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Kicking up a stink

RESIDENTS of the Santa Rosa urbanisation and Vilches beach in Torrox are up in arms after raw sewage was discharged into a local stream.

Socialist councillor Juanma Cortes intends to raise the issue at the town council's next plenary session.

"This is of great importance for the health and welfare of our people and in a municipality like ours it cannot be that the mayor of Torrox has ignored the issue for months," he said.

"This is yet another demonstration of the irresponsibility and deaf ears to the social problems that are piling up without any solution on the part of the Popular Party council."

He continued: "According to the residents, the sewage has been discharging continuously for several months but they have not been offered the opportunity to know, thanks to the lack of intervention by the council, neither the origin nor the precise type of the waters that are flowing to the beach."

One local said that the smell is "pestilent and nauseating."

Action plan announced Pipe dream

By Matt Ford

Water and sanitation firm Axargua and the Junta de Andalucía have announced a raft of measures designed to alleviate drought fears.

It comes after La Viñuela reservoir, which is at 31 per cent of capacity, was placed on drought alert as reported in the *Euro Weekly News* issue 1673.

The first action to be carried out will be the piping of recycled water from the sewage treatment plant in Velez-Málaga following a recent upgrade to connect it with the local irrigation network.

As soon as the Junta authorises the scheme, expected within a week, up to 9,000 cubic metres of water per day



VIÑUELA: 'At the limit.'

will be pumped to the River Guaro valley via a new pipeline that connects the plant to a man-made pool near Benamocarra.

Axargua president Gregorio Campos said "the water is of

excellent quality" for woody crops such as avocados and mangos, adding that the new system will reduce the pressure on the reservoir which "is at the limit."

Meanwhile, public water

company Acosol is preparing to start work on a permanent connection between La Viñuela and La Concepcion reservoir at Istan, with the project expected to be underway by October.

Bizarre bikini incident

A SEMI-NUDE British woman was hospitalised after being found in a confused state in Valle-Niza.

According to a police statement, the dark-skinned casualty was wearing a bikini top under a t-shirt, and was otherwise naked.

In her hands she was carrying the bottom part of her swimwear and her shoes.

She tried to flee when officers approached her as she wandered through shrubbery near Avenida Amatista, before being tracked down near San Pitar archaeological complex.

Her pupils were dilated and she appeared to be having a hallucinogenic episode as she claimed her father and a friend had tried to kill her. Paramedics were forced to use sedatives to calm her.

Super wings

AROUND 300,000 people attended Torre del Mar air show, which this year featured 16 aircraft from six countries. Those on display included a Canadair CL-215, a Yakolev 52 owned by ex-footballer Salva Ballesta and display teams including Coteau Delta from France, Turkish Stars, the British Aerospax and Patrulla Plus Ultra from Huelva.

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AXARQUIA'S 11 coastal cleaning boats have so far removed more than 2,000 kilos of waste from the sea this summer. The boats came into service three weeks ago.

Tax fraud

AN organised crime group led by a tax official has been brought down in Malaga. The gang of 12 people are alleged to have committed crimes against public finances as well as bribery.

Flying high

MALAGA Province has attracted large numbers of visitors over the last few weeks, with more than 2,300 flights scheduled at its airport in just five days and 333,000 road journeys recorded.

By Sally Underwood

MOTORISTS spent hours in traffic this weekend after the total amount of jams accumulated to 24 kilometres on the A-7.

The majority of the traffic took place between Velez-Málaga and Estepona, particularly near Rincon de la Victoria, where the exodus of beach-users and attendees of the Torre del Mar Air Show caused a 13 kilometre pileup to build.

The new traffic misery comes after the Traffic Directorate (DGT) ruled out a series of measures to ease traffic congestion on Malaga's roads this summer.

Drivers had complained after tailbacks reached 30 kilometres on the A-7 the weekend before, calling on the authorities to allow the hard shoulder to be used. However the DGT says it would not be safe to do so and instead has suggested motorway-users stay off the roads in peak hours.

24km traffic hell

It is anticipated use of the province's roads will increase by 5 per cent by the end of the summer, leaving drivers stuck in heavy traffic. The DGT has now recommended avoiding main roads between 8pm and 10pm, while traffic is at its heaviest, and making use of

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HEAVY TRAFFIC: Built up on the A-7 at the weekend.

toll roads, which it claims save money on fuel consumption.

The Association of Drivers

has demanded the body lowers the cost of toll roads, however, to compensate for the extra traffic,

while, Mario Arnaldo, president of European Automobile Association (AEA), has suggested the DGT improve its communication programme to allow drivers to be aware of possible traffic jams.

He said, "the road capacity cannot be increased but information could be improved so drivers can plan their trips better."

He added multiple car collisions also fuelled the problem, saying, "motorists must maintain safety distances. The motorway's capacity is 4,000 vehicles per lane per hour but this decreases in the case of an accident."

Arnaldo also recommended the DGT find ways to reduce toll costs, claiming, "Malaga could become the victim of its own success. Tourist companies must find ways to reduce the cost of toll roads for their customers."

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Pensioner caught in blaze

A 67-YEAR-OLD man has been treated for smoke inhalation following a kitchen fire at his home in Torre del Mar.

The man was taken for hospital treatment after considerable amounts of smoke were reported emanating from the building.

The news follows a similar incident in Malaga where an 84-year-old woman received 50 per cent burns to her body in a fire at her Malaga home.

€31 m budget binned

NERJA'S governing three-party council may face losing a vote on its multi-million Euro annual budget.

Opposition party Ciudadanos told the tripartite team they plan to vote against their financial proposal because the council is not meeting residents' needs and poorly allocating funds.

A spokesperson for Ciudadanos said: "For over a year, the government has blocked major projects in Nerja, some costing a whopping €900,000."

Unfit for a lawsuit

MALAGA BAR ASSOCIATION is taking action against conditions in Torrox courts, which serves around 60,000 people.

Lead lawyer, Francisco Lara, visited local mayor, Oscar Medina, to inform him of the plan to denounce namely damp and architectural flaws.

Since 1863, lawyers and workers have been decrying space and accessibility issues with discrepancies regarding adjustments starting a month into their construction last December.

Lotto win

SPAIN'S National Lottery was paid out €120,000 to a lucky winner in Torre del Mar in last Saturday's draw. The prize follows several recent similar wins across Axarquía.

Historic culture vultures

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Council has launched a campaign encouraging tourists and locals to explore the town's historic centre.

Mayor Marcelino Mendez-Trelles joined Enterprise and Employment councillor, Maria Jose Roberto, in presenting activities for the next 60 days, promising a boost in employment and the economy as well as drawing customer loyalty from winter tourists.

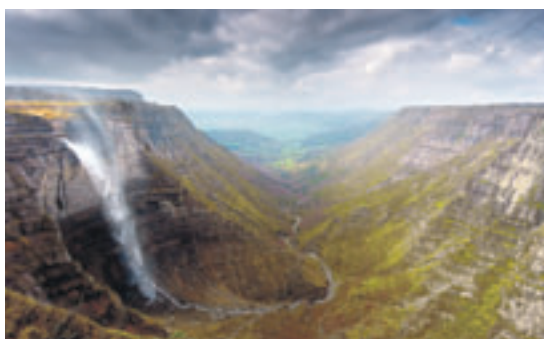
Roberto explained "the objective is to take advantage of tourism in both coastal and inland parts of Axarquía and flaunt our historic centre and monuments."

Marcelino Mendez-Trelles explained: "This is a

SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...23

Despite the sweltering summer climate and regular droughts, Spain is home to some of Europe's most impressive waterfalls thanks to its diverse and mountainous terrain.

Wet and wild!



HIGHEST: The Salto del Nervion.

WITH a head-spinning drop of 222 metres, the spectacular Salto del Nervion is Spain's highest waterfall.

Located in Alava Province at the border of the Basque Country and Castilla y Leon, intrepid hikers can reach either the bottom or top of the towering cascade, with late winter to spring the ideal time to visit.



UNIQUE: The Fervenza do Ezaro.

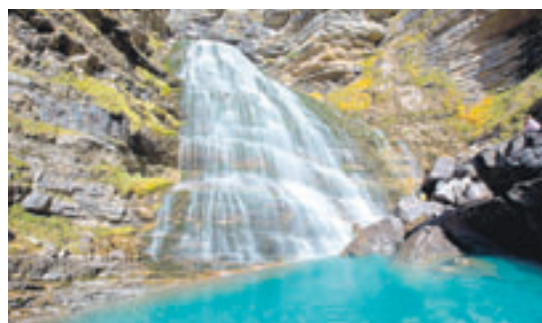
THE Fervenza do Ezaro falls at the foot of Mount Pindo on Galicia's Costa da Morte form an impressive 40-metre spectacle.

They lie on the final stretch of the Xallas, the only river in continental Europe that empties directly into the sea via a waterfall. It now flows year-round after pressure from campaigners forced authorities to close a hydroelectric plant.



POWERFUL: The reventon of the Rio Mundo.

THE source of the Rio Mundo is considered to be among the most beautiful waterfalls in Spain, exiting a 32-km long limestone cave almost 100 metres up one side of the Calar del Mundo mountain plateau. It is famed for the reventon phenomenon, which occurs when the river swells in spring, forming a breathtaking wall of water.



SCENIC: The Cola de Caballo.

A THREE-HOUR trek brings determined hikers to the picturesque Cola de Caballo (horse tail) cascade in the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park situated in the Pyrenees of Huesca Province, Aragon.

So-named because the water spreads out and remains in contact with the rock face as it descends, forming an effect resembling a horse's tail.

Missing man

AN Alzheimer's sufferer, aged 68, has been missing in Velez-Malaga since last Friday. The man, Antonio Abolafio Gamez, was last seen behind the Aqua-

velis water park in Torre del Mar.

All cool

NERJA'S streets are set to be cooler this summer thanks to three new awnings

due to be built on Calles Diputacion, Malaga and El Barrio, following a grant from the Junta de Andalucia.

Fleet footed

NERJA man, Cristobal Ortigosa, won two races in one weekend, coming first in events in Cordoba and Granada. The man's first event was a 12-kilometre run before winning again the following day.

New names

NERJA'S mayor, Rosa Arrabal, presided over an event to rename two roads formerly named after Franco soldiers.

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- 2 Weigh Hey! Fruit and veg boost for Mercadona shoppers - **2,991**
- 3 Open letter to UK citizens living in Spain from British Ambassador Simon Manley - **2,696**
- 4 Body of missing three-year-old girl found on railway track - **2,649**
- 5 Parents outraged as couple romp in the sea in front of children in Marbella - **2,342**

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Poll of the week

Given the number of thefts occurring in supermarket car parks, should there be signs put in place to warn shoppers?

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

As controversy continues to surround the US President do you think Donald Trump will serve a full eight years as the world's most powerful leader?

Yes = 18%

No = 82%

Top Social Media comments

Almería mother jailed for abandoning baby in baking sun - Children and/or animals must not be in vehicles and left alone in the summer months ANYWHERE!!!! It is just not acceptable...
Sian Foster

Tragedy in Mallorca as two-year-old on holiday drowns in a pool - 23 children equate to a lot of parents/guardians not being careful/watchful enough with their offspring. How many more were 'near misses' and did not actually die? *Ron Curtis*

Fans evacuated from Tomorrowland UNITE Spain festival after fire engulfs stage - Oh dear! What a pity, but well done to the authorities for getting everyone out safely. *Elizabeth Saunders*

Weigh hey! Fruit and veg boost for Mercadona shoppers - I like weighing my own fruit & veg. They could also ask their staff at the check-out to slow down and not chuck your groceries at you as fast as they can. But then other supermarkets are guilty of this too. *Mike Rhys-Pontaux*

Malaga infant was killed by train, police say - What I find annoying is how unsafe the train tracks are. They need to really up their game with safety. They are so accessible for any animal, person, child. Awful accidents waiting

to happen. *Sam Smith*

Rowdy hen party kicked off Ryanair flight to Alicante - It's about time people were only allowed one drink maximum per person per boarding voucher... and, if they present at Departures drunk - they don't get to fly! Or will it take a mass brawl in mid-air, or worse - damage that leads to a crash - before something's done! *John Minshall*

I thought drunk passengers (they must have been quite drunk at the departure gate) were not allowed into the cabin for safety reasons so, why are ground staff allowing them to board? I've known pilots to also refuse passengers themselves and have them ejected before departure. It's time all airlines enforced this! *Jan Andersen-Page*

Fourteen-year-old girl seriously injured in bull run in Spain - When will they learn? The bulls are tormented and goaded and people then wonder why they get hurt! So stupid! Sorry the young girl was hurt but what was she doing there unsupervised in the first place? *Mary Anne Roberts*
Balearic Parliament approves bull runs 'without blood, without suffering' - Not enough! An outright ban is needed! *Laoiseach Ni Chleirigh*



Some of the women arguing with flight attendants.

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OUR VIEW

Summer holidays, a blessing and curse

THERE is something of a Catch 22 situation with regards to summer holidays with as many downsides as upsides.

Britons travelling to Spain are an important benefit to the economy but as so many have to travel during school holidays, those with families have to be prepared to pay significantly more for the tickets and accommodation.

Those without children, have to decide whether it is worth paying the extra to enjoy the best weather and also to weigh up if the increased number of fellow tourists, many of them either out to party or with increasingly boisterous children is something that can be ignored.

Roads, restaurants and all forms of entertainment are busier than ever and even a simple visit to the supermarket can become an exercise in patience as the crowds of shoppers become bigger and bigger.

Now the European Union has (hopefully unwittingly) added fuel to the flames by implementing new, relatively stringent checks on the passports of those who are not part of the Schengen area which effectively isolates British and Irish travellers.

Despite the fact that Spain already required those travelling from the UK to register their passport details when booking flights, it is now following the rules by scanning passports on arrival which has led to exceptional queues and frayed tempers.

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Man killed in bike inferno

A GERMAN motorcyclist, aged 62, has been killed after his bike collided with a van on the N-340 near Lagos.

Police are now investigating the circumstances of the crash after reports suggest the man had hit the truck head-on while travelling in the opposite lane, sending the biker into the guardrail while his 125 cc Yamaha went up in flames.

Local Police, firefighters and members of the Guardia Civil attended the scene in the late afternoon at kilometre 277.8 near the small coastal town of Mezquitilla, closing off the road for some time while they extinguished the blaze and attempted to help the man. Eyewitnesses reported being stuck in large queues of traffic while smoke filled the air amongst visible flames.

The incident has reportedly rocked the quiet town, which boasts a small beach and sees tourists flock to it in summer.



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Titillating Thai-in

SHE was nominated for a national film award after starring in director Pedro Almodovar's 2011 film *The Skin I Live In*.

And Spanish actress Blanca Suarez, 28, showed she is more than comfortable with her own body after posting a string of sizzling snaps to Instagram during a holiday in Thailand.

She opened the series with a shot taken in her Ayutthaya

hotel room, where she shook off her jet lag by visiting the ruins of the old city in a tiny pair of denim shorts.

After a tour of Bangkok she then sent temperatures soaring on arrival at the luxurious Ava Hotel and Spa in Nakhon province, where she slipped into a skimpy one-piece swimsuit on the beach before posing by the pool in a pink dress which partially exposed one of her breasts.



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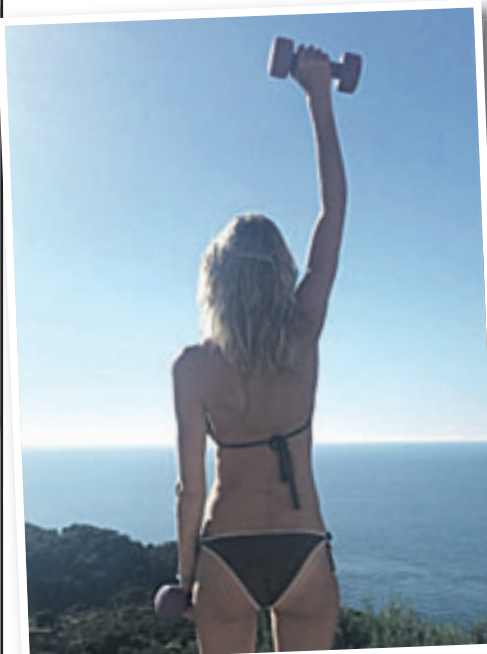
Top rear!

Clarkson teases lover

Sharing a photo of the 46-year-old as she performed a steamy bikini-clad exercise routine outside the pair's holiday retreat, the former Top

Gear anchorman captioned the cheeky snap: "Still can't play tennis though."

He followed it up with a wine-quaffing selfie, after which he wrote: "Weirdly, can play tennis."



CHEEKY: Lisa's racy routine.



DOWN THE HATCH: Jeremy guzzled plonk.

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Shop till you drop

SHOPS in Almuñecar will offer late night shopping this Saturday for the first time this summer.

Local shops will open their doors between 9pm and 2am with the aim to boost local trade and business.

Various stores will be participating in the event including those selling fashion, jewellery, books and gifts and will welcome both locals and tourists to the area. It is expected to recreate the same buzzing atmosphere as in previous years with local bars and restaurants also benefiting from



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SHOPPING NIGHT: Shops will be open until 2am.

higher sales.

Local Business councillor, Rafael Caballero Jimenez states: "This is the sixth consecutive year that the

town hall will launch this business incentive and we will be counting on the participation of 100 Almuñecar stores."

Feria boost for Almuñecar

THE Fiestas Patronales take place in Almuñecar from August 11-13.

This year's 'daytime fair' will "enlarge the event and offer diverse entertainment and gastronomy with the event attracting more visitors and residents every year," according

to Maria del Mar Medina, councillor in charge of organising the event.

Events will once again be centred on Calle Manuel Pintor Rivera, with 20 temporary bars and restaurants open from 1-7pm on August 11, and from 12-7pm on August 14.

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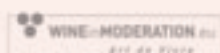
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39 bathers treated for jellyfish stings



TORRE DEL MAR: Beach has attracted jellyfish.

LIFEGUARDS had to help tens of injured swimmers on Rincon de la Victoria's beaches in just one morning following an influx of jellyfish.

The purple and clear sea creatures have been appearing in larger than normal numbers across Malaga this summer, causing 39 people to be stung in one day alone, four times the normal figure.

According to media reports, the influx has not yet been considered serious enough to cause lifeguards to raise red flags banning swimming, al-

though on one day alone last week 11 stings were recorded in La Cala del Moral, 16 in Rincon de la Victoria and 12 in Torre de Benagalbon and Los Rubios. The authorities are now urging families to take extra care when bathing, especially in the case of children and the elderly.

The phenomenon is thought to be due to high winds which have brought jellyfish swarms closer to the shore, alongside a higher than normal salt level owing to low rainfall levels over the winter and spring, according to marine biologists.



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Bricolaje fácil

LOCAL British man living in Almuñecar, Simon Thould, has today published his first novel, *Dark Water*, a book inspired by the plight of ex-military service people.

The fiction, published by Thistle Publishing, is the writer's fourth full-length novel, but the first to be published. His protagonist, Alex Rafter is facing such a struggle, but finds it hard to adapt when he is called upon to use all his army skills to find a missing girl.

That he has nightmares about accidentally killing a young girl in Afghanistan many years before also plays a part; he thinks his guilt might be alleviated.

Simon explained, "I was in-

spired to write it by my concern for the way in which our serving military folk are left to fend for themselves in civilian life after spending many years putting their lives on the line for us." He added, "this book was conceived in the UK, written in Gozo and is now being promoted from Almuñecar as well as worldwide, and is available from Amazon as a paperback or in Kindle format."

On moving to Spain to write, he explained, "I wrote my first novel while living in a farmhouse outside Orgiva

with my two black cats between 1993 and 1994. I was inspired to move there in 1993 after reading about the writer Gerald Brennan who lived nearby years before."

Simon was born in Somerset, England, where he went to public school and says he "played rugby and cricket with more enthusiasm than he studied." He later qualified as a chartered surveyor and practised for over 20 years in both public and private sectors in London and the south of England.

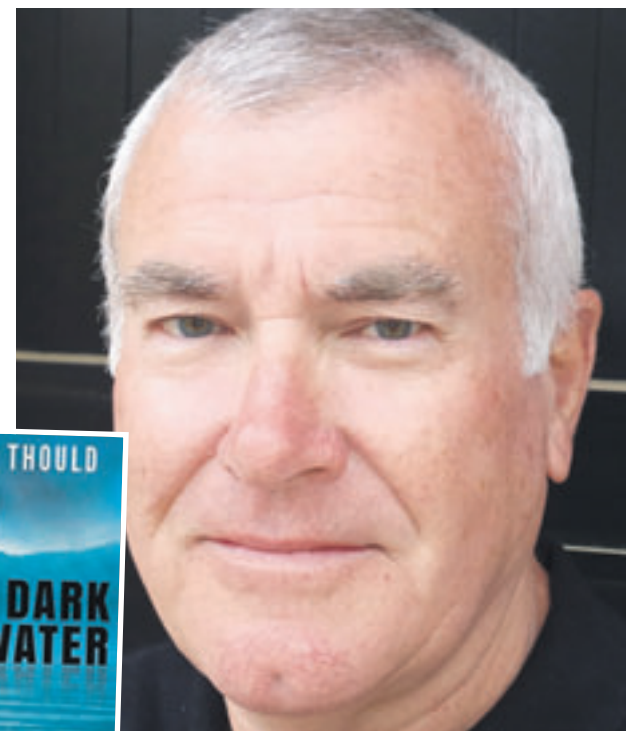
He completed two Creative Writing night school courses and a Writers' Bureau correspondence course in his spare time. He also worked as a restaurant and bar manager in Hampshire before moving with his two black cats to a mountain farmhouse in Andalusia, southern Spain for a year and a half. There he wrote his first novel.

He moved back to the UK and worked as a resident

housekeeper and groom in Kent and wrote a second novel. After relocating to Charleston, South Carolina, USA for several years, he returned to the UK, working as a postman and in several retail positions and writing a third unpublished novel.

Simon moved to the island of Gozo in 2014 and wrote, *Dark Water*. He explained he made a "final push" to get published "after a lifetime of rejections from publishers and agents with only minor success with magazine articles." He sent the synopsis and three chapters to more than 50 UK agents before being taken on by David Haviland of the Andrew Lownie Literary Agency in London.

Simon's passions, other



Simon Thould: Is first published today,



than writing, are reading "hard-boiled, noir novels," watching classic movies, travel and following National Hunt horse racing. He has been married twice and has a daughter, Lucy. He currently lives in Almuñecar and has just completed the first draft of a second, 'Alex Rafter' novel.

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UK clampdown on fraudulent sickness claims

BRITISH AMBASSADOR for Spain, Simon Manley recently wrote to key stakeholders in the Spanish tourism industry informing them of the steps taken by the UK government to tackle fraudulent sickness claims.

Ambassador Simon Manley said:

“The issue of fraudulent sickness claims rightly caused concern in Spain, and has a serious impact on Spanish hoteliers.

The recent measures announced by the British government show how seriously we take this issue, and our determination to clamp down on loop holes and fraudulent claims.

Eighteen million British tourists visit Spain each year, and whilst the vast majority of holiday makers will not make false claims, these recent measures will help clamp down on those who do.

As our travel advice says, making a false claim could result in legal proceedings in the UK or in Spain.”

The Ambassador stressed the seriousness with which the British government and package holiday industry are treating false claims, and set out the steps that have been taken and legal measures put in place to put an end to this unethical and illegal practice.



Photo Credit: UK in Spain flickr

British Ambassador Simon Manley.

The letter laid out the recent announcement by the British Ministry of Justice to implement changes to the law that will close the loopholes which have allowed these fraudulent claims to happen.

The system of fixed recoverable costs have been extended to cover claims arising abroad, limiting the legal costs that are paid out and making the costs of defending a claim predictable to tour operators.

The Civil Justice Council (which is sponsored by the British Ministry of Justice and is responsible for modernising the civil justice system) is reviewing how low value personal injury claims are handled, with the aim of reducing the incentive to bring claims which lack merit.

The British government has also asked the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) and other industry representatives to present further data on the volume and costs of claims, which will help inform further action from government and industry to

tackle the issue.

The UK package holiday industry, in conjunction with Spanish hoteliers, is also taking a firm stance and tightening up their own internal processes and fraud screening programmes, some of which have already resulted in claims lacking merit being challenged in a court of law and holidaymakers being prosecuted.

For example, a UK court recently dismissed a claim by a British family who had been encouraged to submit a claim on a ‘no-win no-fee’ basis by unscrupulous claims management companies alleging that they had fallen ill with gastroenteritis during an all-inclusive holiday to Gran Canaria in 2013.

Having ruled the claim implausible due to lack of medical evidence and because no mention of illness had been made either to hotel staff or tour representatives at the time, the judge ordered the couple to pay the tour operator thousands in legal costs.

The Ambassador concluded that, although the vast majority of holidaymakers will not make false claims, the British government continues to warn travellers that those submitting false claims could face legal action in the UK or in Spain.

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Animal abuser held

A 40-YEAR-OLD resident of Velez-Málaga has been held by police after being accused of animal abuse.

The arrest comes after police found four neglected horses and a dead mule showing signs of starvation and abuse at his property.

Two of the horses which needed veterinary attention are now being looked after by an animal shelter in Fuente de Piedra, Málaga, while the accused awaits trial.

A probe was launched after police received a tip-off from the man's neighbour in the Zamorana neighbourhood.

Investigators swooped on his home and in addition to the dead animal found four live horses, one of which had been tied up with thick rope outside a stable with no access to water or food other than several tomatoes, and another which was locked up in an enclosure without food or water.

After being examined by



Credit: Wikimedia

HORSES: Are often present in Andalusian farms.

vets, it was found all four horses showed signs of general malnutrition and dehydration. Police arrested the man for animal abuse owing

to his "lack of nutrition and veterinary care of the animals, as well as the omission of his legal duties and care which was evident."

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Any material damage suffered as a result of flooding or an accidental diversion on the ordinary course of water flow in channels, ditches, or sewage flows.

Tips if you have a leak

If you discover a leak, turn off the stopcock to stop the flow of water and then turn off your main electricity supply. Try and contain the water as much as possible placing buckets under leaks and turning on taps elsewhere in the house to reduce the pressure of escaping water. We advise taking photos of any resulting damage and keep all damaged possessions as evidence in the event of a claim.

We hope the information provided in this article is of interest.

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Early grants

DUE to the continued droughts in certain parts of Spain, it has been agreed that grants will be paid to farmers earlier than usual this year.

The money will be made available to farmers who have suffered losses by the middle of October rather than the end of December which is the norm.

In addition, farmers will not have to dedicate 30 per cent of the grant to environmental improvements but may use it to help defray losses.

Sweet smell of success

By John Smith

SPANISH supermarket Eroski is selling 103 perfume outlets and its online business to German perfume retailer Douglas outlets for an undisclosed sum.

This is the company's second recent purchase in Spain following their takeover of Grupo Bodybell and Douglas is owned by American equity group CVC Capital which invested some €3 billion in the business in 2015.

Douglas now owns more than 2,400 perfumeries in 19 countries and has also recently purchased two other chains, this time based in Italy.

Money for such purchases appears to be readily available as it has just extended a €300 million loan and also has significant amounts of cash on hand.

Eroski has been repositioning its business significantly over the last 12 months and has sold many of its larger stores to Carrefour allowing the French company to expand, particularly on the Costa del Sol, whilst Eroski is increasingly opening smaller 'convenience' stores in busy urban areas.

The perfume market continues to be buoyant from the cheaper end, where supermarkets obtain exclusive rights to sell specially branded 'smells' often manufactured by well-known brands to the 'named brands' marketed through department stores such as El Corte Ingles and through online sales.

Canny shoppers and those with time to spare are however often able to obtain substantial reductions by visiting online discount stores which will ship to other EU member states at minimal delivery cost and charge in euros.

Profits up

THANKS in part to discoveries of new gas and oil deposits Repsol has seen a massive jump in profit to €1.05 billion for the first half of 2017.

With an overall increase amounting to 65.3 per cent compared to the same time last year, the energy giant has seen a significant increase in sales as well as a reduction in costs.

Also assisting profitability was the renewal of production within Libya.

Quote of the Week

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TOPPING UP: With biofuel.

Biofuel import may hurt farmers

THERE is disquiet in Spain over a forthcoming free trade agreement with a number of South American bio-fuel producing countries.

The European Union is close to signing a pact with Mercosur (which incorporates Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) which will allow biofuels from those countries into the European market according to a statement made by EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström in Madrid.

New agreements may allow

cheaper yet more environmentally damaging fuels made from palm oil and soybean oil - allegedly more damaging than fossil diesel - to be imported into Spain, damaging both the environment and Spanish business.

Some experts say that sustainable sugar cane cultivation can provide food and ethanol for fuel without damaging the environment whilst others disagree fearing that the planned trade agreements contradict the spirit of the Renewable Energy Directive.

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Popular appeal

THOSE investors who lost their money following the sale of Banco Popular to Santander have been told by the EU that they have until August 7 to appeal. The only route available to them said the EU is via the European Court of Justice.

Cleaner water

THE EU is helping to fund the building of a desalination plant in Djibouti with most of the €46m cost going to Tedagua in Madrid. This will increase the supply of clean water to 200,000 people.

Going up

RESEARCH by Spanish bank BBVA suggests that the economy is on target to grow 3.3 per cent during 2017 which is over original forecasts. This upgrade is in accordance with adjusted government expectation and if correct will please the EU.

Britain and Holland help tax havens

A REPORT states that Britain and Holland are the two members of the EU who channel up to €170 billion into tax havens around the world.

The Spanish authorities increasingly try to identify tax avoidance schemes and often blame Gibraltar for allowing hidden money to cross the border.

This report however - produced by researchers at the University of Amsterdam - suggests that Holland accounts for 23 per cent of corporate investments sent to tax havens whilst Britain handles 14 per cent.

Estimates of amounts involved are exceptionally wide and range from €50 billion to €170 billion.

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Ashtead Group	1,623.00	-9.00	-0.55	8,287.15
Antofagasta	899.25	-39.25	-4.18	9,291.70
Aviva	544.75	10.75	2.01	21,694.96
AstraZeneca	4,481.50	84.72	1.89	54,744.77
BAE Systems	587.50	-17.50	-2.89	19,393.56
Babcock International Group	861.50	17.00	2.01	4,297.57
Bardays	203.40	-1.70	-0.83	35,532.42
British American Tobacco	4,960.00	-102.56	-2.07	99,226.81
Barratt Developments	637.50	24.50	4.00	6,168.34
British Land Co	616.00	9.00	1.48	6,354.22
BHP Billiton	1,328.75	-35.25	-2.58	28,766.42
Bunzl	2,260.50	-11.50	-0.51	7,714.91
BP	454.75	11.10	2.50	87,857.49
Burberry Group	1,741.50	25.50	1.49	7,525.65
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Coca-Cola HBC	2,209.50	-75.50	-3.30	8,284.49
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National Grid	902.00	-32.70	-3.50	32,410.29
Next	3,634.50	-230.50	-5.96	5,774.91
Old Mutual Group	190.50	-4.30	-2.21	9,710.91
Provident Financial	2,026.00	-60.00	-2.88	3,097.79
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Royal Bank of Scotland Group	242.25	-4.55	-1.84	29,917.61
Royal Dutch Shell	2,115.50	2.21	0.10	94,587.65
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RELX	1,625.00	-26.00	-1.57	17,779.26
Rio Tinto	3,504.00	-23.54	-0.67	48,156.93
Royal Mail	404.65	7.95	2.00	3,980.00
Rolls-Royce Group	901.75	-27.25	-2.93	17,144.99
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APPLE	149,500	-0,70%	-1,060	779.469,08
BOEING CO	241,270	+0,11%	0,270	145.625,99
CATERPILLAR	114,100	-0,24%	-0,270	67.222,82
CHEVRON	108,12	+1,89%	2,01	204.840,00
CISCO SYSTEMS	31,520	-0,16%	-0,050	157.601,70
COCA-COLA	46,01	-0,24%	-0,11	196.580,45
DU PONT(EI) DE NMR	83,9800	-0,72%	-0,6100	72.878,35
EXXON MOBIL	79,60	-1,52%	-1,23	337.286,33
GENERAL ELECTRIC	25,5300	-1,01%	-0,2600	221.701,58
GOLDMAN SACHS	223,61	+0,96%	2,13	88.019,79
HOME DEPOT	148,0800	+0,24%	0,3500	177.037,78
IBM	144,29	-0,54%	-0,78	134.469,67
INTEL CORP	35,3100	+0,97%	0,3400	166.274,79
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	91,2800	-0,29%	-0,2700	321.214,32
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	131,8500	+0,78%	1,0200	355.181,89
MC DONALD'S CORP	155,8500	-0,70%	-1,1000	127.028,69
MERCK AND CO. NEW	64,11	+0,66%	0,42	175.351,40
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NIKE	58,67	+0,89%	0,52	76.983,73
PFIZER	33,1500	+0,45%	0,1500	197.834,04
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	90,210	-0,52%	-0,470	230.722,39
TRAVELERS CIES	127,21	+1,06%	1,33	35.103,22
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	118,87	+0,15%	0,18	95.201,85
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	191,15	+1,18%	2,22	182.980,55
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VISA	99,15	-0,42%	-0,42	181.436,92
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BoE and ECB in the spotlight

Ask the expert

Peter Loveday



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PART-WAY through July the pound tumbled to an eight-month low against the euro, with GBP/EUR sliding from €1.1432 to €1.1123. While the pound has briefly pushed above €1.12 a couple of times in recent weeks, GBP has failed to sustain any momentum.

EUR/GBP, on the other hand, has been moving between £0.8830 and £0.8990, while EUR/USD surged all the way to a 2 ½ year high of \$1.1767 in the wake of the last Federal Reserve interest rate decision.

What's been happening?

Sliding UK inflation led many to bet that the Bank of England (BoE) will keep interest rates on hold for the foreseeable future, and those expectations have left the pound pressured over the last couple of weeks.

Other UK data has also failed to offer GBP any encouragement, with the UK economy



GBP/EUR: Suffering from eight-month lows.

growing by just 0.3 per cent in the second quarter and retail spending slumping.

Rumours of infighting in the Tory government and conflicting commentary on the subject of a transitory deal for the UK once it Brexits are another reason the pound has so far been unable to move away from its recent eight-month low against the euro.

The euro, meanwhile, was bolstered by the European Central Bank's (ECB) intention to discuss winding down quantitative easing in

the autumn.

EUR gains were also the result of the US dollar tumbling in the face of falling Federal Reserve interest rate hike bets. The Fed adopted a cautious stance on the subject of domestic inflation at July's gathering, an attitude which left the odds of a third rate adjustment taking place in 2017 in doubt.

Additionally, questions about President Donald Trump's ability to successfully introduce his planned spending and tax adjustments have fur-

ther limited USD exchange rates, helping the euro strengthen in the process.

What do you need to look out for?

Over the next couple of weeks developments in Brexit negotiations will remain a driver of the GBP/EUR exchange rate. Indications that negotiations are progressing well would be pound-supportive, while further signs of discord could send GBP/EUR to new lows.

This week the biggest cause of pound movement is likely to be the Bank of England's (BoE) interest rate announcement. If the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is more split than previously on the subject of when interest rates should rise it could give the pound a serious shot in the arm.

However, if the number of members of the MPC voting for an immediate interest rate adjustment has fallen in light of the decline in UK inflation, GBP exchange rates are liable to slide.

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BARCELONA TAKES TO THE STREETS Battling illegal holiday lets

THERE has been an ongoing battle between the Barcelona Council and internet giants such as Airbnb and Home Away with fines of €630,000 raised already.

There are stringent rules in Spain requiring that short term rental property including bed and breakfast has to be registered with local councils and properties need to meet certain standards with owners paying tax on the income.

According to the Barcelona Council, Airbnb in particular allows unlicensed property to be offered on its site and this has caused a massive upsurge in illegal holiday rentals, taking long term property off the market.

The council estimates that nearly 50 per cent of Barcelona's holiday properties are being rented out illegally and it has fined Airbnb in particular on more than one occasion, with the threat of more fines to come if the company doesn't remove another 1,000 properties from its site.

Indeed it was only a few weeks ago that a person in Barcelona dis-



One of the beds placed in a Barcelona square.

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covered that the property she was renting out on a long term basis had been 'hi-jacked' by the tenant who had changed the locks and was offering the flat for short term high cost rental.

The only way that she could regain possession of her property was to rent it through Airbnb for the night and change the locks again!

This lack of affordable property and the massive rise in the number of tourists making bookings via the internet has irritated hoteliers and

genuine letting agents as well as those who are paying the correct taxes to the council and national government.

So irritated is the council that it has set up a website www.fairtourism.barcelona which gives details of the proper way for tourists to rent properties and also the possibility of reporting unlicensed properties.

To add to this, it has placed beds in various popular tourist spots around the city behind imitation computer screens which state 'Just because this bed is available on the internet doesn't mean it is legal' in a number of languages.

Tourism is recognised as being an important revenue earner for the city but it could be higher if managed properly and those renting properties actually complied with the law.

In response Airbnb has confirmed that it would consider its position but has argued in the past that European laws do not require such sites to monitor for illegal activity but the onus to do this is on the council.

Jobless numbers reduce

THE number of unemployed in Spain fell to 3.9 million at the end of June, compared to the previous quarter figure of 4.25 million.

Most of these jobs are seasonal and thanks to an ever-growing number of holiday visitors so many of the positions will be on temporary rather than full time contracts.

The good news is that the current unemployment situation shows that 17.2 per cent of potential workers are unemployed, down from a historical peak of 26.9 per cent but this is still almost double the eurozone average.

A large number of those without work are young and the government has recently announced new measures to try to persuade employers to assist those youngsters with training and employment.



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JAEN TOWN HALL:
The most indebted in Spain.

Council debts Best and worst

JAEN in Andalucia has been revealed as the most indebted council in Spain owing more than €435 million, whilst Marbella owes less than €1 million.

A review of the finances of municipalities with populations in excess of 100,000 showed that there was a massive difference in the amounts of money owed by councils across the country.

To put this into perspective, Jaen owes slightly less than €4,000 per resident whilst the equivalent debt for Marbella is actually less than €1 per person.

As both of these examples are

based in Andalucia, it shows the widely differing situation between different municipalities and it may be coincidence, but out of the top five towns or cities with highest debt, three of them are controlled by the Partido Popular.

This report was compiled using evidence from various government sources and is up to date to the end of 2016.

It would appear from official statements that the national government is not overly concerned with the state of municipal debts and has approved deficit targets up to 2020.

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ALTHOUGH first proposed by the EU in 2012, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force in May 2018 has caught many by surprise.

The purpose of the regulations are to set out a new set of rules in order to allow citizens of the European Union to regain control of their personal data and supposedly make things easier for business to understand its obligations.

With the ever increasing importance of the digital market place, it is considered imperative that data protection reform is introduced in order to protect the rights of individuals and to ensure that out of date information is not kept on company files.

Whenever an individual opens any form of bank account, enrolls for social media,

books a flight or even applies for a new job, certain information has to be supplied which will often include age, address and even credit card numbers.

Under EU law, personal data can only be gathered legally under strict conditions, for a legitimate purpose. Furthermore, persons or organisations which collect and manage your personal information must protect it from misuse and must respect certain rights of the data owners which are guaranteed by EU law.

The problem is however that many businesses have not really come to grips with the procedures needed to be introduced to handle the new protection of data and problems are now envisaged next May.

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We shouldn't be dictated to

**LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT**



I **TRULY** am becoming utterly fed up with all the doom, gloom and negativity surrounding the Brexit negotiations.

In fact, I am pretty certain that if the referendum were to be held again the remainers would romp home. Frankly I find the 'expertise' of many of our politicians, including Ms May, so filled with non-constructive rhetoric and indecision, I'm seriously concerned there is not some clandestine plot to scupper the negotiations altogether! Where are all the 'leave' champions?

Why are we not hearing enthusiastic and excited discussions about the wonderful new role and limitless chances of wealth and prosperity the UK could enjoy with new world trade deals and business opportunities?

Why are we not sending highly publicised British trade delegations to Australia, the USA, Canada, China,



GLOOMY OUTLOOK: Where have all the leavers gone?

Saudi Arabia and the countless other outlets that are soon to become accessible? Why are we not organising trade fairs in all our major cities and inviting the world in to do business with our entrepreneurs and business people?

Don't our esteemed leaders realise how much stronger our negotiating position would be at the Brexit table

if we had a number of juicy deals pending, or already under our belts? At the moment, it's akin to playing poker with no chips.

In fact, to date it seems that the rest of the EU are calling all the shots; arrogantly laying down everything we have to comply with before they 'allow' us to break away with any concessions at all. Well to hell with that.

We now have the opportunity to do business on our own terms with the entire world. We need to be conducting these leave negotiations holding a royal flush, not hedging our bets with a pair of deuces. We should be dictating these concessions, not allowing ourselves to be dictated to.

They really do need us more than we need them. Stop the dithering.

Stop the bickering and start playing the UK's hand like winners; not simpering 'also rans' looking for a hand-out for the cab fare home. I dunno; sometimes I really do despair with all of 'em.

Now for something completely different (hurrah!) Couldn't quite believe my eyes when I saw a couple of reports this week that a man had nearly died from chewing a couple of cherry stones! After checking the month and confirming it was nowhere near April the first, I ventured into Google.

Lo and behold, to my horror I found that it is actually true. Not only do two cherry stones contain enough cyanide to kill a human being, but so do apples! Apparently both of these sources are 'relatively' safe if they are not chewed, and you would actually need the pips from at least 18 apples to cause problems, but two cherry pips would do it. Touch disconcerting don't you think? Mind you Agatha would have loved it!

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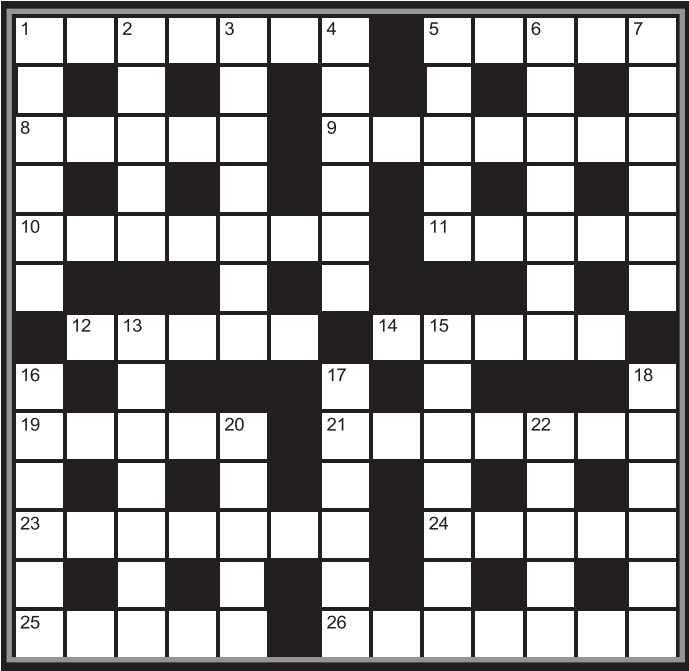
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- Across**
- 1 The surest learner affected the answers (7)
 - 5 Space research takes in first asteroid (5)
 - 8 Dull way to help (5)
 - 9 Influence in part of church (7)
 - 10 One petrel at sea is a lizard (7)
 - 11 Not moving yet (5)
 - 12 Harbour with own pole (5)
 - 14 Ostentatious, but only for a very short time (5)
 - 19 Calls the conditions (5)
 - 21 Made up recital item in the press (7)
 - 23 Devise trick before cold short month? (7)
 - 24 Nintendo character's Mum goes to South American city (5)
 - 25 Paper put to bed (5)
 - 26 Cross or medal for a British nobleman's realm (7)

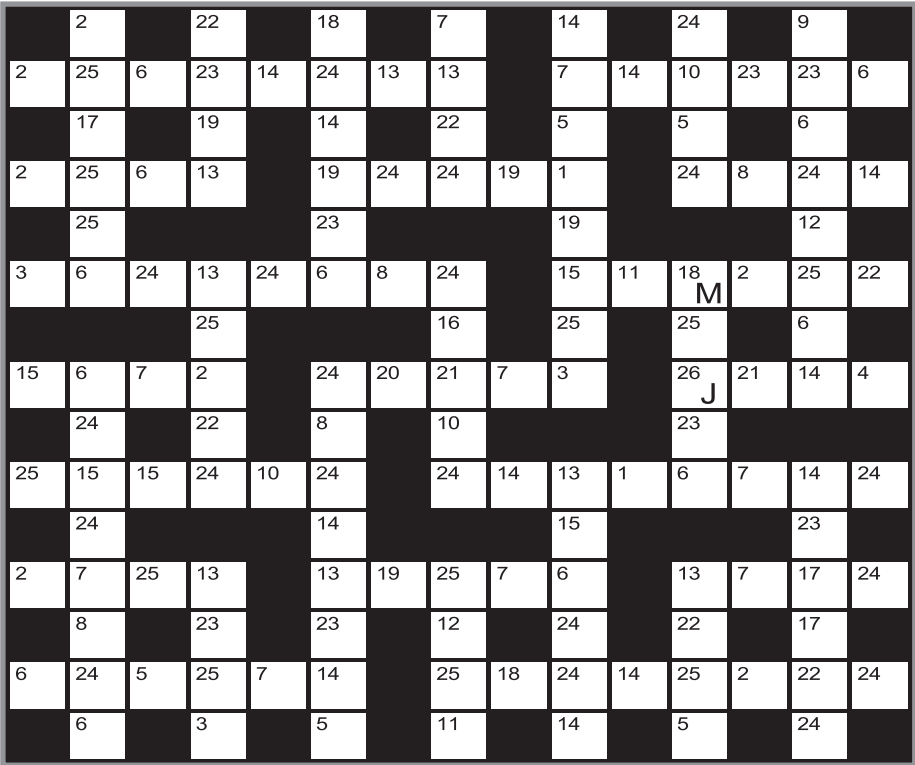


- Down**
- 1 Getaway destination in the Azores or Tenerife (6)
 - 2 Not blunt instrument - it has point on front (5)
 - 3 Opposer of technology diluted cocktail (7)
 - 4 Tennis player Pam loses right to feel cold (6)
 - 5 Inca sesame seeds hidden in

- packing crates (5)
- 6 Sir Ian's ingredients are dried fruits (7)
- 7 Tense in marine mammals' lifts (6)
- 13 Organise a run to the mountains (7)
- 15 The French kept a watch on an English cleric (7)
- 16 What Pooh might throw in underworld river, say (6)
- 17 Keep chess piece (6)
- 18 Improvement concerning appearance (6)
- 20 Hiding in bushes to attack an animal (5)
- 22 Crude material made better (5)

Code Breaker

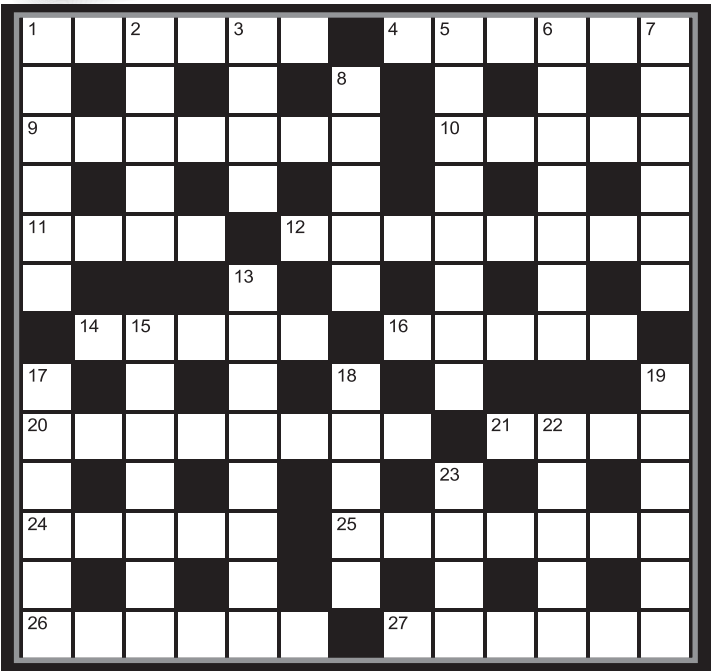
Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 18 represents M and 26 represents J, so fill in M every time the figure 18 appears and J every time the figure 26 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters 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.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 M	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26 J

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

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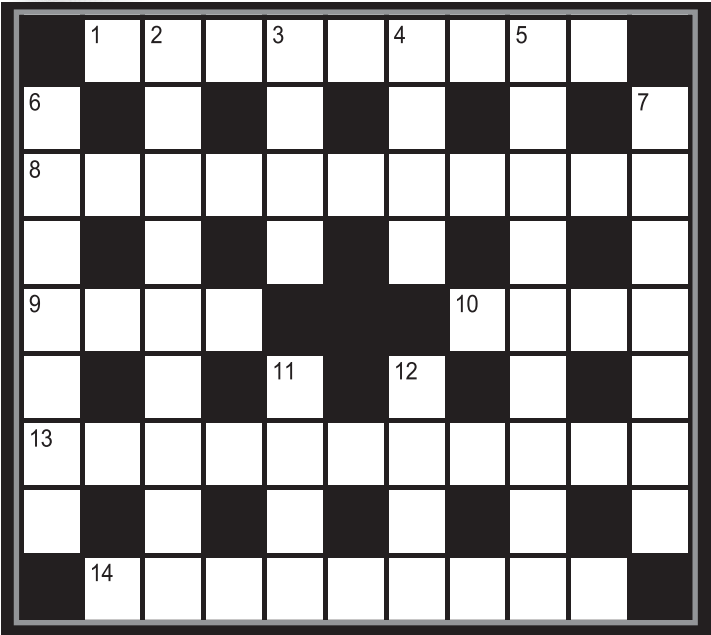


- Across**
- 1 Precious metal (6)
 - 4 Food seasonings (6)
 - 9 Comprehend completely (7)
 - 10 Small fragment (5)
 - 11 Felines (4)
 - 12 Entire (8)
 - 14 Threaded metal fastener (5)
 - 16 Nautical units of speed (5)
 - 20 Made, joined or united into one (8)
 - 21 Blemish (4)
 - 24 Drama set to music (5)
 - 25 Pharmacist (7)
 - 26 Coming or existing after (6)
 - 27 If not, except when (6)

- Down**
- 1 Exact (6)
 - 2 Smallest (5)
 - 3 Wicked or bad (4)
 - 5 Hold back to a later time (8)
 - 6 Make right (7)
 - 7 Evening meal (6)
 - 8 In or to a place that is lower (5)
 - 13 Fragile (8)
 - 15 Remark (7)
 - 17 Educational institution (6)
 - 18 From this time onwards (5)
 - 19 Position (6)
 - 22 Feeling of self-respect and personal worth (5)
 - 23 Eager (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Paraguas (pl) (9)
 - 8 Stepbrother (11)
 - 9 Rezar (4)
 - 10 Hormigas (4)
 - 13 Crew (aeroplane, boat) (11)
 - 14 Soft drinks (9)

- Down**
- 2 Margarina (9)
 - 3 Royal (4)
 - 4 To praise (4)
 - 5 Authentic (9)
 - 6 Dummy (for baby) (7)
 - 7 Primos (7)

- 11 To run away (4)
- 12 Country (nation) (4)

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Kakuro

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



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



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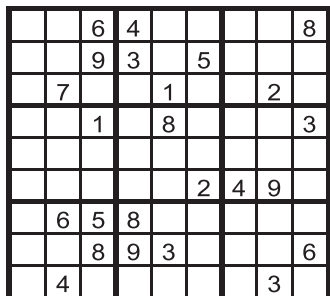
- Average: 6
- Very good: 13
- Good: 9
- Excellent: 16

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Sudoku

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Castro, 4 Hallow, 9 Relents, 10 Acres, 11 Aces, 12 Fireside, 14 Dated, 16 Binge, 20 Airstrip, 21 Bare, 24 Meats, 25 Slovene, 26 Rotund, 27 Pewter.

Down:

1 Cereal, 2 Salve, 3 Rend, 5 Academic, 6 Larking, 7 Washer, 8 Aspic, 13 Jettison, 15 Abreast, 17 Hammer, 18 Tipsy, 19 Veneer, 22 Avert, 23 Bone.

QUICK

Across:

1 Insist, 4 Damage, 9 Salon, 10 Warning, 11 Pioneer, 12 Enter, 13 Digest, 15 Ferric, 19 Clasp, 21 Abandon, 23 Opulent, 24 Tense, 25 Solved, 26 Adders.

Down:

1 Insipid, 2 Salvo, 3 Singers, 5 Agree, 6 Aviator, 7 Eager, 8 Award, 14 Gradual, 16 Exalted, 17 Confess, 18 Hasty, 19 Cross, 20 Piece, 22 Dense.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Bruise, 4 Pear, 8 Sudor, 9 Again, 10 Ordenador, 14 Heels, 15 Peaje, 16 Para, 17 Farola.

Down:

1 Beso, 2 Underwear, 3 Ser, 5 Enamorado, 6 Rent, 7 Cama, 11 Easy, 12 Shop, 13 Vela, 15 Pea.

KAKURO



CODE BREAKER

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14	I	T	W	O	U	M	J	N	V	Z	A	C	X

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY

Saturday July 29



IRISH LOTTO

Saturday July 29



EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday July 25



Friday July 28



LA PRIMITIVA

Saturday July 29



EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA

Sunday July 30

YOUR STARS
FOR NEXT 7 DAYSAQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Feel sympathy for those who lack the gift of insight. Their lack of understanding upsets you, but their horizons are narrow. This is a time of giving to yourself. Look forward to some time away or indulging in something that really relaxes you. Should you be searching for someone special, they may be closer than you know.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

This is not a time to drift into things because the planets are urging you to take control and forge ahead. Let others know exactly what you want and expect from them. If you do not, others will make decisions for you that could prove less desirable.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Someone who appears to be putting themselves in the way of your progress could simply be trying to help. They may have a valid point to make but just not be good at expressing themselves. Be aware of this because there could be a link to your health and love life.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

With your mind sharp and energy high, you want to make fast progress and, indeed, you can. You are only too aware of the time that has been wasted waiting for others. Now, most of that may be dealt with. See how others react when you do not. Leaving others to their own devices works better than nagging. Your lack of interest could worry them.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

When you meet opposition try to use persuasion and logic to win the day. Failing that, you may decide that 'enough is enough' and forge ahead, anyway. In this positive mood you find yourself attractive to the opposite sex. That does not mean you have a right to be pushy. Just use your charm. Combining business with pleasure could lead to trouble, so try to keep these two areas separate.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

There is a strong feeling of 'self' this week, and you realise that you have many things to be thankful for. These thoughts come after a period of uncertainty that saw a lack of progress. With this feeling of renewed inner strength, it is now possible to tackle a pet project.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

You know in your heart that you should take control of your future. This is a time to talk with others and consider their thoughts. At the end of the day, however, you are the one who has the final say. Socially, it is sometimes confusing to have more attention than you are used to.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

At times this week you will feel that a certain relationship is not developing along the right lines. Although it seems that your efforts are often in vain, this is a situation that requires thought and patience on your part. It is perhaps a good time to look to your business matters for a change of scene and to set your mind on a more constructive course.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

You should not feel responsible for the failings of others. Although you may think you could have done more in a certain situation, it is unlikely that any significant difference would have resulted. This is a busy time but also one in which a small persistent voice will be heard: the voice of logic and practicality. Listen to it.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

A long-term relationship has its wobbly moments this week, but all is not lost. Listen to your heart as it speaks louder than any other voice. You know what you need but that may conflict with what you feel you should want. In an ideal world, these two areas would be in harmony. Give a little happiness to others and your own heart will be lighter.

SAGITARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Making firm decisions in your love life may prove difficult. Do not be rushed. This is far from a straightforward week and you need to remember how to relax. You are able to deal with what comes your way but it is upsetting to find that someone has been less than honest.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Your sense of balance in the universe could be upset, but do not let this sour either your thoughts or your character. You are in the eye of the storm so take this time to think. A bit of care and attention is what you need and you know where to find it.

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It's just all too confusing

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



IN the news this week we have been informed, once again, something we had all obediently adhered to for years may not be true. Case 1 is antibiotics. We have always been told to finish the course. Now we are told don't finish the course. Well, maybe finish the course, we aren't too sure. Maybe don't if you think you are feeling better. So it's now down to me how I feel. As I'm not a doctor I don't know if I'm better or not do I? Or do I? Too confusing for me. I'll just finish them to be safe.

Case 2 - drinking. I don't drink any more. I used to drink ... a lot, so I stopped and over the years of over indulging I developed type 2 diabetes. Now this week I read that if I start drinking again it might help my diabetes. But everything I've been told by my doctors is different. The point I'm trying to make is that so many things we are told or sold as being correct finish up being bad. Eat eggs, don't eat eggs. Take statins, don't take statins. What about the whole pregnancy thing? Babies have been born every minute of every day worldwide for thousands of years. Now there are pages and pages of things you can't eat or do. How did

the world exist before? Of course, science and research tells us things like smoking are bad for everyone but for years it was cool to do.

Which brings me on to driving. First we were all sold petrol cars. Then, after a few years, we were told to dump our petrol cars and get diesel cars and then surprise, surprise we were told diesel is actually killing us all so get rid of them and go back to petrol. And now we have to get rid of them both and go electric. Oh and by the way after 2040 you won't even be able to buy a non-electric car. Just how are they going to make this work? Isn't too clear to me because there are very few electric cars that can do over a hundred miles without needing to be recharged. Now, I'm sure over the next 20 odd years they will sort that problem.

But what about the 10 extra power stations that will need to be built? How are you going to charge your car at home? I mean, in Spain, if you turn the hairdryer on whilst the dishwasher is on your whole fuse box shuts down! According to a National Grid report, peak demand for electricity could add around 30 gigawatts to the current peak of 61GW - an increase of 50 per cent. What will happen to all the giant oil companies? I'm going to look at this more later but I don't think they will be able to do it in the time allotted. But I won't be around so someone else can be grumpy about it then. Email mikesenker@gmail.com.

LEGALLY SPEAKING

Summer warnings

AS part of a new series, we answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



| CHECK FIRST: For animals sheltering.

Email scam warning

THE N-332 Guardia Civil Traffico team are warning readers of a new email scam that is starting to resurface notifying the victim of a supposed traffic fine.

The emails usually say the victim has been caught speeding by the DGT and must pay a fine, as well as losing points from their driving licence. As a way of proving the case, the email informs the recipient there is a photo attached taken by a traffic camera which the person is encouraged to click and open. However this file is malware and infects the users system once clicked.

So the Guardia Civil warns anyone if they receive an email notification along these lines, not to open it and delete it immediately.

Remember, the DGT, or any other official

traffic authority in Spain, never issues notifications by email, unless the recipient has expressly requested them to do so, so any random email alleging to be from the DGT is likely to be fake.

Sheltered from the sun

The second warning this week from the N-332 team is to be aware of animals potentially sheltering from the hot summer sun under parked cars. Occasionally they may find their way into the engine compartment or wheel arches so always check your vehicle before starting the engine and before driving off. If you do find an animal and are unable to move it, call for assistance. This was the case in Elche this week when Local Police had to rescue a cat which had found its way into the engine compartment.

For more news and articles visit www.n332.es or search N332 on Facebook.

Is there cause for complaint?

Q. Recently we were 'ambushed' by a couple of local plumbers along with our Community President, declaring that a water leak from our bathroom was entering apartments below us. They proceeded to tear out our toilet and only then informed us, in a threatening manner, that it would cost €700 to fix. When we said that we wanted a formal

'factura' with all their details on it, they suddenly dropped the price by half. Then they said that they would not continue the work until they were paid, and we said we would call the police. The next day they finished and replaced the toilet. Do we have grounds for a complaint?

P W (Costa del Sol)

A. In theory, yes. The plumbers attempted to extort from you more money than the job was worth and then threatened to leave the job

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



undone unless you paid.

Finally, they committed a tax fraud by getting paid in black. However, you stood up to them. Good for you. The problem is then how to prove this.

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No muzzle? It's the pits

SIR,
Apparently there are no laws in Spain against vicious dog attacks.

My husband and I with two visiting friends went to Cantera de los Arenales, Mijas with our two small dogs for a leisurely walk.

Suddenly around a corner appeared a pair of vicious American pit bulls without leads or muzzles. As soon as they saw our dogs they went into attack with the Spanish owner shouting 'pick up your dogs' but it was too late.

One of the dogs grabbed one of ours and was shaking it trying to kill it, I raced forward to try and save him but fell badly on the rocky surface just in front of the dog. This was enough thankfully to startle the pit bull and it released its bite on my dog.

This was a terrifying incident caused by a totally irresponsible owner who had no control over his dogs and who lets killer dogs run freely and without muzzles where many people walk with their children and dogs.

I managed to take photos of

Be fair to all

DEAR Sir,
Spain - a nation so dependent on hard earned coffers from tourism - will do well to equally understand the importance of fairness.

Recently a report in the EWN revealed increased toll road fees for motorists, with many from abroad presumably totally unaware that they have higher charges than other motorists using the same roads out of the main summer season.

This to my thinking is totally unfair and unjustified. And it does not stop there, for in La Cala de Mijas, and I suspect many other places, from July 1 the price of sunbeds has been increased 10 per cent.

OK, a parasol and two beds even



SUNBEDS: Why increase the price in summer?

since the increase still costs only €10, a snip compared to the €100 plus charged at some more fashionable Marbella beach clubs.

But even so, why increase the price

in summer... and this is not just one beach bar, but all local ones, and price cartels to me stink!

*I Moss,
Alhaurin El Grande*

the 'American Pitt Bulls, the owner's car and the number plate.

We went to the Guardia Civil to denounce the incident only to be told nothing could be done about the dogs or the irresponsible owner, we could only take out a civil case in court before a judge asking for compensation and would involve us in costs as we would need a lawyer.

*Elizabeth Simmer,
Mijas*

Talking shop

SHOPS being closed on Sundays is normal, and just because Brits expect everything yesterday it does not mean other countries should follow. Shops here open at around 9am-2pm and again from 5-8pm; these times are five days a week with supermarkets being open longer and if you can't get your shopping in these times then you need to organise your life better. To say this is good for the tourist is rubbish, as if tourists have nothing better to do on Sundays but go shopping then why are they on holiday? I am tired of people wanting things to change, we all left the UK for different reasons but part of that was a better quality of life and having all shops closed on Sunday is part of that quality life which you can never get in the UK.

*Ron Chivers,
Busot, Alicante*

Dear Leapy

IN the last paragraph of your recent article is sounds as if you don't understand how the British political system works and you therefore risk misleading your readers.

Britain does not have a presidential system and individuals don't 'run for office,' they stand for parliament as part of parties. Nigel Farage doesn't seem to have a party at the moment let alone one capable of winning a majority in the House of Commons that would enable him to become prime minister. He has never had to take responsibility for any real world consequences of his proposals, but as prime minister he would be forced into the messy business of actually delivering policy, when he has shown none of the skills necessary for political leadership.

It doesn't surprise me that you misunderstand Jeremy Corbyn if you are not clear how the system works.

*Nick Inman
No address supplied*

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Open letter to UK expats from British Ambassador

THANKS for that, Sir. Now we know what you want. Let us know how it pans out. That is, for us, the only thing that matters

PM

We 'No one,' can't know what is going to happen, the UK's exit has to be negotiated, decisions will be taken on both the UK and EU sides. The final situation will depend on many things and how each side decides to go forward on discussion!

I despair at the number of people who seem unable to grasp nor understand this!

Mike in ESP

The word 'hope' is used three times. I would rather have read 'we will ensure.' As I said in here a long time ago, we could have at the outset have said we will ensure EU citizens in the UK maintain their rights after Brexit but this will be enacted at the same time as the EU enacts a reciprocal agreement for UK citizens in the EU. The above may placate some but will not give confidence to many others.

John Price

» Rowdy hen party kicked off Ryanair flight to Alicante

GOOD grief, no! We don't want those silly cows over here. Send 'em back to Liverpool! But hopefully they

Comments from EWN online

won't be allowed on any airline for a while as a punishment. What with them and the tourists beating up the film crew in Mallorca and all these fake sickness claims, Brits are getting an even worse name over here than ever. BTW, why do airlines and airside bars even serve alcohol? They should stop doing that.

Olivia

» Travellers taking advantage of baggage rules, says Ryanair

IT'S Neil Sorahan who is taking the piss, does €443 million profit in the last three months. not sound enough. I bet O'Leary will start charging kids who bring on Kiddie cases. Why don't you get a life Neil.

Steve Kane

True about the selfish who take advantage of their children taking (or as-if) more oversized baggage that makes boarding and disembarking very tedious... passengers should get used to the idea they don't need half the things they lug with them anyway!

Why not offer 'family only flights' and a 'singles only' on another, similar as in the supermarkets for the few items queue and another for those with a full trolley!

Felipe

» Spain says 'hola' to Android Pay

THIS is not smart technology - it's bloody dangerous technology. Someone can still nick your phone. Besides all of that all this smart tech is designed to enslave us into a cashless society where we all wear rfid chips. food for thought.

Rolf Petersen

» Bull runs 'without blood, without suffering' in Balearics

UNCONSTITUTIONAL! Torturing animals... a culture in our modern western world??

Well then let's go back to the older cultures of 'damnatio ad bestiae' where imposters and thieves were thrown in the arenas with wild animals... have Xavier Pericay run the first trial, and the bulls as an audience...

Felipe

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THURSDAY - 3 AUGUST

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7:00am	Breakfast		7:00am	The TV That Made Me		8:00pm	World News Today		7:00am	Countdown		8:35am	Paw Patrol	
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11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer		8:15am	Summer Special					8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond		9:15am	Peppa Pig	
			9:00am	Bargain Hunt					9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond		9:25am	Peppa Pig	
12:00pm	Going Back			Museum of the Year								9:35am	Mofy	
	Giving Back		9:30am	Great British Menu		8:30pm	Top of the Pops		9:30am	Frasier		9:45am	Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom	
12:45pm	Rip Off Britain		10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire		9:00pm	Shipwrecks: Britain's Sunken History		10:00am	Frasier		10:00am	Floogals	
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt		12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live					10:35am	Frasier		10:15am	The Wright Stuff	
2:00pm	BBC News at One					10:00pm	Prejudice and Pride: The People's History of Lgbtq Britain		11:05am	Undercover Boss USA		12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet	
2:30pm	BBC London News			<i>Stay up to date on the day's top stories with the latest breaking news as it happens.</i>		11:00pm	Queers		12:00pm	The Simpsons		1:10pm	5 News Lunchtime	
2:45pm	Red Rock		1:00pm	Britain's Great War		11:20pm	Queers		12:30pm	The Simpsons		1:15pm	Celebrity Big Brother	
3:30pm	The Code		2:00pm	Two Tribes		11:40pm	How to be a Lady: An Elegant History		1:00pm	Channel 4 News		2:15pm	Home and Away	
4:15pm	Escape to the Country		3:15pm	The Best Dishes Ever			<i>Journalist Rachel Johnson goes in search of what seems an almost vanished social type - the lady.</i>		1:05pm	Couples Come Dine with Me		2:45pm	Jesse Stone: Stone Cold	
5:15pm	Flog It!								2:05pm	Posh Pawn		3:15pm	NCIS	
6:15pm	Pointless		4:30pm	This Wild Life					3:10pm	Countdown		4:15pm	5 News at 5	
7:00pm	BBC News at Six		5:00pm	The Life of Mammals					4:00pm	The Question Jury		7:00pm	Home and Away	
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			7:00pm	Eggheads		1:15am	King Alfred and the Anglo Saxons		5:30pm	UEFA Women's Euro 2017		9:00pm	Funny in the	
8:00pm	Thief Trackers		7:30pm	Letterbox			<i>Series in which Michael Wood examines the careers of three Anglo-Saxon rulers.</i>		8:00pm	UEFA Women's Euro 2017		10:00pm	Puppy Party	
8:30pm	EastEnders		8:00pm	World Athletics Championships					8:30pm	UEFA Women's Euro 2017		10:00pm	Brother's Bit on the Side	
9:00pm	Panorama			2017 Preview					11:00pm	8 Out of 10 Cats				
9:30pm	EastEnders		9:00pm	10 Puppies and Us					12:05am	Does Countdown				
10:00pm	Who Do You Think You Are?		10:00pm	Top of the Lake					1:10am	Real, Fake or Unknown				
			11:00pm	The Mash Report						One Born Every Minute				
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten		11:30pm	Newsnight										
11:30pm	BBC London News		12:15am	Birds of Paradise										
11:45pm	Kicked Out													
12:25am	Queer Britain													
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain		9:00am	Emmerdale		7:00am	You're Only Young Twice		7:00am	Barcelona's European Glory		7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
9:30am	Lorraine		9:30am	Coronation Street		7:25am	Heartbeat		7:10am	The Chase		7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show		10:00am	You've Been Framed!		8:25am	Where the Heart is		8:00am	The Chase		8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
			11:00am	The Great Indoors		9:25am	Wild at Heart		8:55am	Hogan's Heroes		8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
11:30am	This Morning		11:30am	Guidance		10:25am	Judge Judy		9:30am	Inside		9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
1:30pm	Loose Women		12:00pm	La Story. Ready, Set, Go!		10:55am	Judge Judy			<i>Drama series about a wheelchair-bound San Francisco detective.</i>		9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
	<i>More lunchtime chat and debate with the ladies and their celebrity guests.</i>		12:15pm	La Story. Time to Talk		11:25am	Judge Judy		10:30am	Quincy, M.E.		10:00am	Live Women's British Open	
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News		12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules		11:50am	Road to Avonlea		11:35am	Minder		6:00pm	Sky Sports News	
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5:00pm	Tipping Point		2:30pm	You've Been Framed!		3:10pm	Wild at Heart		2:10pm	Hogan's Heroes			<i>comprehensive round-up of the latest transfer news, with live analysis of all the major moves.</i>	
6:00pm	Cash Trapped		3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		5:10pm	On the Buses		2:45pm	Inside		8:30pm	Live Super League	
7:00pm	ITV News London		3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show			<i>Sitcom about a chirpy bus driver and his conductor pal.</i>		4:55pm	Minder			<i>A match from the Betfred Super League Super 8s.</i>	
7:30pm	ITV Evening News		4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show		5:50pm	On the Buses		6:00pm	The Professionals			Live Tennis: Washington	
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9:00pm	Emmerdale		7:00pm	You've Been Framed!		8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote		8:00pm	The Chase				
9:30pm	James Martin's French Adventure		8:00pm	You've Been Framed!			<i>Murder mystery series featuring sleuthing scribe Jessica Fletcher.</i>			Storage Wars				
	Inside London					9:00pm	Law and Order: UK		8:00pm	Storage Wars				
10:00pm	Fire Brigade		9:00pm	Two and a Half Men					9:00pm	Road Racing Series				
						11:00pm	Wire in the Blood		10:00pm	Thunderball				
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather		9:30pm	Two and a Half Men		12:00am	Mrs Biggs		11:10pm	FYI Daily				
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11:40pm	Schoolfield's South African Adventure		11:00pm	FYI Daily					12:45am	Cliffhanger				
	Lion Country: Night and Day		11:05pm	Horrible Bosses					1:45am	FYI Daily				
1:10am	Jackpot247		12:05am	Family Guy					1:50am	Cliffhanger				
			12:30am	Family Guy					2:55am	The Classic Car Show				
									3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen				

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		7:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	1:05am	Oh You Pretty Things: The Story of Music and Fashion	6:00pm	Come Dine with Me	6:00pm	5 News at 5
8:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017	8:00pm	Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	2:05am	Oh You Pretty Things: The Story of Music and Fashion	7:00pm	The Simpsons	6:30pm	Neighbours
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	9:00pm	Mastermind			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	7:00pm	Home and Away
11:25pm	BBC London News	9:30pm	Only Connect	3:05am	Top of the Pops	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
11:35pm	Not Going Out	10:00pm	Gardeners' World	3:45am	Reginald D Hunter's Songs of the South	9:00pm	The Secret Life of the Holiday Resort	8:00pm	Cricket on 5
12:05am	Old School with the Hairy Bikers	11:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017			10:00pm	The Last Leg	9:00pm	Funniest Ever
1:35am	Weather for the Week Ahead	11:30pm	Newsnight			11:00pm	Naked Attraction	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
1:40am	BBC News	12:05am	The Help			12:05am	Rude Tube	11:05pm	Autopsy: Kurt Cobain
		2:20am	I Shot My Parents			1:05am	The Cold Light of Day		
		3:20am	Natural World	4:45am	This is BBC Four			12:05am	Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	7:35am	Vanderpump Rules	7:00am	You're Only Young Twice	7:00am	World Cup Top Goalscorers	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Lorraine	8:20am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	7:25am	Heartbeat	7:15am	The Chase	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:00am	Emmerdale	8:25am	Wild at Heart	8:00am	Storage Wars	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
		9:30am	Emmerdale	10:20am	Judge Judy		Texas		
11:30am	This Morning	10:00am	You've Been Framed!	10:50am	Judge Judy	8:50am	Hogan's Heroes	8:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm	Loose Women	10:00am	Framed!	11:20am	Judge Judy	9:55am	Inside	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:00pm	ITV Lunchtime News	11:00am	The Great Indoors	11:45am	Road to Avonlea	11:00am	Quincy, M.E.	9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
		11:30am	Guidance	12:45pm	Wycliffe	12:05pm	Minder	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:20pm	ITV News London	12:00pm	La Story. Prom Day	1:55pm	Heartbeat	1:05pm	The Professionals	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Racing Live	12:15pm	La Story. We'll See What Happens	3:00pm	The Royal Medical drama series set in a 1960s hospital.	2:10pm	Hogan's Heroes	9:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
5:00pm	Tipping Point	12:25pm	Vanderpump Rules			2:45pm	Inside	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
6:00pm	Cash Trapped	1:20pm	Emmerdale	4:05pm	Wycliffe	3:50pm	Quincy, M.E.	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
7:00pm	ITV News London	1:55pm	Emmerdale	5:15pm	On the Buses	4:55pm	Minder	11:00am	Cricket
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	2:30pm	You've Been Framed!	5:50pm	On the Buses	6:00pm	The Professionals	7:45pm	Masterclass: Kumar Sangakkara
8:00pm	Emmerdale	3:00pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	6:20pm	On the Buses	7:05pm	Storage Wars	8:00pm	Live EFL Championship
8:30pm	Coronation Street	3:50pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:55pm	Heartbeat		Texas		
9:00pm	The Secret World of Posh Pets	4:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	8:00pm	Storage Wars		
		6:00pm	Judge Rinder	9:00pm	Doc Martin	9:00pm	Texas		
9:30pm	Coronation Street	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	10:00pm	The Street	10:00pm	Casino Royale	11:15pm	Live World Golf Championships
10:00pm	Benidorm	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	11:20pm	Law and Order: UK	10:05pm	Casino Royale	12:30am	World Rugby
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	12:20am	Wire in the Blood	11:40pm	A Dangerous Man	1:00am	Live Tennis: Washington
11:30pm	ITV News London	9:30pm	Two and a Half Men	1:20am	Life of Crime	12:55am	A Dangerous Man	5:00am	Through the Night
11:40pm	Inside London Fire Brigade	10:00pm	The Hangover Part II	2:20am	Prime Suspect	1:35am	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!		
12:40am	Tipping Point	12:05am	Family Guy	4:05am	Mr Selfridge	2:40am	FYI Daily		
1:35am	Jackpot247			4:55am	Davina Mccall: Life at the Extreme	2:45am	The Naked Gun: From the Files of Police Squad!		
4:00am	Storage Hoarders			5:50am	On the Buses				
4:50am	ITV Nightscreen								

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SUNDAY - 6 AUGUST

BBC ONE		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
7:00am	Breakfast	7:20am	The Instant Gardener	8:00pm	BBC Proms 2017	7:00am	Kirstie's Vintage Gems	7:00am	Milkshake!
10:00am	BBC News			9:30pm	The Richard Burton Diaries				<i>Programming aimed at children aged two to seven years old.</i>
11:00am	Sunday Morning Live	8:05am	Gardeners' World			7:10am	Last Man Standing		
12:00pm	Homes Under the Hammer	9:05am	The Beechgrove Garden	10:00pm	Frank Skinner on George Formby Documentary.	7:35am	Cycling		
1:00pm	Bargain Hunt		<i>Scotland's favourite gardening programme.</i>	11:00pm	Babs	8:00am	Motorsport	11:20am	Football on 5
2:00pm	BBC News					8:30am	Motorsport	12:05pm	Football on 5
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	9:35am	Countryfile	12:30am	Bouffants	9:30am	Frasier	12:30pm	Cheaper by the Dozen 2
2:15pm	Wallace and Gromit: A Grand Day Out	10:30am	World Athletics Championships 2017		Bobs: The Hairdos That Made Britain	10:30am	Sunday Brunch	2:20pm	The Royals
2:40pm	Frozen	6:00pm	Britain's Ancient Capital : Secrets of Orkney	1:30am	Capability Brown's Unfinished Garden	1:30pm	George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	3:15pm	Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queens Worst Year
4:10pm	Escape to the Country	7:00pm	Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge	2:30am	How to be a Lady: An Elegant History	2:30pm	The Simpsons	4:15pm	Inside Buckingham Palace
4:40pm	Songs of Praise				<i>Journalist Rachel Johnson goes in search of what seems an almost vanished social type - the lady.</i>	3:00pm	The Simpsons	5:15pm	Inside Buckingham Palace
5:15pm	Pointless	8:00pm	Inside the Factory	3:30am	Frank Skinner on George Formby	3:30pm	The Simpsons		
6:00pm	BBC News		<i>Documentary revealing what goes on at some of the largest factories in Britain.</i>	4:30am	This is BBC Four	4:00pm	UEFA Women's Euro 2017	6:10pm	Dirty Dancing
6:20pm	Regional News	9:00pm	Secrets of Silicon Valley		<i>BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.</i>			8:00pm	Cricknet on 5
6:25pm	Weather					7:30pm	Channel 4 News	8:55pm	5 News
6:30pm	Countryfile	10:00pm	World Athletics Championships 2017			8:00pm	The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls	9:00pm	Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud
7:30pm	Athletics	11:30pm	Gareth Thomas: Hate in the Beautiful Game			9:00pm	Diana	10:00pm	Celebrity Big Brother
10:00pm	Poldark					10:50pm	The King's Speech	11:00pm	The Last Days of Patrick Swayze
11:00pm	BBC News	12:30am	Golf			1:00am	The Anomaly		<i>**Swayze Sunday**</i>
11:20pm	Regional News	1:30am	Countryfile			2:40am	60 Days in Jail	12:05am	Point Break
11:25pm	Weather					3:30am	Location, Location, Location	2:15am	Super Casino
11:30pm	Match of the Day								
12:15am	The Recruit								
2:05am	Weather for the Week Ahead								
2:10am	BBC News								
									
7:00am	CITV	7:00am	The Hot Desk	7:00am	Agatha Christie's Marple	7:35am	British Touring Car Championship Highlights	7:00am	Through the Night
9:25am	ITV News	7:10am	You've Been Framed!	8:40am	Heartbeat			8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Weekend					8:55am	The Big Fish Off		
10:25am	Judge Rinder	7:35am	Emmerdale		<i>Drama, set in the North Yorkshire moors in the 1960's.</i>	10:00am	Monster Carp	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:20am	Long Lost Family	10:40am	Coronation Street	9:40am	Heartbeat	11:00am	River Monsters	10:00am	Crickit Writers on TV
12:20pm	Love Your Garden			10:45am	Murder, She Wrote	12:05pm	River Monsters		
1:20pm	ITV News and Weather	1:05pm	Ninja Warrior			1:10pm	Storage Wars	11:00am	Crickit
1:25pm	James Martin's French Adventure	2:05pm	Mr. Bean		<i>Drama series about a sleuthing writer who solves murder mysteries.</i>	1:35pm	Storage Wars		<i>Day three of the fourth Test between England and South Africa at Old Trafford.</i>
1:55pm	Rebound	2:40pm	Mr. Bean	11:45am	Murder, She Wrote	2:05pm	The Alamo	2:00pm	Football
2:55pm	Tipping Point	3:15pm	You've Been Framed!	12:45pm	The Darling Buds of May	3:05pm	FYI Daily		<i>Motherwell v Rangers.</i>
3:55pm	Bear Gryll's Survival School	4:20pm	Planet 51			3:10pm	The Alamo	5:00pm	Football
4:25pm	The Living Daylights	5:20pm	FYI Daily			5:20pm	The Man From the Alamo		<i>Wanderers v Leeds United.</i>
7:00pm	Local News and Weather	5:25pm	Planet 51	1:55pm	Columbo	6:20pm	FYI Daily	8:00pm	Live World Golf Championship
7:15pm	ITV News and Weather	6:10pm	A Bug's Life	3:50pm	Wycliffe	6:25pm	The Man From the Alamo		<i>Day four of the World Golf Championship.</i>
7:30pm	The Chase	7:10pm	FYI Daily	4:55pm	Foyle's War				<i>Bridgestone Invitational from Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.</i>
8:30pm	Celebrity Special Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince	7:15pm	A Bug's Life	7:00pm	Lewis	7:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special	12:00am	Through the Night
11:25pm	ITV News and Weather	8:15pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	8:05pm	Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach	1:00am	Through the Night
11:40pm	Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	9:20pm	The Amazing Spider-Man 2	11:00pm	Law and Order: UK	9:10pm	FYI Daily		
12:40am	Take Me Out	11:00pm	Family Guy		<i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>	9:15pm	Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach		
1:40am	Jackpot247	12:00am	Family Guy			10:00pm	Cliffhanger		
4:00am	Motorsport UK	12:25am	Family Guy		<i>Crime drama based on the hit US series Law and Order.</i>	11:00pm	FYI Daily		
		1:25am	American Dad!	12:00am	Law and Order: UK	11:05pm	Cliffhanger		
		1:50am	The Cleveland Show			12:10am	Mars Attacks!		
		2:20am	The Cleveland Show						
		2:50am	Viral Tap						
		3:30am	Teleshopping						

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5:15pm Flog It! 6:15pm Pointless 7:00pm BBC News 7:30pm Regional News 8:00pm The One Show 8:30pm The Bug Grub Couple 9:00pm EastEnders 9:30pm World Athletics Championships 2017 11:00pm BBC News 11:30pm Regional News 11:40pm Weather 11:45pm Have I Got Old 12:15am Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You	7:00am The TV That Made Me 7:30am Animal Park 8:15am Bargain Hunt 9:00am The Sheriffs are Coming 10:00am Derbyshire 12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live 1:00pm Golf 2:00pm Triathlon World Series: Montreal Highlights 3:30pm A Taste of Britain 4:15pm Patagonia: Earth's Secret 5:15pm The Life of	9:00pm Tornado - the 100mph Steam Engine 9:30pm The Return of Flying Scotsman 10:00pm Vikings 11:00pm Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy 12:00pm Sex and Sensibility: The Allure of Art 1:00am Nouveau Carved with Love: The Genius of British Woodwork	1:00pm Channel 4 News 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me 2:05pm Posh Pawn 3:10pm Countdown 4:00pm The Question Jury 5:00pm A Place in the Sun 6:00pm Four in a Bed 6:30pm Come Dine with Me 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 9:00pm Animal Rescue Live: Supervet Special 10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency? 11:00pm Eden 12:05am 60 Days in Jail	2:10pm Access 2:15pm Home and Away 2:45pm Neighbours 3:15pm NCIS 4:15pm A Healthy Place to Die: Gourmet Detective 6:00pm 5 News 6:30pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away 7:30pm 5 News 8:00pm Cricket on 5 9:00pm All New Traffic Cops 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother 11:00pm Make or Break? Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
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7:00pm Local News and Weather 7:30pm ITV Evening News 8:00pm Emmerdale 8:30pm Coronation Street 9:00pm Countrywise 9:30pm Coronation Street 10:00pm Car Crash 11:00pm Britain Caught on Camera 11:40pm Britain's Busiest Motorway 12:10am Sugar Free Farm	7:00pm You've Been Framed! 7:30pm You've Been Framed! 8:00pm You've Been Framed! 8:30pm You've Been Framed! 9:00pm Two and a Half Men 9:30pm Two and a Half Men 10:00pm Family Guy 10:30pm Family Guy 11:00pm American Dad! 11:30pm American Dad! 12:00am Family Guy	11:25am Judge Judy 11:55am Housewife 49 1:55pm Heartbeat 3:00pm The Royal 4:00pm The Darling Buds of May 5:15pm You're Only Young Twice 5:50pm On the Buses 6:20pm Rising Damp 6:55pm Heartbeat 8:00pm Murder, She Wrote 9:00pm Murders 11:00pm Law and Order: UK 12:00am The Street	9:30am Ironside 10:30am Quincy, M.E. 11:35am Minder 12:35pm The Professionals 1:40pm The Saint 2:45pm Ironside 3:50pm Quincy, M.E. 4:55pm Minder 7:00pm Storage Wars Texas 7:30pm Storage Wars Texas 8:00pm The Chase 9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special 10:00pm Benidorm 11:00pm American History X 12:05am FYI Daily	8:30am Good Morning Sports Fans 9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans 9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans 10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans 11:00am Premier League Daily 11:30am Cricket 12:00am Live Tennis: Montreal 12:00am Info not available 12:00am Live Tennis: Montreal 4:30am World Rugby

TUESDAY - 8 AUGUST

BBCone	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
2:00pm BBC News 2:30pm Regional News 2:45pm Red Rock 3:30pm The Code 4:15pm Escape to the Country 5:15pm Flog It! 6:15pm Pointless 7:00pm BBC News 7:30pm Regional News 8:00pm The One Show 8:30pm EastEnders 9:00pm Holby City 10:00pm Trust Me 11:00pm BBC News 11:30pm Regional News 11:40pm Weather 11:45pm New Tricks 12:45am The Bug Grub Couple	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live 2:00pm Coast 2:15pm Two Tribes 2:45pm Super League Show 3:30pm A Taste of Britain 4:15pm Patagonia: Earth's Secret Paradise 5:15pm The Life of Mammals 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip 7:00pm Eggheads 7:30pm World Athletics Championships 2017 11:30pm Newsnight 12:10am Weather 12:15am The Mash Report	8:00pm World News Today 8:30pm The Boats That Built Britain 9:00pm Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise 10:00pm Utopia 11:00pm The Horizon Guide to Ageing 12:00am The Brain with David Eagleman 1:00am Time Shift 2:00am Thailand: Earth's Tropical Paradise 3:00am The Horizon Guide to Ageing 4:00am Utopia	1:00pm Channel 4 News 1:05pm Couples Come Dine with Me 2:05pm Posh Pawn 3:10pm Countdown 4:00pm The Question Jury 5:00pm A Place in the Sun 6:00pm Four in a Bed 6:30pm Come Dine with Me 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 9:00pm Animal Rescue Live: Supervet Special 10:00pm Get a House for Free 11:00pm Eden 12:05am Naked Attraction	1:15pm Celebrity Big Brother 2:10pm Access 2:15pm Home and Away 2:45pm Neighbours 3:15pm NCIS 4:15pm Spirit Riders 5:00pm 5 News 6:00pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away 7:30pm 5 News 8:00pm Cricket on 5 9:00pm The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies 10:00pm Celebrity Big Brother 11:00pm Make or Break? Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side
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WEDNESDAY - 9 AUGUST

BBCone	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
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Will we end up extinct?

ARE humans at risk of extinction? A worrying drop in sperm counts is causing alarm as a study warns an urgent 'wake up call' is needed to investigate the drop.

A study published by the Human Reproduction Update said sperm counts were rapidly falling and had dropped almost 60 per cent since 1970 in Western countries. Sperm counts are the best measure of male fertility as the lead author of the study called for further investigations to look at lifestyle factors, chemicals and the environment which are believed to be causing the drop, as it could have public health implications showing more and more men are infertile.

The study analysed data collected from between 1973 and 2011 from men in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and North America.

Going to sunbathe this summer? Do it safely

AS much as we know we shouldn't, many of us still want that perfect summer glow. But if you are not faking it from a bottle, is there ever really a safe way to sunbathe and get a tan? Dermatologists say yes, there are ways to still enjoy the summer sun.

The Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venerology (AEDV), explains that there are four or five types of skin, from skin phototype one which always burns and never tans, to skin type four or five, for black skin, which has more melanin in the skin. It is this melanin that reacts to the sun and causes the skin to darken or tan as it protects your skin from being damaged even more by the sun.

Even for skin which is naturally dark or never burns and always tans, this tan is still a sign that there is some sort of skin damage from the sun.

Therefore, dermatologists always advise you wear a sun cream with an SPF of 50, the highest protection factor according to European regulations. This does not block the sun totally, so the skin will still gradually tan over time, but it is best to have the highest protection and not to reduce the level of the filter, since the objective of the cream is to avoid sunburn. Cream should be applied as

per the product's instructions and re-applied every few hours and after swimming.

Always gradually expose the skin to the sun. Many visitors to Spain make the mistake of thinking they are only on a two-week holiday so want that instant burn and will spend hours in the sun the first day of their holiday, making the skin react even more harshly.

Exfoliation of the skin is also recommended as removing dead skin cells and making it more hydrated will naturally make it healthier.

The AEDV reminds that some exposure time is necessary for the production of vitamin D, but just 15 minutes a day is adequate. For those wanting to enjoy an active and outdoor lifestyle in the summer, it is still recommended not to be out in the heat of the midday sun. You will still get a healthy colour early morning and later on in the day without the risk of dangerous sunburn. Even a healthier tan will still help to prematurely age the skin so try and always avoid sun on the face to help prevent lines and wrinkles.

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How to protect your throat this summer

A SORE throat can be annoying and frustrating but are particularly common in the summer.

During the warmer months, many of us neglect the throat which is affected by changes in routine and habits, but the Speech Unit of the Hospital Quironsalud San José said there are things you can do to help protect it:

Avoid cold things. Ice cold drinks for example can irritate the area of the throat responsible for the resonance and the transmission of sound. All these systems in the throat and at the back of the mouth work to produce sounds and speech including the respiratory muscles and respiratory system with its mucous membranes, but these delicate areas can easily suffer.

In and out of air conditioned areas can also take a toll of the throat, so it is always advised to carry a light scarf, to protect the neck area in air conditioned rooms. Units should not run below



“ Air conditioned areas can take a toll on the throat.

24 degrees.

Being in front of aircons a long time, or sleeping with one on, can produce dry mucous, a sore throat and loss of voice.

Swimming in pools can also lead to a build up of bacteria in the mouth so it is recommended to gargle with warm water and salt, at least before bed, to remove any unwanted sediment.

Gargle with warm water and salt.

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Mosquito bites



SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.

Are mosquito bites dangerous?

Most insect bites and stings are not serious and will get better within a few hours or days.

But occasionally they can become infected, cause a severe allergic reaction or spread serious illnesses such as Lyme disease and malaria.

What are the symptoms of mosquito bites?

Mosquito bites usually cause a red, swollen lump to develop on the skin. This may be painful and in some cases can be very itchy. The symptoms will normally improve within a few hours or days, although sometimes they can last a little longer. Some people have a mild allergic reaction and a larger area of skin around the bite or sting becomes swollen, red and painful. This should pass within a week. In extreme cases a severe allergic reaction can occur, causing symptoms such as dizziness, difficulties breathing, and a swollen face or mouth. This requires immediate medical treatment.

What can you do to treat the bite?

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to:
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Washing the affected area with soap and water and applying a cold compress, such as a flannel or cloth cooled with cold water, or an ice pack to any swelling for at least 10 minutes helps reduce the swelling and itchiness. Do not scratch the area, as it increases the risk of infection and also avoid traditional home remedies such as bicarbonate of soda as they are unlikely to work.

The pain, swelling and itchiness can sometimes last a few days. If the bite is particularly irritating, ask your pharmacist about over-the-counter treatments that can help, such as painkillers, creams for itching and antihistamines.

How can you stop getting bitten?

There are some simple precautions you can take to reduce the risk of being bitten such as avoiding using products with strong perfumes, as they can attract insects, applying insect repellents that contain 50% DEET, wearing shoes when outdoors and being observant when around flowering plants, stagnant water and in outdoor areas where food is served.

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Amazon to offer pharmacy services?

SPECULATION is rife that Amazon is set to move into the pharmacy market in the USA.

CNBC reported that Amazon was allegedly hiring a team of staff to head up the move into the multi-billion dollar market that could see Amazon selling prescription medicines direct to consumers.

It is unclear whether they will invest in an actual physical pharmacy, teaming up with a medical partner, or purely offer an online pharmacy, but it would face challenges as the

sector is heavily regulated. It tried to enter the market in the late 1990s partnering with Drugstore.com but the deal fell through.

Amazon has also been testing its voice-enabled personal assistant Alexa in numerous medical settings, including within a surgery with it potentially being able to be used to assist patients discharged from hospital or the elderly or vulnerable at home, answering questions about their condition, symptoms or even upcoming appointments.

Time to celebrate Wine Night in Competa

THE small, white-washed town of Competa is preparing to celebrate its 41st Noche del Vino (Wine Night) on August 15.

The annual event, which sees local women stamp grapes as well as flamenco performances is a firm fixture in the mountain town's cultural calendar, kicking off at 10am and honouring the area's wines.

The festival has a dual purpose, both paying homage to the town's patron saint, Our Lady of the Assumption, as well as being a send-off to local farmers



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COMPETA: Hosts the annual event.

who left to harvest the next day. The event began in 1974 spontaneously and

grew to become one of the town's most beloved traditions, with wine being do-

nated by Aurelio Fernandez Navas.

Locals across the town now open up cellars to friends and visitors, giving them the chance to sample their wine, mostly for free. Also on offer is traditional dish, migas, a bread and olive oil concoction, served up to festival-goers.

The internationally famous event, which has been declared a festival of national tourist interest by the Spanish government, has now gained an artistic following of artists, poets and writers, who speak and perform, as well as singers and dance groups. Perform-

ers attract crowds in the town's main square, Plaza Almijara, where a specially built wall houses the events.

Events begin at 10am in Plaza de Vendimia with tra-

ditional grape treading before moving up to the town's higher square in the evening where revellers can dance and drink the night away to Andalusian music.

A fusion of flamenco

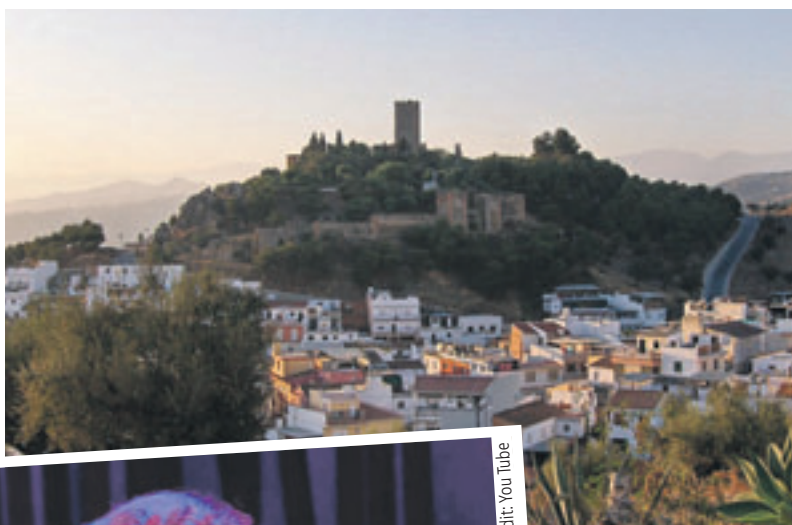
VELEZ-MALAGA is gearing up to host a series of flamenco events throughout August, starting at the El Cerro de San Cristobal auditorium tomorrow night.

The festival, known as Flamenio Fusion, will run across three evenings with live flamenco singing performances from famous artists, Diego Carrasco & family, Naike Ponce and Paquete and Jorge Pardo.

The town's councillor for Culture, Cynthia Garcia, has presented the event, which is organised in collaboration between the council

association Flamenco Abierto Axarquía, announcing the details of the outdoor concerts which will commemorate the centenary of the death of singer Juan Brea in 1918.

Tomorrow night will see Jerez-based guitarist, composer and singer, Diego Carrasco & family perform, while on Friday, August 11, the auditorium of El Cerro de San Cristobal will host a singer from Sanlúcar de Barrameda, Naike Ponce along-



Credit: YouTube



ON THE BILL: Diego Carrasco.

jazz musician in 2013 from the prestigious Paris Jazz Academy and was part of the legendary sextet By Paco de Lucia. Pardo is famed for his mestizo style, combining root jazz with flamenco.

Cynthia Garcia explained all performances will begin at 10.30pm at the Cerro de San Cristobal, and will offer 286 seats for free on a first come first served basis. She invited everyone to "attend this new cultural event which we expect to grow over time."

side a guitarist from Barberia del Sur, Paquete, who will present his album Con nombre de mujer.

The last Friday, August 18, will play host to flautist and saxophonist, Jorge Pardo, who received the award for best

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OYSTERS, those mythical oft maligned, love or hate, concha. With their reputation for food-poisoning outbreaks, sometimes fatal, and their promise of increasing sexual prowess - do oysters really deserve their bad press?

I love oysters, technically you don't chew them you break them on the back of your tongue and suck allowing the freshness of the sea to tickle your tonsils. Some lemon juice, a touch of Tobasco and a little black pepper with half-a-dozen oysters, and a glass of Champagne, is undoubtedly one of the best ways to start a leisurely lunch or an evening's dining and entertainment.

As I reported in last week's column on food poisoning, Oysters can be a cause - well the bug that can be found in shellfish can be, as Heston Blumenthal's 500 customers found out to their dismay having eaten at his famous Fat Duck restaurant.

It's worth bearing in mind says Tom Pickerell, director of the Shellfish Association, that last year, more people got ill from eating unpasteurised cheese than oysters. "It is just one of these things that the public have concerns about," he says. "Our regulations are some of the strictest in the world."

Britain produces almost 14,000 tonnes of oysters - Pacific and native o per year. In the past 12 months, there were only four incidents of food poisoning outbreaks related to shellfish, one of which was at the Fat Duck. A fraction of the illness caused by, say, barbecues.

Legislation insists that all oysters are screened for E coli and salmonella, and producers also regularly check for norovirus. Oysters are also then purified, where they are held in tanks of seawater that is continuously pumped through an ultraviolet chamber; a process that works very well at destroying bacteria, which are flushed from the mollusc's gut into the chamber to be killed. The chances, after all of this, of the oyster harbouring noxious contaminants



Love 'em or hate 'em only one works!

are, according to some experts, very slim indeed.

The NHS states on its website that, according to the Food Standards Agency (FSA), there are about 850,000 cases of food poisoning each year in the UK and about 500 deaths from it.

However, over the past 12 to 18 months, the only two single-case food poisoning deaths reported in the national press were the death of a forager last autumn from mushroom-poisoning and the alleged oyster incident in London's Quaglino's restaurant in May where a diner who passed away shortly after visiting the restaurant had eaten oysters for the first time there. As it happens, both Quaglino's and its oysters were cleared of any involvement in the woman's death, a fact not widely reported, which goes to strengthen the argument, that 'people will always look to blame an oyster.'

I know a Chef, specialising in seafood and is a passionate consumer of oysters. After consuming his usual dozen, he felt very ill and went into anaphylactic shock. He was rushed to hospital where the specialist informed him he had developed an allergy to his favourite seafood and perhaps shellfish in general. This was akin to being told that a passion and desire he had nurtured for years was being taken away from him.

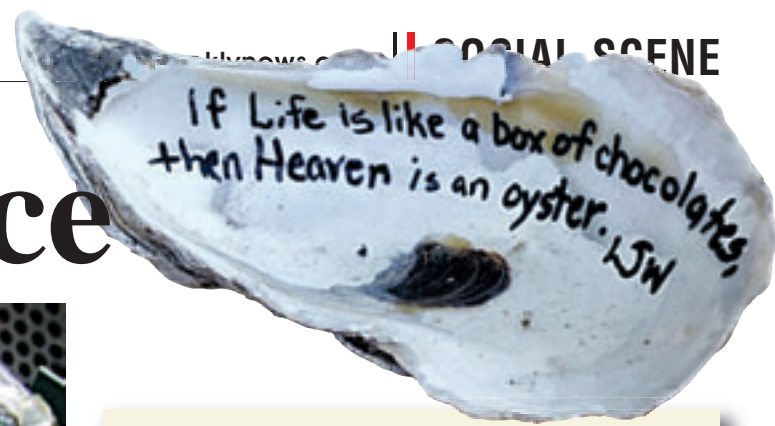
Keen to ensure this diagnosis was 100 per cent correct, a short time after, he

picked up half a dozen and with his wife, drove to the local hospital where he sat in the car park and shot back all six. Banking on the theory that if he was going to go into shock again, he wouldn't have far to go to get help. He sat and waited, but after an hour or so symptom-free, the couple drove home, and he has continued to enjoy oysters almost daily.

On a trip to Mont St Michel with a group of like minded foodies one of our crowd developed nausea as we got on the ferry. This turned into full blown food poisoning. Based on the fact that we had all consumed much the same thing, the blame had to fall on an oyster. We plied him with water for a while and after some time, just before reaching Blighty, he came out of it. He went back on the gin and by the time we got into port where a doctor was waiting, he was as right as rain. The doctor reckoned the amount of gin he drank could have helped him recover.

The Romans popularised oysters in Britain, with large numbers of shells having been found at Roman sites. Through to Victorian times, oysters occurred naturally in such large numbers that they were seen as a food for the poor. In Charles Dickens's *The Pickwick Papers*, Sam Weller remarks: "Oysters and poverty always seem to go together." How times have changed!

I like them and think they are 'seductive' and am sure they can be an aphrodisiac. But in my experience if you eat a dozen oysters - only one of them works!



I make no excuse

FOR reprinting the following reply from a restaurateur in York who replied to a customer who complained about paying £2 for a hot water and lemon as a "rip off."

Bennets Bistro York, Manager, responded to that report:

I'm sorry that you feel you were "ripped off" and I will try and explain to you why you weren't.

You entered the café and the waiter showed you to your seat and gave you a menu, waited for a time and then took your order. He entered it into the till, collected a cup, saucer and spoon and then took them into the kitchen. There he selected a knife, chopping board, got a lemon from the fridge, cut off a slice and put it in the cup. Then he returned to the dining room, drew off the necessary hot water and carried the cup to your table. When you were leaving, he printed off your bill, took it to you, processed your credit card payment and cashed off the till. After you left, he cleared away your cup, saucer and spoon, took them to the kitchen, washed and dried them, along with the chopping board and knife and put away the lemon. Then returning to the dining room, he restacked the cup, saucer and spoon, wiped down your table and replaced the menu awaiting the next customer.

That's at least two to three minutes work for the waiter.

The costs of overheads for the business ie rent, business rates, electricity costs, bank charges etc works out at £27.50 per hour of trading. I pay my colleagues a decent living wage and after taking into account holiday pay, national insurance and non-productive time prior to opening and after closing the waiter who served you costs me £12.50 an hour.

Therefore together the cost is £40 per hour, or 67p per minute, meaning that the cost of providing you with two to three minutes of service was £1.34 - £2.00. Then the government add on VAT at 20 per cent which takes the cost of that cup of fruit infusion to between £1.60 and £2.40 irrespective of whether you had a tea bag costing one and a half pence or slice of lemon costing five pence.

I have to pay my suppliers otherwise the facilities won't be available to other people who use them in the future. I accept that it makes the price of a cuppa in a city centre café look expensive compared to the one you make at home but unfortunately that's the cruel reality of life. It's actually the facilities that cost the money, far more so than the ingredients.

Perhaps the rudeness you perceived in me was triggered by the disrespect that I perceived in you by your presumption that you could use our facilities and be waited on for free.

I can hear Basil Fawlty saying this can't you? It might be over the top, but he has a point. In fact go to his TripAdvisor site he has similar equally outrageous comments.

ELECTRIC RAY, the TV production company behind *Class of '92* and *Carjackers*, is looking for talented, would-be restaurateurs to pitch their ideas, meals and brands to some of the UK's biggest food and beverage in-

I'm out

vestors for a new business series for the BBC on the same lines as *Dragon's Den*!

If successful, the restaurateurs would get the opportunity to trial-run their concept in a pop-up restaurant and have the chance to impress 'some of the best names in the business.' Applicants could receive 'life-changing' investment.

On that note! I will bid you farewell until next week and should aspiring restaurateurs need some help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact me. A toast to Good Food, Good Wine and Good Friends.

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£30m a year. The UK's oyster industry worth, an increase of £5m from two years ago.

13,000 tonnes of Pacific oysters and 600 tonnes of native oysters annually the amount produced in the UK, second only to China.

124 designated shellfish waters to production.

130,000 France produces tonnes annually.

50 oysters the amount per year eaten by the average Frenchman.

Megacomplex plan collapses

By Matthew Elliott

PERHAPS the most ambitious real estate deal in Spanish history has been put on the back-burner after Madrid rejected new plans to build a mega-hotel and leisure complex.

Powerful American outfit the Cordish Group said it was "completely shocked" by the decision, which came after months of torturous negotiations over a proposed new 'Integrated Development Centre.'

Cordish claim to have already secured €2.2 billion worth of funding for the project, which would create an estimated 56,000 jobs. Executives say they have met every single one of Madrid's demands.

The megacomplex was to be built on a huge 134-hectare space, flush with casinos, hotels, shops, ski slope, cinemas, and even an artificial beach the size of five football pitches.

Negotiations were wrought with tension over taxes, development permits, casino regulations, environmental concerns and financing. Cordish CEO Joseph Weinberg says he is still unclear why the deal was suddenly rejected, saying it "makes no sense."

The main hiccup appears to have been over the casinos. The city government insisted that



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LEISURE COMPLEX: Was to include casinos, hotels, shops, ski slope and a cinema.

gambling not be the primary attraction, apprehensive about creating a mini Las Vegas.

Cordish drew up a blueprint whereby casi-

nos would only account for 10 per cent of the total space. But a government analysis of the business plan found that, regardless of physi-

cal space, casinos would account for more than 60 per cent of the complex's total income after five years.

Billionaire bunker up for sale with an asking price of €130 million

SPANISH superstar Julio Iglesias has put four empty lots next to his luxurious Miami villa for sale, with a cool €130 million asking price.

The legendary singer owns a 3.25 hectare plot of land on an island near the Miami coast known as the 'billionaire bunker.' Other islanders include top businessmen, film producers and tycoons from the sporting world. The island has its own private police force, 24-hour marine patrol and golf course. Jay Z and Beyonce once owned a property there.

The total wealth of the residents is believed to surpass €35 billion. Iglesias' land is the only one with completely unimpeded views out onto the Bay of Biscayne, making it the most natural area on the island.

The 73-year-old isn't selling everything, but four of the five

lots he owns. Combined they offer 800 feet of pristine shoreline.

Iglesias plans to keep the fifth, which contains his home, for himself, having fi-

nally given up on his original dream of having his children live on the other lots.

"My children are older and want to live in different parts of the world" he told the *Mia-*

mi Herald, more than 20 years after son Enrique released his debut album.



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GRAEME TYRRELL

MANY plants have myths, legends and other attributes to make them of interest and ensure their popularity.

One of the more well-known plants in all the world largely due to its association with the Chinese art of Feng Shui allocating the plant as a promoter of wealth is the Jade plant, *Crassula ovata*, also known as the Friendship tree, Lucky plant and Money tree.

The Jade plant is a very hardy, long lived and attractive succulent with shiny circular leaves and very fine white to pink star shaped flowers in clusters that form in the right conditions in early spring.

It needs minimal maintenance as it rarely needs pruning except as a bonsai, requires watering only when the soil mix is touch dry (rather than a regular watering regime) and can live happily in the same quality soil mix for many years.

It is slow growing, so if you obtain one it should be



The Jade plant or Money Tree.

about the size that you want. It can live for 100 years when in the right condition, but may only grow just over a metre in a smaller container and up to four metres in open soil.

To obtain new plants the easy way, the less conspicuous branches of a well-established plant can be cut off just above a node.

Remove the leaves above the cut to about a third of the cuttings length. Before planti-

ng, it's a good idea to leave the cutting a day or two in a shaded place to allow the wound to heal.

Plant the cutting in a good soil mix with the lowest set of leaves just above the soil. This gives a ready-made plant if the soil is kept moist but not wet.

In Asia, the Jade plant is often gifted as a symbol of good fortune and it is placed in the eastern zone of the entrance of homes and buildings

to attract positive energy to enter for the family or business. This concept has proliferated with the distribution of the plant around the world.

The Jade plant has been popular in the Mediterranean and large ones in containers can often be found gracing interior courtyards of historic buildings and well-established gardens.

It is considered an old fashioned plant by some as a reaction to its previous popularity, but its attributes have made it a highly suitable plant for interior and shaded exterior (out of summer's direct midday sun), Mediterranean gardens, patios, balconies and terraces.

This is testified by its popularity in ancient times when water was drawn from wells and ornamental plants were a luxury.

Few such hardy, compact, long-lived plants exist that require so little maintenance but will look good all year

with the bonus of prolific flowers in spring when supplied with its simple needs.

It gives prosperity as it doesn't cost much to grow

from cuttings, maintain with minimal water requirements or to replace every 100 years. To me, it is not something to be jaded by.



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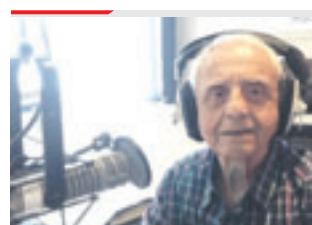
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THE same rules covered last week apply, especially the ones about mutual respect and supervision. Stress that dogs are not living toys, especially when bringing a puppy into a family where children already live.

Don't allow children (or anyone else!) to feed dogs from the table; suitable leftovers can be mixed into their meals afterwards.

It is particularly important to 'clear up' after dogs in the

garden when children become old enough to play there.

Keep dogs out of the way when children have friends round or are playing energetic games.

It's fun for children to fuss and play with dogs, but teach games where control can be kept, and always supervise. Older children should help feed, groom and train pets so that they learn about the responsibilities as well as the fun of pets. Make sure children always thoroughly wash their hands afterwards, especially before eating any meals.

Children generally love to hold the lead, but don't allow them to walk your dog alone. They may be able to manage a well-behaved pet, but how

“ Older children should help feed, groom and train pets. ”

would they cope if the dog was attacked by a large stray?

Show children the correct way to befriend other people's dogs - ask the owner first, then offer a hand for the dog to sniff from below his nose before patting him. Not all dogs are friendly. Children should not approach strays and must never go with strangers to see 'the puppies at home'!



Most dogs need space.

Visits from other people's children.

Again the general rules apply, but (however much they love them) a dog's 'level of

tolerance' will be lower if they do not live with children all the time. Children and dogs must learn together (from adults) how to

get along. If it all gets too much, they may appreciate some time in their indoor kennel or another room.

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Elderly regiment

THERE are now more than 100,000 British drivers aged 90 or over. The latest figures from the DVLA show there are 100,281 fully licensed drivers in the country.

There are 248 centenarian drivers and more than 1.2 million aged over 80. The oldest licence holder in the UK is a 103-year-old woman.

There is no maximum age for drivers, but those aged over 70 are obliged to renew their licence every three years and answer medical questions.

A substantial portion of the 100,000 nonagenarians will be effectively retired from the roads.

There is little data on driving safety among such senior citizens, but generally those aged over 70 are far less likely to be involved in crashes than teenage drivers.

BMW takes Brexit gamble

by Matthew Elliott

BMW confirmed that an electric version of its popular

Hatch model will be built at its Oxford plant. The news assuages fears that the German manufacturing giant was

set to shift production to the continent as a consequence of the Brexit vote.

The firm itself had warned that the referendum result would force it to reconsider production priorities, but the all-electric Hatch is officially scheduled for British production in 2019.

The decision was welcomed by British union leader Len McCluskey, and presumably by the Oxford plant's almost 5,000 workers.

"Around the world and for generations the Mini means made in Britain," said McCluskey "with the electric Mini being built in Cowley the tradition continues, but with the added bonus that this is one of the important innovations of tomorrow."

Almost all of the 360,000 Minis produced each year are built in the plant, which has enjoyed investment worth €500 million from BMW since 2011.

MINI: Iconic model enters electric future in the UK.

2019

is when the all-electric Hatch is scheduled for official production in Britain.

As such BMW's decision to build the Mini E there is likely more due to investment and cost considerations than a 'vote of confidence' in Britain, as the government was keen to suggest.

Fears that exiting the single market will see the import costs of manufacturing materials shoot up, and export tariffs imposed by Europe, will persist until the details of a Brexit deal are made clear.

There are roughly 1.7 million cars built in the UK each year, with 80 per cent being exported to the continent.



Curtains for combustion engine

SALE of new petrol and diesel cars will be banned from 2040 in the UK as the country grapples with dangerous levels of pollution.

The pledge is akin to others made in France and Scandinavia, perhaps signalling the

beginning of the end for the combustion engine.

Poor air quality was cited as the 'biggest environmental hazard to public health' by a government spokesman. Car fumes contribute to the premature deaths of tens of thousands

of people each year and an estimated €3 billion in lost productivity due to sickness.

The clean air plan will also have a more immediate impact. Clean Air Zones will be established in areas which exceed EU pollution standards.

In London a £10 (€11.2) charge is being imposed daily on the most polluting vehicles when they enter the city limits.

Tens of millions of pounds will be spent on improving Britain's electric infrastructure, with new plug in points and innovative city schemes. Cycle lanes and green public buses will be encouraged.

The announcement comes weeks after Volvo announced that it will only produce electric or hybrid vehicles from 2019. New French president Emmanuel Macron promised France will follow suit.

Though welcomed in environmental quarters, motoring industry experts believe imposing the ban in just over 20 years may be a tall order. It would require electric cars, currently very expensive to become the dominant mode of transport.

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World's fastest man will run his final race in London

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British Horse Racing's governing body is investigating an incident whereby the 'wrong horse' - a 50-1 shot - won last Thursday's 13.40 race at Great Yarmouth. The Charlie McBride-trained two-year-old Mandarin Princess beat 6-4 favourite Fyre Cay but a scan afterwards identified the horse as the winner's stable-mate Millie's Kiss who was to run in a later race that same day. Said McBride: "It was an honest error and no-one stood to gain anything by it; the head lad simply put the saddle on the wrong horse."

USAIN BOLT: Will run his final race.

It is Sebastian Vettel, Kimi Raikkonen and Valtteri Bottas, 1-2-3 in last Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix. Lewis Hamilton came fourth and trails Vettel by 14 points

in the driver's championship.

Last Saturday's Carl Frampton-Andres Gutierrez World feather-weight bout was postponed after the Mexican injured himself, falling over in the shower!

Holders Hull (after thrashing Leeds 43-24) will face Wigan in this season's Rugby League's Challenge Cup final.

Congratulations to Eddie Jay Wade (17) from Los Gallardos - the 2017 85cc motor-cross world champion.

Gary Megson has returned to WBA 13 years after leaving The Hawthorns. The ex-Baggies' manager is now assistant to current boss Tony Pulis.

This year's BBC Sports Personality of the Year awards will take place at Liverpool's Echo Arena on Sunday, December 17.

Anthony Joshua and Chris Froome are fancied to win.

Don't miss this!

On Wednesday, August 30, you can watch four-time Tour of France winner Chris Froome 'live' and perhaps local rider Alberto Contador and the 'Manx Machine' Mark Cavendish as well competing in the Vuelta a España (tour of Spain cycle race). Stage 11 will see the riders cover the 187.5km from Lorca to Cala Alto via Aguilas, San Juan, Villaricos, Vera, Garrucha, Mojacar, Turre, Los Gallardos and Sorbas.

Pay Dispute

Australia's cricketers have been told it's "time to get the show back on the road" and end a long-running dispute that has left 230 players unemployed. An 'A' tour of South Africa has already been cancelled following a row between players and their governing body over the scrapping of a revenue-sharing model. Australia's cricket's Chief Executive said: "There's increasing urgency ahead of this winter's Ashes series."

Did you know?

On August 20, 1920, Jack Darsen took five wickets playing cricket for Surrey against Middlesex at Lords in the afternoon and in the evening kept goal for Brentford against Millwall in a Football League game.

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International Sports

A former player, Tony is now the world's most prolific author of football books with 150 published since 1975. He has also been a PE teacher and a policeman, and is now a quiz-organiser, fund-raiser, for various charities, and sports correspondent for Spectrum Radio.

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est-Millwall and Sunderland-Derby. Also there's the all-London Charity Shield clash between the Gunners and Chelsea at Wembley on Sunday.

Also tomorrow, the fourth and final Test between England and South Africa starts at Old Trafford (12 noon); cricket's

T20 bash continues and the World Athletics Championships begin in London (6pm) where the world's fastest man, Usain Bolt, will run his final race.

On Saturday, it's the next stage of the Triathlon World Cup in Canada (GB's Jonny Brownlee was fourth behind Spain's winner Mario Mola, in last week's race); horse racing is underway at 'Glorious' Goodwood; we have the Multi-sports World Police & Fire Service games (August 5 - 18); the Ladies Major in Scotland and four WGC and PGA Golf tournaments in the USA (August 3 - 6) and the

Women's Rugby World Cup in Ireland (August 9 - 16); first up: England v Spain in Dublin.

Round-Up

England (353 & 313 -8 declared) beat South Africa (175 & 252) by 239 runs in the 100th Test at The Oval to go 2-1 up in the series. Middlesex bowler Toby Roland-Jones had a 'Michelle Pfeiffer' (5-57) - making him the first double-barrelled named Englishman since George Simpson-Hayward (6-43 v South Africa in 1910) to take five wickets on his Test debut. Ben Stokes smacked 112 in England's

first innings before Moeen Ali won the match with a hat trick.

In the first Test in Galle, India (600, with Virat Kohli's 103, and 240-3 declared) beat Sri Lanka (291 and 245) by 304 runs.

Jodie Taylor's goal gave England's women a 1-0 win over France in their European Championship quarter-final tie. Tonight's semi-finals are England v hosts Holland and Denmark v Austria. The final is on Sunday.

South Korean Lee Mi-Hyang won the Women's Scottish Golf Championship at Dundonald; GB's Georgina Hall finished

ninth.

GB's Adam Peaty (50m & 100m breaststroke), Ben Proud (50m butterfly) and the 4x200m men's relay team won gold medals at the World Aquatics/Swimming championships.

Everton defeated MFK Ruzomberok 1-0 in the first leg of their Europa League qualifier thanks to Leighton Baines' 65th minute deflected goal. The return leg is in Slovakia tonight.

Aberdeen beat A-Limasol 2-1 their 1st leg qualifier; the Dons are in Cyprus for this evening's second leg.

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