Canandaigua, New York in the United States and studied art at university before dropping out to pursue acting. She later featured in the TV series Saturday Night Live and landed her debut film role in Bridesmaids in 2011.

This week in history

- 43 BCE - Office demand**
Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus forces the Roman Senate to elect him Consul, the highest office in the then Roman Republic. Octavianus would go on to defeat rival Mark Antony and take the name Augustus when crowned Rome's first emperor.
- 963 - Ruler crowned**
Nikephoros II Phokas becomes the Emperor of the Byzantine Empire. He would go on to lead the empire into several wars and raise taxes to pay for them which resulted in riots at home.
- 1487 - Siege ended**
Castilian and Aragonese forces take the city of Malaga from the Emirate of Granada following a four-month siege. The battle saw the first use of ambulances to transport the injured.
- 1560 - Faith change**
Protestantism replaces the Catholic Church as the national religion of Scotland following the Reformation Parliament's abolishing the Pope's jurisdiction.
- 1642 - War launched**
King Charles I of England raises his standard in Nottingham, formerly beginning the English Civil War which he would go on to lose.
- 1852 - Theory debut**
Charles Darwin published his theory of evolution through natural selection for the first time in The Journal of Proceedings of the Linnean Society.
- 1944 - UN talks**
The Washington Conversations on International Peace and Security Organisations begins at Dumbarton Oaks near the United States capital. Attendees would go on to lay the foundations for the United Nations.
- 2017 - Van attack**
A van is driven into pedestrians on Barcelona's La Rambla, killing 14 people and injuring at least 100.

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.

Word Ladder

Move from the start word (MILD) to the end word (FAME) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

MILD

FAME

- MINE
- MIND
- MILD
- JO
- FAME
- FAKE
- MILE
- MILD
- OR
- MALE
- MILE
- FANE
- MANE

Solution

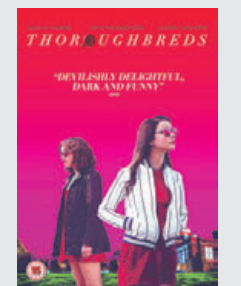
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7	1	2	4	5	3	9	6	8
9	3	6	1	2	8	5	4	7
4	8	5	7	6	9	3	1	2
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View to a kill



WELL-TO-DO schoolgirl Amanda (Olivia Cooke) has just been charged with animal cruelty after euthanising her crippled horse. She feels no emotion due to mental issues. Amanda later begins to rekindle her bond with one-time best friend Lily (Anya Taylor-Joy). But she makes a faux pas when she asks if she had ever thought about killing her heartless stepfather Mark (Paul Sparks), whom Lily hates. The idea shocks Lily but after witnessing Mark's treatment of her mother (Francie Swift) she begins to reconsider in Thoroughbreds.

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Heat can cause traffic accidents

THE August holiday police operation 'salida' sees around 150,000 injuries per year in Spain due to traffic accidents, with young people particularly at risk.

In fact, 17 per cent of traffic accidents may be due to excessive temperatures, according to studies conducted by Prevensis, a company specialised in the analysis of driver behaviour.

When a car's interior temperature reaches 30°C, it increases the risk of driver error by 20 per cent and reduces reaction time by 22 per cent.

Experts from the hospitals Quironsalud Torrevieja and Valencia warn that heat affects the capabilities and behaviour of the driver.

According to Dr Ignacio Garcia, Traffic Unit specialist and assistant to the medical management at Hospital Quironsalud Valencia, "the excess of temperature that we capture in our body surface is transmitted to an area of our brain, the hypothalamus. This gland, in addition to regulating our body temperature, fulfills other functions as a control of our moods, it modulates sleep and allows the ability to react to certain unexpected circumstances." The heat excess affects the functions of said gland and is capable of causing failures in driving, which manifest as

Tips for safe driving

- Sufficient rest: do not start the trip if you have not rested properly. It is also recommended to take a break every hour and a half to stretch. Stop as soon as you feel tired.
- Eat light meals and do not drink any type of alcoholic beverage, including low alcohol.
- Wheel right position: the legs should be slightly flexed and the backrest adjusted for the wrists to reach the top of the steering wheel.
- Use comfortable and loose clothing as well as adequate footwear.

fatigue, drowsiness, aggression and even diminishes the ability to concentrate and the attention, reducing the reaction times before a certain circumstance.

Dr Alfredo Perez Cortada, Traffic Unit specialist at Hospital Quironsalud Torrevieja warns, "we should avoid travel in the hottest hours, it is better to do it early in the morning or at the end of the afternoon."

Sleeping in the



PREPARATION:
There are ways to get cool enough to drop off to sleep.

WHEN it's hot outside and you don't have air conditioning, it can be a nightmare getting off to asleep.

But there are ways to get and stay cool for long enough to drift off.

It's advisable to do any ex-

ercise a few hours before getting into bed, and to drink plenty of water.

Body temperature is raised during strenuous activity and you retain heat. It's also a good idea to keep a glass of room temperature water by your

bedside. Ice cold water slows down digestion and metabolism by constricting blood vessels, thereby decreasing the body's ability to cool off.

Eating a heavy meal or spicy food before bedtime may make you feel hotter, so



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Beat the heat

The seeds of life



eat a light dinner at least two or three hours before bed.

And contrary to popular belief, avoid a very cold shower before hitting the sack as it can have a rebound effect. Tepid shower or bath is best.

Another idea is to soak your hands and feet - the body's radiators - in tepid water to cool down.

Heat rises, so the lower to the ground or in the house you are, the more comfortable you will be.

And avoid heavy bedding, light cotton or bamboo mats are preferable. If possible, put bedding in the freezer 30 minutes before bedtime.

Don't sleep naked as this does not allow moisture to evaporate between your body and the sleeping surface. Cotton is best.

THE humble pumpkin could be a man's best friend when it comes to improving sexual health.

Visiting the doctor, going to the gym and regular medical check-ups are imperative, but there are natural foods that are equally important for a healthy lifestyle.

And the pumpkin, 'pepita de calabaz' in Spanish, is one of them, in particular its seeds.

An ideal snack, the seeds, or 'pipas,' are available all-year-round and packed with nutrients.

According to a study published in *Indian Journal of Urology*, they are commonly used to strengthen the prostate gland and promote healthy hormone function in men. It claims they may help with benign prostatic hyperplasia, a condition that causes problems with urination due to an enlarged prostate gland.

It's also believed that re-

duced sperm quality and even infertility in men may be associated with low zinc levels, a mineral found in abundance in the seeds.

According to the book 'Healing Foods' by DK Publishing, the antioxidant content may play a role in healthy testosterone levels.

Pumpkin seeds are also rich in protein, essential for building and repairing muscle, and phosphorous, which speeds up the metabolism.

Other attributes include high levels of magnesium for physiological functions, like pumping of the heart, and

EX-SEEDINGLY GOOD: Pumpkin seeds can help improve men's sexual health.

tryptophan which helps promote sleep and lower depression.

On top of that, they don't make you fat.

The Encyclopedia of Healing Foods by Michael T Murray and Joseph Pizzorno contains a study of 26,000 Americans which found that people who consumed most nuts and seeds were less obese.



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Luscious locks

SUMMER sun, hot dry air, salty water and chlorine are a heady cocktail of trouble for our tresses.

So it's no wonder we are constantly battling split ends, oily scalps and dull and lifeless locks. But healthy locks can be maintained all summer long.

Messy buns and braids as opposed to a coifed or blow dried hair are the norm during the summer, but it's important to have regular trims. Desert heat dries everything out - including the shaft of the hair, and as the hair grows, it continues to split up the shaft causing more damage.

Like any other part of the body, hair and the scalp needs protection from damaging UV rays.

Coconut oil is an antioxidant that keeps harmful rays at bay as well as being a natural SPF. It can be lathered onto damp hair as a deep conditioner, repairing and protecting your crowning glory

all day long.

Unless you are washing the coconut oil out, cleaning your hair daily is not recommended. Frequent washing increases oil production leading to a greasier scalp and brittle hair.

Instead use a dry shampoo which helps to reduce scalp oil without drying out your locks.

Or try mixing two to three tablespoons of coconut water with the juice of a lemon, massaging the mixture into your scalp for five

minutes and rinse with cold water. For best results, do this weekly.

The importance of drinking plenty of water can't be overstated. It is apparently the number one defence against lifeless locks!

Flippin' eck

FLIP-FLOPS have long been a wardrobe must-have in the sun. They keep your feet cool, are easy to throw on and come in all colours and patterns.

But they wreak havoc on your feet and can be dangerous.

Podiatrists blame flip-flops for blisters, bacteria, viral infections, bad posture, shooting pains, bunion exacerbation, hammertoe issues, athlete's foot and a lack of arch support.

Research has shown that the footwear actually changes the way wearers walk, sometimes permanently.

There is no arch or heel support, and you have to grip them with your toes to keep them on.

This can all impact on the rest of the body, with noticeable effects on everything from posture to gait.

According to a Consumer Product Safety Commission report on emergency room visits

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FLIP-FLOP OFF: Like wine, they are fine in moderation.

due to shoe-related injuries, 27,000 were associated with flip flops in 2016.

Driving in flip-flops is illegal in Spain for good reason. Just like any backless shoe, there's a possibility that they will slip off your feet and get stuck under the

brake or gas pedal.

It's a good idea to keep a pair of driving shoes in the back of your car for this reason.

Podiatrists also advise wearing flip-flops for running, hiking, walking long distances, standing for a long time or playing sports.

So, what does all this mean? Should you dump every pair in the trash?

Apparently not! Like red wine, they are fine in moderation. And the better the quality of the flip-flop itself, the better the walking!

Face up to the sun

FACIAL skincare is an all-year-round commitment, and even more so in the height of the summer.

But despite the well-publicised dangers and negative effects of UV rays, just under half of the 1,008 women surveyed by leading market researcher Mintel use facial skincare products containing SPF.

It also found that 40 per cent of female facial skincare users find it difficult to know which level of sun protection to use on a daily basis.

Roshida Khanom of Mintel said that while sun expo-

sure is considered the biggest external factor impacting the appearance of skin, usage of SPF on the face is relatively low.

"Confusion in the sector could be a reason, presenting an opportunity for brands to help women understand how best to use sun protection daily."

She added that Apps that recommend products could benefit young women, who are more likely to use different types of sun protection products on their face.



AWARENESS: More needs to be done to encourage the use SPF facial creams.



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One of the best Queen tributes in Europe

FOLLOWING on from the success of last year's concert the Unrisen Queen tribute tour returns to San Javier with the best of the band's catalogue of classic hits.

The show starts at 10pm on Friday August 31 in the open-air Auditorio Municipal de San Javier in the Parque Almansa.

Tickets cost €15 in advance or €20 on the door and the organisers hope to repeat the sell-out success of the previous concert held in the town so rather than take the risk of waiting until the day of the concert to purchase on the door, tickets can be bought online or from the festival office at the San Javier Town Hall.

There is a large car park right outside the auditorium itself and ample street park-



UNRISEN QUEEN: Promise a spectacular concert.

ing in the residential areas surrounding the auditorium but be warned, this is a concrete structure so it is recommended that concert goers take a cushion with them.

Arguably, this Spanish band has a singer with a voice most like that of Freddie Mercury

and although they don't try to look like the original band, their sound and performance has seen them play around Europe including special Queen celebrations to much acclaim.

Find out more and see them play at www.unrisenqueen.com.



FINNISH BAND: Lordi call themselves a hard rock and melodic heavy metal band.

Lordi, Lordi, metal comes to Murcia

IF you have a taste for loud music and extreme costumes and behaviour then the somewhat bizarre Finnish band Lordi will be playing at the Sala Gamma in Murcia City on Saturday October 13 starting at 7.30pm.

They call themselves a hard rock and melodic heavy metal band, originally formed in 1992 by the band's lead singer, songwriter, visual art designer and costume maker, Mr Lordi.

The band has been touring actively since 2002 and it's known for the monstrous look and the horror elements in the stage perfor-

mance and music videos. With catchy songs and screaming riffs, the horrific lyrics will stick in your mind whether you like it or not.

The band made history in 2006 by becoming the first, and still today the only, hard rock act and Finnish artist to win the Eurovision Song Contest, with the song *Hard Rock Hallelujah*.

They are currently touring their new album, possibly their most controversial to date and this, their ninth studio release, *SEX-ORCISM*, is a full on and uncensored shot of the Lordi brand of hard rock and roll.

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BACK PERFORMING: Pastora Soler in concert.

Spanish songstress is back touring new album

AFTER a two-year hiatus whilst she gave birth to her daughter and got over a bad case of stage fright, singer Pastora Soler is back performing and getting ready to record another new album.

Her latest album La Calma, her 12th went to number one in the Spanish charts and her return has been welcomed by fans throughout the country.

Starting as a Flamenco singer at the age of eight, she has become a very popular Spanish entertainer who represented Spain in the 2012

Eurovision Song Contest.

The multi award-winner has worked with some of the best names in Spanish pop including Alejandro Sanz, Raphael, Monica Naranjo, Armando Manzanero, Malú, David Bustamante and Miguel Poveda.

This artist from Sevilla who has been performing professionally for more than 20 years will be appearing at the El Batel Auditorium in Cartagena on Saturday with tickets costing from €27.50 to €53.25 including booking fees.

Dead but not forgotten

MICHAEL'S LEGACY is probably the very best show about the king of pop, Michael Jackson, which will be presented at the Torre Vieja Auditorium tomorrow (Friday).

With a total cast of 20 which includes nine dancers on stage and a singer who replicates Jackson's voice exceptionally, this is an ideal evening for those who grew

up with the former singer from the Jackson Five.

So popular is this Spanish conceived show that more than 200,000 people have seen the performances presented by the Jackson Dance Company.

Even with your eyes open, you will be convinced that this great entertainer has come back to life to perform all of his best songs and

dances which are reproduced at the highest quality.

An evening with Michael's Legacy sees a selection of performances from his various hit albums

and tours which will of course include the iconic moonwalk.

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Eat Well to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



THIS week I will continue the discussion about B group vitamins:

Niacin (Vitamin B3). Niacin helps the body utilise the energy that is present in food and keeps the skin and nervous system in good order. Good sources are; mushrooms, cereals, eggs, meat, green vegetables, nuts and beans. Symptoms of mild niacin deficiency include fatigue, canker sores, vomiting, depression, poor circulation and indigestion.

Pantothenic Acid (Vitamin B5). Pantothenic acid, like the rest of the B complex vitamins, helps turn carbohydrates into glucose. Glucose is the only carbohydrate that the human body can use directly, starch and sucrose have to be converted to glucose. B5 is also necessary for creating red blood cells, various hormones and maintain healthy digestion. Sources include; mushrooms, legumes and lentils, avocados, milk, eggs, and cabbage. Deficiency is very rare and only found in the severely malnourished.

Pyridoxene (Vitamin B6). Vitamin B6 is important in maintaining a healthy body and developing a healthy brain, so it is essential to make sure high levels are

Eat well to live well!



A TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN: Chicken curry.

maintained during pregnancy and infancy. Sources of B6 include beans, poultry, fish, fortified cereals, dark leafy greens, papayas, oranges and Cantaloupe melons. Severe deficiency is rare, but if slight can produce the following: A weak immune system, anaemia, rashes, scaly skin on the lips, cracks at the corners of the mouth and a swollen tongue.

Biotin (Vitamin B7, AKA, Vitamin H: Confused? So am I!) This split-personality vitamin is synthesised by the bacteria in the gut but is also found in organ meats (liver, kidneys), eggs, fish, meat, seeds, nuts, it helps to keep the skin, nails and hair healthy. Biotin deficiency is rare.

This week's recipe is a Caribbean Curry, Curries are normally associated with India, Pakistan, Thailand and to a lesser extent, China. I am not a great fan of adding fruit (except for the citrus varieties) to savoury dishes, but fruits like mango and pineapple can be added to this recipe five minutes before serving.

Caribbean Chicken Curry
Serves 4

- 1 kg chicken breast meat skinned, boned and cubed
- 2 tablespoons of rapeseed or sunflower seed oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 teaspoon allspice, ground
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 2 chicken stock cubes
- 1 teaspoon celery salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon of ground mace
- 2 tablespoons dried coconut
- 2 tablespoons mango powder
- 1 can of tomatoes
- 1 jigger dark rum
- 200ml orange juice
- 1 bunch cilantro leaf, chopped
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch, mixed with a little water

Fry chicken in oil until browned. Add onion and garlic and fry until both golden. Add curry powder, fry for two minutes on a very low heat. Add all the other ingredients, except for the cornstarch.

Simmer for 15 minutes or until chicken cooked. Add cornstarch/water mix slowly and constantly stirring, to thicken the sauce. Serve with steamed rice.




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Spangles returns from the summer break on Thursday, September 6.

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THE SPANGLES CHORUS: Is looking to continue its success.

so if you like the idea of joining them, why not pop along to one of the rehearsals?

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On Tuesday October 2, the Milan Symphony Orchestra will present a selection of works which will include the Weber, Overture del Freischütz, Schumann, Concerto for cello and Dvorak, Symphony no 9 (better known as the New World Symphony).

Then on Wednesday October 10, the Spanish consortium, the Cadaqués Orchestra will present a series of works by F Sor, Overture 'The Portuguese Elvira,' Mozart, Concert for piano and orchestra no 14 and the Schubert, Symphony no 5.

As not everything is charged, on Sunday October 21 the Sociedad Filarmónica Unión Musical Agost will be performing a free one hour concert at noon. Another free lunchtime concert from the Societat Musical Santa Cecilia Camp de Mirra will take place on Sunday November 4, followed by another the following Sunday by the Musical Association 'Santiago Apostol' Albaterra.

For more details visit <http://www.addaalicante.es/conciertos/>.

Winner of La Voz to play in Cartagena



Antonio José after another successful concert.

IN just three years since he won La Voz, Spain, Antonio José has become one of the top pop stars in the country and he is currently touring his latest album.

Many contestants and winners of this type of show enjoy a short period of popularity with audiences and then disappear from sight, but this singer is going from strength to strength not just in Spain but in Latin America as well.

He already has four platinum discs to his

name and has more than 200 concerts seen by 250,000 people under his belt and will be appearing at the Auditorio El Batel on Friday October 5 with tickets costing from €23 upwards online.

A Un Milímetro De Ti is his third album produced by Mauricio Rengifo (Cali and Dandee), Andres Torres and David Santisteban, a combination that has resulted in a successful work which is selling well in the Spanish-speaking world.



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Foreign buyers aid property figures

THE Statistical Information Centre of Notaries in Spain has recently released its latest report on the activity of foreign buyers in the country's property market for 2017.

Which nationalities are the most proactive? Are they resident in Spain? Where are the most popular areas to buy? All will be revealed...

The year 2017 was the best for property purchases since the economic crisis began to grip Spain in 2008, and both Spanish nationals and foreign buyers are now very active in the market.

During last year, there were 513,814 property transactions recorded, representing a 17 per cent growth against 2016. Foreign buyers accounted for 100,095 of those and showed a year-on-year acceleration of 14.2 per cent.

For countries within the European Union (EU), during the second half of 2017, the most active nationalities were British (14 per cent of buyers), French (8.6), Germans

(8.2), Romanians (6.9), Italians (6.8), Belgians (6) and the Swedish (5.3).

The proportion of purchases from people outside of the EU was also high, with the Moroccans (5.5 per cent), Chinese (4.9) and the Russians (3).

Looking at the increases between 2016 and 2017, there are some surprising inclusions in the top 10 which sees Moroccans recording a 36 per cent growth in purchases during that period. They are followed by Ecuadorians (33), Romanians (31), Portuguese (30), and Americans (27).

The only country that showed a decrease in their property purchasing was the United Kingdom, but that was only for the first half of 2017 before seeing an improvement in the second half.

The Valencian Community leads the way with the amount of foreign transactions (28 per cent), with Andalucía in second (18) and Cataluña - despite the political instability - (15).



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SPAIN is known for attracting hordes to its beaches, but for those seeking a different backdrop, there are no shortage of mountain hotels to check into.

■ La Casona de Con, Picos de Europa

A restored 18th century hamlet west of Bilbao, La Casona has stunning views into northern Spain's Picos de Europa national park.

Run by friendly Elena and Javier, the rustic property has extensive gardens perfect for children with energy to burn off.

Families booking tailor-made trips can enjoy four days of guided activities, from jumping down waterfalls and riding gondolas to hiking the ultra-narrow Cares Gorge.

■ Las Chimeneas, Andalucia

So well reputed is this nine-room guesthouse's cuisine that it has its own book, Recipes and Stories from an Alpujarran village.

The regional dishes, such as rabbit-and-seafood paella, are cooked by two locals from the adjacent village of



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PEAK VIEWING: Casona de Con boasts a dramatic backdrop.

Mairena, and a British baker.

Las Chimeneas has British owners, David and Emma Illsey, who can arrange self-guided hiking, birdwatching or yoga sessions in the surrounding valleys and mountains of the High Alpujarras.

Or you might just want to admire the scenery from Mairena at 1,006m high.

■ La Posada del Candil, Seron

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Almeria from a pool with views south over the ancient Almanzora Valley.

High in the Sierra de los Filabres, the owners have built the eco-friendly apartments, communal library and restaurant from local wood, cork and stone.

Diners enjoy home-grown vegetables and organic meat cooked a la brasa, or you can barbecue in terraced gardens while the children splash in the swimming pool.

No new tax to be paid on second homes

REPORTS that the Spanish Ministry of Development wants to increase the tax second home owners pay have been dismissed by the government.

The department has been looking at ways of slowing down the rate of rent hikes that are starting to price people out of areas they may have lived in for generations.

Much attention has been focused on holiday homes and in particular web letting agencies like AirBnB. But the ministry is not planning on putting up the tax of 1.1 per cent of the cadastral value of second homes to the 5 per cent on empty homes mentioned in an internal report.

It may still increase taxes on people with 10 or more properties, although this is not certain either.

The ministry is focused on ways of increasing the number of homes available to let. And to help tenants there may be a return to the days when they could put 10.05 per cent of the rent they paid against their annual personal tax bill - although it is not clear how this would help keep rents down.

The main plan is to create a stock of affordable housing for rentals, with money already being pledged to buy up homes from individuals and companies to use as social housing.

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ROCK STEADY: Demand for housing in Gibraltar is as strong as ever.

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ANY concerns that Gibraltar might end up outside any EU-UK trade deal is not harming the lively buy-to-let market.

A growing workforce - dominated by financial tech, e-gaming and block chain-based start-ups - is putting pressure on the supply of housing, which is putting up property prices.

For the past 10 years, prices have been rising between 2 and 5 per cent a year.

Mike Nicholls, Managing Director of Chesterton Gibraltar, an estate agency, said: "There is a shortage of homes for sale and a chronic shortage of rental properties for the army of more than

12,000 workers who commute across the border each day. Many of them would much rather live in Gibraltar if the right property at the right price was available."

Unemployment in La Linea, on the Spanish side, is at 35 per cent, but only 1 per cent in Gibraltar.

Nicholls believes the area of Gibraltar near the airport runway will see housing development on a similar scale to London's Isle of Dogs 30 years ago. A 15-storey block of 143 studio apartments close to the runway sold 99 of them in the first week of their release.

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Keeping those bees at bay

AS temperatures continue to soar, a dip in the pool has never been more appealing.

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While it's tempting to kill them, they are good for the environment, and there are other ways to rid your sanctuary of the little invaders.

Wasps love raw meat! So hanging a small piece of left-over cheap steak or beef in an

area away from your pool can help entice them away.

Relatively cheap fake wasp nests are available and can be hung around the pool area. Be sure to place them early in the season before they start building their own nests.

But if a large group of the insects have moved in, call in a removal pro.

Bees are a bit easier to remove without having to destroy them. They are basically looking for a drink, so set up an alternative water source. Keep it going all summer and put a small stone inside in case a bee falls in. It's important to set it up before you open your pool for the season so they already have an established water source.

While tumble dryer sheets smell nice to us, bees hate them. Arrange them around your pool in baskets or use underneath other objects to keep the bees at bay, but change them weekly.

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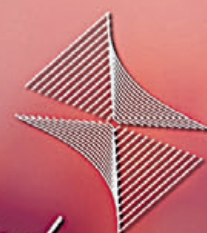
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How dogs could give you a killer disease: Superbugs. Parasites.

Read on and you may never let your pet lick your face again

THEY are mankind's loyal companions. But according to a new study, dogs could be a serious risk to our lives.

Last week, vets warned that many people are overlooking the potentially deadly diseases we could catch from our pets. They carry and spread salmonella, and can infect us with parasites, fungal infections, tapeworm, roundworm and superbugs.

Furious pet owners say the benefits of a dog far outweigh any health risks. So are the vets right?

Tuberculosis

If dogs come into contact with an infected cow, get into a fight with a diseased badger or eat meat infected with the bacteria, they can develop tuberculosis - and pass the potentially deadly lung disease on to you.

The risks are tiny, but real. In 2013, a child caught TB from a family dog in Gloucestershire. The child, who was under 10, made a full recovery, but the dog was put down.

Roundworms

Two-thirds of public playgrounds are thought to be contaminated with roundworm eggs - stomach-churning parasites that grow up to 14in long in canine guts.



'REVOLTING': Tapeworms.

The eggs are shed in dog mess and survive for months on the ground. If you garden without gloves or eat food you've dropped on the floor, the eggs can end up inside you.

Once inside the human body, the larvae cannot grow into adult worms, but migrate to the lungs, liver, eyes and brain, potentially causing serious internal damage and even blindness.

"Roundworm look like cooked spaghetti and are probably the most common intestinal parasite in dogs," says Vicki Larkham, a vet with the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals.

'You know if you dog has them because they will be vomiting or you will see the worms.'

Deadly eight-legged ticks

Most dog owners have had to remove a tick from their pet.

The voracious eight-legged insects live in bracken and tall grass and jump onto an animal and bury their jaws into the skin.

They can be as small as a poppy seed, but swell to the size of a pea as they gorge on blood.

Getting them out quickly without squeezing their bodies or leaving their mouths behind is essential because many carry the bacteria for Lyme disease, which causes joint pain, lameness and a high fever.

Dogs can't spread Lyme disease directly to owners, but they can bring ticks into your home.

Tapeworms

Tapeworms are revolting. Some varieties grow 30ft long inside your intestines and live for 20 years. While most are harmless, one potentially deadly species called echinococcus is putting people at risk in hotspots in Wales, the Welsh borders and the Western Isles.

After dogs eat echinococcus eggs in infected animal carcasses, the worms grow to adulthood in their guts and shed eggs in dog faeces. Dogs spread the eggs to people by licking their faces after cleaning themselves.

In people the tapeworm causes cysts on the liver, lungs or brain, which can grow 12in across and cause organ failure and even death.

It can take years after infection for symptoms to show.

Caroline Reay, veterinary surgeon at the animal charity Blue Cross, said: "You can prevent tapeworm by the regular use of wormers. If you have a dog in an echinococcus hotspot you want to worm it every six weeks."

Serious food poisoning

Dogs don't just use their tongues to clean themselves, they happily shove their faces into anything smelly - including dead birds, animal carcasses and fox droppings.

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I love to pet-sit

People often ask if I use *HouseSitMatch* myself? I can honestly say that I do. While we no longer have pets at home we still use house-sitters to care for our garden while on holiday - some call it tomato-sitting!

Recently, I helped clients close to my own home in Buckinghamshire, UK to care for their dog 'Nuka.' They had a wedding overseas and a last-minute arrangement between neighbours had fallen through. They registered with *HouseSit Match* and I offered to help.

Authentic travel

The home owners introduced me to their favourite places to visit and shops of nearby food artisans, bakers, cheese makers, honey producers all working locally with organic materials producing delicious food.

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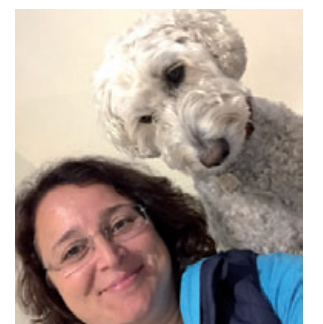
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1962 Ferrari 250 GTO: On course to break records

A RARE 1962 Ferrari 250 GTO is expected to sell for between €38 and €50 million in the RM Sotheby's Monterey sale on August 25, making it the most valuable car ever offered at auction.

Between 1962 and 1964, just 36 models of this ultimate racing Ferrari were built, and astonishingly, every single one of them survives to this day.

The GTO was the final evolution of Ferrari's 250 series, which began in 1953 and ended when the final GTO was built in 1964.

The current record price for a car bought in a public

sale is €33 million, for another Ferrari 250 GTO (naturally), paid at auction in 2014.

This Monterey sale takes place during the week of the annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, widely considered the most prestigious concours event in the world.

The car up for sale boasts an impressive racing history, including winning the 1962 Italian National GT Championship and class victories in the 1963 and 1964 Targa Florio.

It retains its original

nal engine, gearbox, and rear axle, as well as its factory Series II body.

"We are thrilled at the rare opportunity to offer a legendary Ferrari 250 GTO at auction," says Shelby Myers, car specialist at RM Sotheby's.

"Due to the evolution of technology and safety regulations that followed, the GTO was essentially the final true road racer, marking the end of an era when drivers really got their hands

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Inside there is plenty of practical storage space, including a classy overhead unit running the full length of the cabin, and under-floor cubbies in front of the rear seats.

A copious glass area and a full length sunroof provides a light, airy feel, and while the stacked dashboard looks a bit basic,

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As with the rest of the vehicle, the Berlingo has everything you need and nothing you don't.

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McQueen's Hudson up for sale



HOLLYWOOD HUDSON: Like McQueen, the car combines style with substance.

Credit: Bonhams

A HUGE convertible that Hollywood legend Steve McQueen used as his day-to-day car has emerged for sale for €69,000.

The Hudson Commodore Six dates back to 1950 and was owned by the legendary actor for several decades until his death in 1980.

One of the most famous car collectors of all time, the Great Escape star had a soft spot for Hudsons and actually owned four of them.

This model is thought to have

been his favourite, and was his daily runabout ride.

After the King of Cool's death in November 1980, the Hudson was sold to one of McQueen's friends, before it fell into the hands of the current owner in 2015.

It has barely been driven in the last few years, spending a significant amount of time in storage.

The open topped coupe has a white and brown Americana-style body with chrome trim and a beige folding roof.

The interior has been perfectly kept and maintained, including plum-coloured seats and a vintage chrome stereo.

Under the bonnet, the motor boasts a six-cylinder 170 bhp engine, which was upgraded during McQueen's ownership.

The classic motor is now set to go under the hammer with Bonhams Auctions in California on August 24.

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Premier League Preview

Liverpool off to a flyer

JURGEN KLOPP described Liverpool's emphatic 4-0 victory over West Ham as "better than I could have expected," as Mohamed Salah's goal set Liverpool on their way to their biggest opening home league win since 1932.

The Reds' superiority was clear from the start and they doubled their advantage when Sadio Mane turned in James Milner's cut-back from six yards.

The Senegalese forward added his second early in the second half when he latched onto Roberto Firmino's clever through pass and guided the ball into the bottom corner.

In a game which saw Naby Keita impress in midfield for Liverpool, substitute Daniel Stur-



MANE EVENT: Sadio Mane celebrates his second goal in Liverpool's win.

ridge rounded off the scoring from a corner with his first touch, seconds after coming on.

Liverpool will travel to Crystal Palace on Monday, while West Ham host Bournemouth on Saturday.

Arsenal were comfortably beaten 2-0 by Manchester City in the Gunners' first competitive game without Arsene Wenger in

charge since 1996.

Raheem Sterling put City ahead in the 14th minute when he rifled home from the edge of the area, and Arsenal rarely threatened afterwards.

City appeared to be able to shift gears at will, and killed off the game when Benjamin Mendy, who assisted both goals, pulled the

ball back for Bernardo Silva to blast in a second.

Arsenal have another tough game at Chelsea on Saturday, while City will entertain Huddersfield on Sunday.

For their part Chelsea enjoyed a comfortable 3-0 win over Huddersfield, despite leaving World Cup heroes Eden Hazard and Olivier Giroud on the bench.

A volley from N'Golo Kante, a penalty from debutant Jorginho and a late third from Pedro gave new manager Maurizio Sarri an ideal start to the campaign.

Manchester United praised 'monster' Paul Pogba after he scored the opening goal and controlled the game in the 2-1 win over Leicester City.

Left back Luke Shaw then scored the first senior goal of his career after converting Juan Mata's aerial pass to double their lead.

Substitute Jamie Vardy headed a late consolation for the Foxes, after Ricardo Pereira's cross had hit a post.

United will head to Brighton on Sunday, with Leicester hosting Wolves on Saturday.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Fulham head to Tottenham on Saturday, Everton host Southampton, and West Ham entertain Bournemouth.

La Liga Preview

Barca still team to beat



MINI MAESTRO: Lionel Messi will once again be key to Barcelona's success.

BARCELONA will look to extend their spell of domestic dominance in La Liga, but the likes of Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid will be keen to put a stop to it.

The Catalan club cruised to the title last season, scoring 99 goals and losing just once, while Real Madrid claimed the Champions League crown for the third year in a row.

Barca kick off their title defence at home against Alaves, and they are firm

favourites to continue where they left off in April.

Diego Simeone's Atletico side will be hoping to make their mark in the league, and they are the only other side outside Barca and Real to have won it in the last 14 years.

But of all the title contenders, it is Atletico who have the trickiest start, taking on Valencia who have big expectations of their own.

There may be a period of

adjustment at the start of the season for Real, who lost both Cristiano Ronaldo and manager Zinedine Zidane in the summer.

However, Los Blancos will not accept a whole season of transition and Welsh forward Gareth Bale will be expected to fill Ronaldo's sizeable scoring shoes.

They kick off their domestic campaign at home against Getafe, a game which should cause them few problems.



RELENTLESS RAFA: Nadal celebrates yet another tournament victory in Toronto.

Nadal aces Rogers Cup

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal beat unseeded Stefanos Tsitsipas to win the Rogers Cup in Toronto, bringing the Greek's stunning run to an end.

Tsitsipas, who turned 20 on Sunday, beat Dominic Thiem, Novak Djokovic and Alexander Zverev en route to the final but lost 6-2 7-6 (7-4) against the Spanish great.

Tsitsipas, who was the first unseeded finalist in Canada since Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in 2008, has won new fans with some brilliant shot making and an extrovert personality.

But Nadal, 32, was in no mood to pander to the crowd, who were firmly behind the birthday boy appearing in his first Masters Series final.

The French Open champion raced through the first set, but was broken for the first time when serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set.

That handed the momentum to Tsitsipas, who then had a set point at 6-5 only for Nadal to benefit from a net-cord volley.

Nadal regrouped in the tie-break to win his 80th ATP Tour title, sinking to his knees and roaring to the skies.

Earlier, Romania's Simona Halep beat American Sloane Stephens in three sets to win the women's event in Montreal.

In a rerun of the French Open final in June, Halep eventually came out on top 7-6 (8-6) 3-6 6-2.



IN the small town of Villar Perosa with a population of 4,000 people, 5,000 Juventus fans packed out the stadium to watch Cristiano Ronaldo score the only goal in a friendly against the club's B team.

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India beaten at Lord's

ENGLAND completed an emphatic innings and 159-run victory over India at Lord's to take a 2-0 series lead.

James Anderson took 4-23 to finish with nine wickets in the match and Stuart Broad shone with 4-44 as India were bowled out for 130.

The hosts had declared on 396-7, with Chris Woakes finishing on 137 not out, before Anderson reduced India to 17-2.

Rain delayed play twice but India lost wickets regularly and Woakes took the final scalp to secure a crushing win.

England enjoyed the better of the bowling conditions in the match, but India produced two



Credit: @englandcricket/Twitter

WINNING GRIN: James Anderson is closing in on the all-time Test wicket-taking record.

dismal batting performances.

Ravichandran Ashwin and Hardik Pandya's 55-run partnership for the seventh wicket was India's only real stand of the innings and the tourists never looked comfortable under grey skies at Lord's.

Only once has a team come back to overturn a 2-0 deficit to win a Test series, and that was an Australia side that contained Donald Bradman in the 1936-37

Ashes.

There are also concerns for India over the fitness of captain Virat Kohli, who received treatment on the field for a sore back after missing much of the morning session.

Questions still remain over England's top order - they were struggling at 89-4 on Saturday - but Woakes' all-round performance is a promising sign for the hosts.

US PGA Championship: Koepka holds off Tiger charge

AMERICAN Brooks Koepka won his second major of 2018 by fending off a resurgent Tiger Woods to claim the US PGA Championship.

The US Open champion, 28, had led by two shots overnight and shot a four-under 66 to win by two on 16 under par.

Excitement grew at Bellerive as Woods pushed for a first major since 2008, falling short despite a final-day 64.

Koepka made birdies on the 14th and 15th to keep clear of Woods and Adam Scott (67), who finished on 13 under.

It was 14-time major winner Woods' lowest final round at either the Masters, US Open, The Open or US PGA.

However, his efforts were still not enough as Koepka became the first man since Woods in 2000 to win the US Open and US PGA in the same season.

Koepka, watched by his mother and girlfriend from the side of the 18th green, fought back tears after tapping in a par to set a new 72-hole PGA Championship scoring record of 264.

Spain's Jon Rahm finished as the leading



WINNING BIG: Brooks Koepka celebrates his second major win of 2018.

European player on 11 under after a 68, a shot ahead of Belgium's Thomas Peters.

Their performances will have encouraged European captain Thomas Bjorn in the run-up to next month's Ryder Cup in Paris, along with Spaniard Rafa Cabrera Bello's final round of 64.

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