

Goat death probe



PROBED: A pitbull terrier is suspected to be responsible for the goat's death (inset).

by Joe Gerrard

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have launched an investigation into the death of a goat on an Axarquia farm.

The owner of the animal has reportedly become implicated in the probe after authorities learned a dog of a dangerous breed is suspected of sharing a pen with it.

Officers are now set to determine whether the man is liable to answer for animal abuse charges over the animal's death.

The Guardia Civil began probing the death after the owner told them he found it mutilated on his Rincon de la Victoria farm in December.

The man said the goat,

which he had reportedly bought as a pet for his two children, was found with all four legs missing.

He originally believed a person or several people were behind the attack and offered a €500 reward to anyone with information.

Officers later suspected the pitbull which shared space with the goat could

have been responsible for the death.

Forensic tests on the corpse of the animal and the dog's faeces indicated remains of the goat had been in the dog's system.

The owner is being probed on suspicion of failing to control the dog thereby leading to the death of the goat.

EU got it!

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA and five other Malaga towns will receive almost €50 million as part of the European Union's (EU) Integrated Sustainable Urban Development strategies.

The Axarquia town struck gold in its first ever application for the funding, bagging a total of €3,105,020.

And the cash - from the EU's Regional Development Fund - will go towards boosting the town's sustainability.

But the sum did fall well short of the €5 million requested to overcome some 34 devel-

opment problems presented in a provincial development plan.

The other towns in the province to secure funds were Marbella, Benalmádena, Fuen-girola, Torremolinos and Cárta-ma.

Marbella alone landed €15 million for its Ciudad Sostenible (Sustainable City) project out of a €190 million regional total.

The EU scheme - which runs from 2014 to 2020 - will invest €5 billion to help 750 Euro-pean cities become more sus-tainable.

Just beachy!

SPAIN has maintained its status as the nation with the most blue flag beaches on the planet.

It comes after the Association for Environmental Education and the Consumer (ADEAC) handed the coveted award to 590 sandy strips across the country.

The Blue Flag is given to beaches meeting high standards of hygiene, sanitary conditions, safety, and accessibility.

And Spain's total has increased by 11 this year, with the sun-drenched hotspot having topped the world ranking since the awards began in 1987.

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Plane panic

A STUDENT pilot had to make an emergency landing at Velez-Malaga after his plane's landing gear broke on his first solo flight.

Guardia Civil officers, as well as personnel from Local and National Police and firefighters arrived at the runway in case they were needed when the aircraft landed.

The flying student had reportedly been in the air before attempting a routine landing. It was during this descent that the plane's front wheel broke meaning he had to abort the landing.

The plane was in the air for a further two hours while the student pilot attempted to touch down. Flight instructors were in contact with him throughout landing attempts.

The aircraft touched down at around 1.25pm yesterday (Wednesday) with the pilot reportedly unharmed. There was no damage to the plane except for the break of the front wheel, the failure of which caused the emergency landing.

Flight instructors said the first-time solo flyer's landing had been "perfect and manual."

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By **Matt Ford**

ONE of Britain's most wanted fugitives will not fight extradition after being held in Spain, it has been confirmed.

It comes after former Stephen Lawrence murder suspect Jamie Acourt was arrested as he ate lunch following a workout at Metropolitan Sagrada Familia Gym in Barcelona.

Reports suggest he tried to impersonate an Italian tourist but was unable to fool armed undercover officers who had spent days posing as fitness fanatics while keeping tabs on the 41-year-old from Eltham in South East London.

Acourt went on the run three years ago amid allegations that he was involved in a €4.5 million UK cannabis smuggling ring. Scotland Yard said in a statement he had been remanded in custody by Spanish police on a European Arrest Warrant at the close of an operation involving the UK's National Crime Agency (NCA).

Dramatic images released in the wake of the swoop show the handcuffed suspect in a Barcelona police station.

It's a fair cop

UK's 'most-wanted' fugitive accepts fate

And a court appearance in Madrid has reportedly been cancelled after the Spanish High Court heard via video link that he will accept his extradition.

Ian Crupton, Head of International Operations for the NCA, said: "Acourt thought he could evade capture but as a result of an intelligence-led operation his days on the run have ended.

"We were able to direct the Spanish authorities to his location in Barcelona.

"Our ability to share information and work at speed with our international partners ensures there is no safe haven for fugitives. We will never stop pursuing these individuals."

A Crimestoppers appeal to find Acourt was launched in October 2016, when he was

described as one of Britain's Top 10 fugitives.

It is believed he regularly returned to the UK using a false passport to raise money for his life on the run.

A Met Police statement said: "Spanish authorities arrested Jamie Acourt, 41, in Barcelona

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BARCELONA ARREST: Jamie Acourt was held in the Catalan capital.

on a European Arrest Warrant (EAW) on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Service.

"The EAW was issued as part of the Met's efforts to trace Acourt in relation to an investigation into the unlawful supply of controlled sub-

stances.

"This relates to an investigation launched in 2016 by detectives from the Serious and Organised Crime Command.

"Extradition proceedings now await."

Acourt's arrest follows re-

cent reports that he had been spotted living a party lifestyle in glamorous Costa del Sol resort Marbella.

He was alongside his brother Neil named among the five prime suspects in the Stephen Lawrence murder enquiry, but was not convicted and has always maintained his innocence.

Stephen was aged 18 when he died on April 22, 1993 after a racially motivated attack at a London bus stop.

Gary Dobson, now 42, and David Norris, 41, were found guilty of his murder and handed life prison sentences in 2012.

Acourt is the 81st of 96 British fugitives to be traced by Operation Captura, a joint scheme between the NCA, Crimestoppers and Spanish authorities.



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GOING APE: The young primate unleashes an almighty yawn.

Planet of the naps!

THIS is the adorable moment that a baby gorilla was captured on camera as it hung loose at a Spanish zoo.

The at-ease ape was snapped by Bosnian photographer Dusica Paripovic, 32, during a visit to Bioparc Valencia.

The zoo has maintained a population of critically endangered western gorillas since 2007, and the group started breeding in 2012.

Named Mbeli, the youngster pictured here will be a year old this summer.

Dusica said: "The baby gorillas are so adorable and expressive. They play with twigs or whatever they can find, they stumble and fall, they playfully wrestle with other gorillas."

"When you photograph animals, you never know if you are going to get any good photos.

They will not stand in the best light for you or give you the best angle.

"But when I saw this baby gorilla yawning, I knew there had to be at least one good photo there. I was excited."

She added: "Animals are my favourite subject to photograph - it's challenging and fun. They are unpredictable, fast, can't be posed and there's no need for retouching."

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Ports obtain 'blue' award

FIVE Malaga marinas have been awarded the coveted blue flag award for their high standards of cleanliness and sustainability. The environmental education association, ADEAC, recognised Caleta de Vélez, Benalmádena, Marbella, Estepona and La Duquesa marinas as sustainable and the director of Andalucía's ports agency praised the government for driving the improvements.

Junta sells land

THE regional government will sell public land worth €12.6 million for the construction of 350 subsidised homes, including five plots in Rincon de la Victoria. The land sales are a move to boost the economy and generate employment in the building sector hit hard by the crisis, Malaga's development councillor Francisco Fernandez said.

Lingo trip

GERMAN students are visiting Torrox as part of a language exchange with Spanish students from the Jorge Guillen secondary school. Fifteen students have travelled from Renania Wesfalia to the Axarquía town, where they will stay with local families as part of the school exchange programme financed by the Andalucía government.

Tradition kept

NERJA'S culture ministry is reportedly considering awarding prizes to 10 catholic cross carrying groups for literally upholding tradition and lighting up streets in Day of the Cross processions in Nerja and Maro. Among potential prize winners are three child groups, who bared the heavy burdens along crowded streets earlier this month.

Citizens speak

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA Town Hall is reportedly forwarding a citizen participation campaign to settle an ongoing disagreement on the function of the new coastal promenade in Torre de Benagalbon, local media reports. Competing ideas include a bike path with a shore-side wall or a more natural choice, like in Los Rubios.

Summer fun

AXARQUIA swimming club and local authorities are collaborating to offer summer camps to 630 children in Velez-Malaga and Torre del Mar swimming centres, the sports minister revealed. Antonio Ruiz - representing the club - said youngsters' main activities will be swimming, educational games and group dynamic and motor neural tasks.

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'WE NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY THEY HAD CHOSEN US': A Nazi soldier among buildings destroyed during one of the attacks and (inset) survivor Angel Beltran in the film.

80-year riddle

A MOVING new documentary film has revealed why four small villages in rural Valencia were targeted by Nazi bombers.

In May 1938, three Junkers 87-A dive-bombers, dubbed stukas by Nazi Germany's Condor Legion, dropped their payloads on the hamlets of Benassal, Albocasser, Ares del Maestre and Vilar de Cane in Castellon Province.

Many buildings were reduced to rubble and 38 people died.

"It was the first plane I saw in my life. It was like a great bird, but different," remembers Obdulia Mir in Experimento Stuka (Stuka Experiment), which this week opened at the DocsValencia international documentary festival.

Entirely lacking strategic or military value to the Germans, locals for decades believed that the attacks were ordered by Republicans fighting for General Francisco Franco in the Spanish Civil War, which ended a year later.

Others blamed Franco's troops themselves, since some of the villages briefly fell within Republican territory.

"My father heard that the Reds [Republicans] had destroyed the village and the church," added

Angel Beltran, the son of a Republican militant.

But 80 years later, modern-day residents have finally learned the truth.

University physics professor Oscar Vives, who was born in Benassal, travelled to Freiburg in Germany to study local archives after finding a clue in a Spanish Civil War book.

A short passage revealed that the Condor Legion used the Spanish villages as a testing ground for Second World War operations, and in the German archive Vives found a folder containing 66 photographs of the attacks.

The images show Nazi soldiers driving to the bomb sites and studying the devastation before returning to an airbase in La Senia, Tarragona, and drinking beer together on the beach.

The film reveals the Nazis were testing whether their dive-bombers were able to transport and drop 500-kilo bombs, double the standard weight.

Rafa Moles, who directed the documentary alongside Pepe Andreu, says that the raids were among the world's first "surgical military strikes."

The film is a follow-up to the pair's Five Days to Dance, an award-winning documentary about a school dance performance.

POLL OF THE WEEK

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

LAST WEEK'S POLL:

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Migrant rescue

A TOTAL of 56 men arrived at Motril's port after Spanish coastguards picked them up from a boat near Alboran Island.

The migrants, believed to be from sub-Saharan Africa, were found by a Salvamento Marítimo helicopter sailing around 16 miles northwest of the island last Tuesday evening. They arrived by boat at Motril reportedly in good health at around 6.35pm.

The 56 men were among a total of 186 people, including 20 women and a girl, picked up from four boats by coast guards on Tuesday. The remaining 130 migrants who were rescued were transferred to the ports of Almeria and Malaga.

OUR VIEW

Black start to summer bodes badly for resort

AS the summer party season begins and thousands of Britons jet to Magaluf, the resort already has its first casualties.

And the death of young father Aaron Henderson plus an unnamed Scottish teen in recent days should trigger alarm bells for local authorities who have for years been promising to tighten regulations and curb drinking practices.

But Magaluf's reputation continues to plummet, with reports of balcony falls, rapes and muggings on the increase.

At what point does enough become enough?

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Have we brought it on?

THE alleged abandonment of a British man by a Benidorm ambulance crew who were high on drugs and alcohol has rightly sparked outrage.

And it is arguably a sad indictment of the professional standards rife in private firms drafted in to provide cheaper alternatives to 'expensive' public services in Spain and the UK alike.

Perhaps just as worrying is that the two men accused of negligence were not even trained paramedics, but cut-price technicians.

But perhaps the question is, why do the general public allow such moves to happen without apparently batting an eyelid? Have we truly become so apathetic?

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Ova the moon!

SHE'S currently ranked number 52 in the world after a recent return from a drugs ban. But tennis star Maria Sharapova, 31, appeared at ease with life after posting a series of photos of herself enjoying the sights of Madrid, where she is competing in a tournament. And she was clearly amused by the local custom of late eating as she captioned one of the snaps: 'First ones at the restaurant...9pm #SpanishStyle.'



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE: Maria has this week been in Madrid (inset).

Sheer outrage

BRITISH singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran has angered a fan who travelled from Spain to watch him perform.

As the Shape Of You hitmaker kicked off his Irish tour at Cork's Páirc Uí Chaoimh stadium, the irate concertgoer tweeted: 'Just travelled from Spain to Cork. Ticket in my friend's name. Xmas present.'

"Told at box office I can't get in. WTF ED. After costing me €800 I can't get in. Screw you."

HE'S the former One Direction singer who has struck out alone.

But Liam Payne, 24, was joined by Mexican songstress Sofia Reyes on stage in Madrid as he performed at the LOS40 Primavera POP Festival.

The pair belted out his hit For You, which he originally sang with Rita Ora for the racy film Fifty Shades Freed.

Liam's relationship with ex-Girls Aloud star Cheryl Tweedy, 34, has reportedly been under strain since his solo career took off.

Liam heads in own direction

The couple's son Bear recently celebrated his first birthday, but widespread reports have suggested he is more committed to his pop career than family.

However the pair insist all is fine after a recent 'make or break' getaway at an undisclosed location.



PAYNE ATTRACTION: Liam on stage in Madrid.

The former X Factor contestant said in a magazine interview Cheryl's bond with the baby left him feeling 'desperate' as he tried to "get through fatherhood."

Dan in the dumps over split rumour

THEY have broken things off following 'a string of heated rows.'

And new reports have claimed that former The Only Way Is Essex star Dan Osborne, 26, failed to get in touch with wife Jacqueline Jossa, 25, while on a 'holistic bootcamp' in Marbella.

The ex-Eastenders actress - who is pregnant with their second child - is said to have been left furious after he failed to return her messages while on the sun-soaked break with Hollyoaks actress Stephanie Davis and Love Island's Gaby Allen, among others.

But Dan took to Twitter to vent his frustrations, as he wrote: 'Whenever a relationship goes through tough times etc... why is it always the man that gets stick...?'

And Jacqueline appeared to back him as she added: 'Daniel and I are dealing with things privately as a team, there is always two sides to every story. Stop with the nasty comments, no one deserves them.'

Sexy Sadie

ENGLISH actress and fashion designer Sadie Frost has been enjoying a sunshine break in Mallorca.

And the Bram Stoker's Dracula star, 52, shared a cheeky snap of herself after slipping into a black and orange bikini, posing in the doorway of her luxury suite at Belmond La Residencia, near Deya.



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Holiday death probe

Witness claims Brit was 'kicked in head'

By Matt Ford

MALLORCAN police are probing the death of a British man in Mallorca.

Aaron Henderson, from Coleraine, Northern Ireland, was on holiday with his partner and children when he was allegedly assaulted on Magaluf's Punta Ballena party strip.

The dad-of-two, 30, was found lying on the corner of Calle Martin Ros Garcia in critical condition after suffering a severe head injury in the early



Photo credit Facebook/Twitter

ALLEGED BEATING: Magaluf's Punta Ballena, where Aaron Henderson (inset) reportedly suffered severe head injuries.

hours of the morning, and investigators initially believed he had fallen.

But a witness, described as 'foreign' in local media, has since come forward to claim that he saw three men beating Aaron. According to reports, he was pushed to the ground before being kicked in the head, and later died of his injuries in capital Palma's Son Espases Hospital after medics failed to revive him. The precise cause

of his death has not yet been confirmed.

Detectives say they are now scouring CCTV footage recorded on the night of his death while quizzing hotel customers and staff as they try to trace his attackers.

It is believed he decided to continue partying after partner Daniella Baxter returned to their accommodation.

She paid an emotional tribute to him on social media as she

wrote: "I love you Aaron Hendy Henderson always and forever, you've made me the happiest I've ever been in my entire life."

"Life is cruel... Love and miss you always... My babes xxxxxxxx."

Tributes have also been flooding in to the Facebook page of his family business Paul Henderson Wholesale, which has attracted more than 400 messages of condolence.

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VELEZ-MALAGA Town Hall is collaborating with the Action Against Hunger charity to help jobless locals re-enter the labour market.

The 'Vives Emplea' free programme will help 25 jobless people in the town, 15 of whom are women.

María José Roberto - the

Back to work

town hall's Employment minister - said the programme was a "great opportunity" for participants. The programme equips jobseekers with all important personal and technical skills, opening up the labour market to

them for the 'long haul,' she added. A total of 189 people have boosted their employability in the province to date.

The programme is now running at Velez-Malaga's social work centre until July.

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Corruption verdict appeal

Prosecutors seek changes to Arcos ruling

by Joe Gerrard

ANTI-CORRUPTION prosecutors said they have filed an appeal with a Malaga court over its verdict on the Arcos case, which saw a former Alcaucin mayor sentenced to prison.

Prosecutors added one of the main reasons for the appeal was the evaluation of evidence during the trial. Defence lawyers acting for Jose Manuel Martin Alba, the former mayor, also



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APPEAL: Jose Manuel Martin Alba was sent to prison for corruption while mayor of Alcaucin.

said they would lodge an appeal, according to reports.

Martin Alba was sentenced to 17 months in prison, ordered to pay a €600 fine and has been barred from public office for seven years and seven months. Ten other defendants were also handed prison sentences.

The court heard during the trial Martin Alba had granted licences for projects 'arbitrarily' and favoured those put forward by friends.

Two held over 'robbery'

A 50-YEAR-OLD and 26-year-old suspected of stealing several items in 12 robberies and of falsifying documents have been arrested in Malaga.

Police claimed they seized jewellery and

clothing in a raid on the Cortijo area of the city. Officers also uncovered tools such as keys, picks and cards which they said were used to commit the offences.

False Latvian identity cards were also found.



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Countries show united tax front

FRANCE and Spain have agreed on the need for 'financial harmonisation' in the European Union to clamp down on tax havens and unfair competition between member states.

It comes as French Minister of European Affairs, Nathalie Loiseau, and Spanish Secretary of State for European Affairs, Jorge Toledo, attended a debate organised by the Faculty of Law at Madrid's Complutense University.

Both officials also insisted that 'Euroscepticism must be fought against,' with citizens becoming 'more invested in the European project'.

Norwegian rejects IAG bids

by Matt Ford

LONG-HAUL budget airline Norwegian Air Shuttle (NAS) says it has unanimously rejected two takeover offers from the owner of British Airways.

International Airlines Group (IAG), which owns 4.6 per cent of Norwegian, is reportedly aiming to increase its share of the market amid fears of competition from low-cost rivals.

But the NAS board said in a statement that it had rejected IAG's 'conditional proposals' because they 'undervalued NAS and its prospects.'

The rapidly-expanding carrier

added that the board 'would remain fully committed to delivering on its stated strategy.'

Shares in the airline plummeted by up to 10 per cent in the wake of the failed bid before a slight recovery.

IAG last month announced that it had acquired a minor stake in NAS 'intended to establish a position from which to initiate discussion, including the possibility of a full offer for the firm.'

But in an analyst presentation the company confirmed it had failed to

strike a full takeover deal as it said: "IAG confirms that it has had contact with the Norwegian board regarding a possible offer, without reaching an agreement."

"IAG is currently considering its options in relation to Norwegian."

The company - which also owns Spanish flag-carrier Iberia - also revealed a jump in operating profits in the first quarter of 2018, with underlying earnings before exceptional items up to €280 million compared to €160 million over the same period last year.

Economy cheer as hike goes on

THE General Council of Economists has revised its growth forecasts for Spain.

According to the national body, gross domestic product is expected to rise by 2.6 per cent in 2018 and 2.4 per cent in 2019.

The figure represents an increase of one 10th compared to earlier predictions.

It comes after the country's economy expanded by 0.7 per cent from January to March.

And it is expected to shoot up by a further 0.7 per cent over the next three months.



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€60m VAT conmen held in clampdown



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VAT'S UNBELIEVABLE: The gang reportedly laundered money via luxury car dealers.

THE Spanish tax agency, National Police and Europol have busted the country's biggest VAT fraud scheme, with the culprits accused of cheating the state out of at least €60 million.

Raids across the country saw 58 people held in Madrid, Elche, Malaga, Cordoba, Murcia, the Basque Country and Navarra, with €400,000 in cash and 52 high-end sports cars seized.

It comes in the wake of a three-year probe during which the gang's ringleaders, two men of Indian ori-

gin holding Spanish passports, were found to have built an elaborate racket after setting up 100 bogus companies.

The pair reportedly fled to the United States after realising that the authorities were investigating them, from where they continued to direct the scam.

Detectives said that the group specialised in the import and sale of undeclared electronic goods before laundering much of the proceeds via luxury car dealerships in Galicia.

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€2.1bn tech tax scheme

SPAIN hopes to raise €2.1 billion by 2019 by slapping 'certain electronic transactions' with a new digital tax and using the cash to boost state pension hikes, Economy Minister Ramon Escolano has revealed.

Good job

THE Spanish Ministry of Employment has revealed that the number of jobless people across the country fell by 86,683 in April with more than 18.6 million now in paid work, the most for almost a decade.

Fuel's gold

MADRID-BASED global energy firm Repsol has announced an 8 per cent year-on-year increase in adjusted first-quarter profit after higher oil and gas prices helped the company rake in €616 million in January-March this year.

Uranium miner's list plan

LONDON-BASED mining firm Berkeley Energia has announced it is to apply for admission to the main board of the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and its Spanish equivalents in Madrid, Barcelona, Bilbao and Valencia.

The company - currently listed on the Alternative Investment sub-market of the LSE - owns a controversial uranium mine in Salamanca.

Managing Director Paul Atherle said the

move "represents a major strategic move forward."

"It will allow us to build support amongst European institutional investors whilst we advance activities on site," he added.

Last summer, Berkeley received €100 million from Oman's sovereign wealth fund to help finish construction of the Spanish mine, with production set to start in early 2019.

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Anglo American	1,720.00	-31.40	-1.79	24,342.66
Associated British Foods	2,697.50	-8.50	-0.31	21,335.62
Admiral Group	1,988.25	0.00	0.00	5,698.71
Ashtead Group	2,050.00	-37.00	-1.77	10,080.97
Antofagasta	971.50	-24.50	-2.46	9,696.89
Aviva	538.00	1.00	0.19	21,504.89
AstraZeneca	5,200.00	-5.00	-0.10	65,863.91
BAE Systems	615.50	2.10	0.34	19,571.14
Barclays	208.90	3.30	1.61	34,675.26
British American Tobacco	3,925.00	37.00	0.95	89,406.59
Barratt Developments	557.00	-4.60	-0.82	5,684.43
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,063.00	-13.00	-0.32	5,531.28
British Land Co	676.00	4.00	0.60	6,602.83
BHP Billiton	1,575.00	-26.40	-1.65	32,906.08
Bunzl	2,583.50	416.50	19.22	7,246.57
BP	550.50	-7.60	-1.36	108,540.69
Burberry Group	1,851.00	-24.00	-1.28	7,669.15
BT Group	236.50	1.60	0.68	23,033.70
Coca-Cola HBC	2,474.50	24.50	1.00	9,012.85
Carnival	4,735.00	-19.00	-0.40	9,693.58
Centrica	146.75	-7.90	-5.11	8,646.15
Compass Group	1,580.00	20.00	1.28	24,680.73
Croda International	4,468.50	0.00	0.00	5,867.33
CRH	2,662.50	0.00	0.00	22,080.83
DCC	7,542.50	237.50	3.25	6,517.66
Diageo	2,624.00	-39.00	-1.46	64,131.46
Direct Line Insurance Group	368.50	3.20	0.88	4,998.13
Evraz	475.80	-5.80	-1.20	7,017.06
Experian	1,700.50	-4.50	-0.26	15,499.71
easyJet	1,616.00	-25.00	-1.52	6,406.97
Ferguson	5,575.00	5.00	0.09	13,714.72
Fresnillo	1,281.00	-28.00	-2.14	9,553.83
G4S	230.35	-30.15	-11.57	4,012.42
Glencore	363.50	3.50	0.97	51,828.09
GlaxoSmithKline	1,458.00	-11.20	-0.76	72,038.83
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,784.50	-11.50	-0.64	8,504.53
Halma	1,248.50	0.00	0.00	4,711.35
HSBC Holdings	712.50	-1.90	-0.27	144,929.18
International Consoidtd Air Grp	649.00	-29.00	-4.28	13,126.71
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,645.00	-22.00	-0.47	8,808.95
3i Group	945.50	0.50	0.05	9,133.61
Imperial Brands	2,575.00	-25.00	-0.96	24,749.47
Informa	757.00	2.30	0.30	6,234.42
Intertek Group	4,990.00	-20.00	-0.40	8,045.45
ITV	154.95	3.70	2.45	6,042.14
Just Eat	791.00	-3.80	-0.48	5,419.76
Johnson Matthey	3,310.00	-6.00	-0.18	6,332.41
Kingfisher	292.50	11.30	4.02	5,996.98
Land Securities Group	986.25	6.25	0.64	7,287.07
Legal & General Group	270.50	-2.10	-0.77	16,285.22

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	65.26	-0.12	-0.18	46,557.66
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,363.00	33.00	0.76	14,899.28
Micro Focus International	1,305.50	45.50	3.61	5,449.01
Mediclinic International	696.40	2.40	0.35	5,042.75
Marks & Spencer Group	287.50	-1.40	-0.48	4,635.45
Mondi	1,975.50	40.00	2.07	6,957.38
Melrose	219.00	-12.50	-5.40	10,190.75
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	244.00	-2.00	-0.81	5,715.35
National Grid	845.00	-6.00	-0.71	28,386.41
NMC Health	3,514.00	-30.00	-0.85	7,310.67
Next	5,175.00	31.00	0.60	7,327.62
Old Mutual Group	245.50	-5.70	-2.27	12,322.08
Paddy Power Betfair	6,735.00	-115.00	-1.68	5,802.96
Prudential	1,888.50	-5.00	-0.26	48,815.77
Persimmon	2,825.00	95.00	3.48	8,504.61
Pearson	868.50	-25.10	-2.81	6,479.55
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,650.00	-77.00	-1.34	39,173.53
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	267.50	-4.70	-1.73	32,290.81
Royal Dutch Shell	2,540.00	-38.00	-1.47	116,905.17
Royal Dutch Shell	2,587.50	-68.00	-2.56	97,944.48
RELX	1,564.50	-8.00	-0.51	16,363.85
Rio Tinto	4,001.00	-74.00	-1.82	53,349.50
Royal Mail	529.70	-69.10	-11.54	5,934.00
Rolls-Royce Group	832.70	-3.10	-0.37	15,436.74
Randgold Resources	6,070.00	20.00	0.33	5,763.32
RSA Insurance Group	652.00	14.80	2.32	6,553.82
Rentokil Initial	265.50	-51.90	-16.35	5,799.13
Sainsbury (J)	255.55	-45.75	-15.18	6,628.83
Schroders	3,352.50	7.50	0.22	7,526.55
Sage Group (The)	651.40	3.40	0.52	6,864.93
Segro	639.90	0.00	0.00	6,400.70
Shire	3,850.00	-6.00	-0.16	35,108.13
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,955.00	-93.00	-3.05	7,168.11
Sky	1,322.50	-50.00	-3.64	23,481.78
Standard Life Aberdeen	373.45	11.15	3.08	10,954.67
Smith (DS)	535.60	3.80	0.71	5,677.77
Smiths Group	1,632.50	-4.50	-0.27	6,442.92
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	495.00	8.00	1.64	6,745.99
Smith & Nephew	1,373.75	75.75	5.84	11,395.58
SSE	1,387.50	-8.00	-0.57	14,070.24
Standard Chartered	738.65	-9.35	-1.25	24,514.24
St James's Place	1,105.50	-53.50	-4.62	6,090.25
Severn Trent	1,948.00	-56.00	-2.79	4,749.11
Tesco	239.25	-1.45	-0.60	23,351.24
TUI AG	1,730.00	0.00	0.00	10,120.68
Taylor Wimpey	197.60	4.60	2.38	6,320.37
Unilever	3,970.00	-11.00	-0.28	48,716.39
United Utilities Group	773.00	4.00	0.52	5,250.54
Vodafone Group	210.00	-0.50	-0.24	55,739.81
WPP Group	1,280.00	-1.00	-0.08	16,130.25
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APPLE	183,830	+3.92%	6,940	933,161,73
BOEING CO	334,430	+1.13%	3,740	194,745,17
CATERPILLAR	146,370	+1.80%	2,590	87,521,91
CHEVRON	125,53	-0.38%	-0,48	239,806,37
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,300	+1.94%	0,860	218,185,34
COCA-COLA	42,36	+1.12%	0,47	180,338,03
DOWDUPONT	64,47	+1.58%	1,00	149,953,69
EXXON MOBIL	76,90	+0.47%	0,36	325,679,28
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,1000	+1.22%	0,1700	122,463,27
GOLDMAN SACHS	234,94	+0.66%	1,53	91,058,87
HOME DEPOT	185,0300	+1.00%	1,8400	213,194,99
IBM	143,91	+1.35%	1,92	132,095,64
INTEL CORP	52,7800	+0.96%	0,5000	246,377,04
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	108,4300	+1.11%	1,1900	369,080,32
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,1900	+0.94%	1,1600	333,237,50
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,0300	+3.09%	4,9500	129,767,33
MERCK AND CO. NEW	57,75	+0.38%	0,22	155,517,74
MICROSOFT	95,160	+1.16%	1,090	732,558,31
NIKE	68,10	+1.79%	1,20	87,396,33
PFIZER	34,8400	+0.23%	0,0800	207,278,48
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	72,430	+1.50%	1,070	182,157,59
TRAVELERS CIES	129,71	+1.89%	2,40	35,047,48
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	119,51	+1.54%	1,81	95,679,11
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	235,90	+0.75%	1,75	226,689,19
VERIZON COMMS	48,19	+0.73%	0,35	199,116,09
VISA	128,16	+0.77%	0,98	228,910,46
WAL-MART STORES	87,5300	+1.51%	1,3000	258,489,50
WALT DISNEY CO	101,1500	+2.42%	2,3900	152,021,59

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Commercial Vehicle Group, Inc.	\$ 8.75	1.96 ▲ 28.87%
Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 42.44	8.66 ▲ 25.64%
Super Micro Computer, Inc.	\$ 21.25	3.20 ▲ 17.73%
Solid Biosciences Inc.	\$ 18.87	2.77 ▲ 17.20%
Sarepta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 89.75	11.58 ▲ 14.81%
Kona Grill, Inc.	\$ 2.05	0.25 ▲ 13.89%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	\$ 73.66	8.75 ▲ 13.48%
TPI Composites, Inc.	\$ 26.02	3.06 ▲ 13.33%
Benefitfocus, Inc.	\$ 34.45	4.05 ▲ 13.32%
Control4 Corporation	\$ 23.69	2.74 ▲ 13.08%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 2.60	0.29 ▲ 12.55%
Most Declined		
Universal Electronics Inc.	\$ 29.025	16.425 ▼ 36.14%
Adverum Biotechnologies, Inc.	\$ 5.325	1.025 ▼ 16.14%
Performant Financial Corporation	\$ 2.66	0.43 ▼ 13.92%
Gogo Inc.	\$ 8.33	1.26 ▼ 13.14%
Xperi Corporation	\$ 20.15	2.90 ▼ 12.58%
Century Aluminum Company	\$ 14.76	1.64 ▼ 10%
Xcel Brands, Inc	\$ 2.80	0.30 ▼ 9.68%
Web.com Group, Inc.	\$ 17.45	1.85 ▼ 9.59%
Harvard Bioscience, Inc.	\$ 5	0.50 ▼ 9.09%
Appian Corporation	\$ 26.25	2.57 ▼ 8.92%
Lantheus Holdings, Inc.	\$ 16.425	1.475 ▼ 8.24%

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EUROPEAN AIRLINES TO AXE CREDIT CARD CHARGES

THE global airline industry is set to wage war against credit card firms.

Working with German financial services company Deutsche Bank, carriers aim to save billions of Euros in transaction fees using a new electronic real-time payment system for web-based ticket sales.

The scheme, which does not yet have a brand name, is earmarked to be trialled in Germany before being rolled out across Europe by the end of 2018. Spaniard Javier Orejas, senior banking manager for the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, said: "We are developing an industry-wide payment solution that is an alternative to credit cards."

According to IATA, credit card payment processing costs the industry up to €6.7 billion per year, with credit card companies including Visa and Mastercard charging between 1 and 3 per cent for each transaction.

But the new system will employ a fixed rate which will be "a matter of cents," Orejas added.

It has been made possible by a new



FARE ENOUGH: The new scheme will be trialled in Germany and has already gained the support of the country's biggest carrier Lufthansa.

European Union ruling that forces banks to hand third parties access to customer data and trigger payments.

Customers will enter their bank account details before Deutsche checks their balance in real time, collecting

the fees and transferring the money to the relevant airline once it sees that sufficient funds are available.

"Most banks view this in a defensive manner and only reluctantly open their data," said Shahrokh Moinian,

global head of cash products at Deutsche. "For us, it's an opportunity for change. We have asked ourselves: why can't we behave like a tech company?"

But introducing new payments systems can be tricky, because companies will only buy into schemes that their clients are willing to use, and vice versa.

IATA and Deutsche believe that convincing Europe's biggest airlines to adopt the system will see them break through this barrier.

"We are currently in talks with large carriers," Orejas told the *Financial Times*, noting that there is "a lot of appetite among airlines."

Meanwhile, travellers will be lured in with offers of flight discounts or extra loyalty miles.

Germany's largest carrier Lufthansa said in a statement that it is in favour of modern payment initiatives, adding: "We believe that competition in payment and distribution systems is a basic factor for decreasing cost while improving customer experience."

Tourists splash record amount in first quarter

MORE than 13.7 foreign tourists spent almost €14.4 million in Spain during the first quarter of 2018, according to the National Institute of Statistics.

The record figures represent increases of 6 and 7.7 per cent on the same period in 2017, respectively.

In March alone more than 5.4 million holidaymakers flocked to the country as visitor numbers soared by 9.6 per cent compared to last year.

The average tourist stayed for 7.5 days and spent €1,064, with Britons (2.8 million), Germans (1.85 million) and French (1.69 million) travellers topping the rankings in terms of numbers.

And the destinations raking in the most cash were the Canary Islands (€4.5 million), Cataluña (€3.1 million) and Andalucía (€2.2 million).



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SO, there he stood.

Rick the Roo Boy, 6.30am, outside my hotel room, dangling some bewhiskered rodent up to the spy hole and asking 'if I was ready?'

For those who missed last week's introduction to this Australian saga, I was touring the great 'down under' and while appearing in Melbourne had recently mentioned in a radio interview that I had 'yet to see a kangaroo.' A local character had phoned in and offered to 'show me all the kangaroos I wanted.'

I had completely forgotten the incident and suddenly here he was, at my hotel room, raring to go, about 10 minutes after I personally had actually staggered into bed! His broad Australian 'rasp' once more penetrated my befuddled senses.

"Come on Leapy," he shouted through the door, "don't wanna be late."

"Freddy the ferret here wants to get him a few rabbits." What!? Having very little choice I fumbled with the door and as he burst in I turned and moved hastily to the bedroom, calling over my shoulder for him to take a seat and that 'I wouldn't be a minute'.



AUSSIE RULES: Nurses, 'uppers' and bunny bashing.

I shut the bedroom door and flopped down onto the bed. Oh my God, I thought, what am I going to do? Well one thing was for sure, if I was going 'kangaroo hunting' I wasn't going on my own. Quickly downing a couple of 'wake up' pills, kindly donated by a couple of thoughtful young nurses, (who had only actually left around half an hour before!) I lifted the phone and began to ring

around the group.

The first member, my drummer, didn't answer at all. The next two mumbling musos blearily uttered hardly discernible 'no ways,' even under the threats of getting an early flight back to Blighty.

Mike, my guitarist was next. Mike was just a big old softy really and after extreme begging and pleading, plus the promise of a couple of 'uppers,'

he finally, very reluctantly, agreed to accompany me on the 'hunt.'

One hour later Mike, me, Rick the Roo Boy and Freddy the ferret were bouncing across the Australian outback in a jeep. We pulled up in the middle of nowhere. Rick leapt from the vehicle, clutching the wriggling Freddy in a sack and gleefully exclaiming that first, we were going to catch

us a few rabbits for supper.

"Take these two clubs," he enthused, "and go over and stand on that hillock. I'll put Freddy down these burrows and when the rabbits pop out over there just hit 'em over the head!"

Oh really! Mick and I, both utterly 60's peace and love, further enhanced by the effects of the 'uppers' wandered reluctantly over to the distant, rabbit-holed mound, and just stood there, looking at each other. At that point those Australian rabbits were the safest animals on earth. There was no way in the world that either of us could have bashed their heads in as they emerged from the ground on that sunny morning. So, there we stood and waited... And I'm afraid that's what all of us will have to do 'til I round it all off next week. Back to my old 'telling it all as I see it' soon. Promise.

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Take back (digital) control

The week after next, Terence Kennedy will insist that Facebook deletes his digital indiscretions

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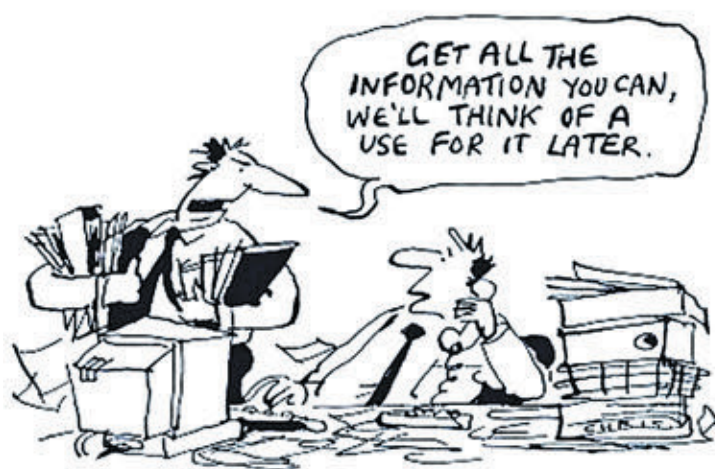
SOON the world's digital overlords will apparently hold 40 zettabytes of information on us.

No I don't know what that means either, but when a colleague recently asked Facebook for all the information it held on him, he got nearly a gigabyte back.

That's the equivalent of 200 copies of the Bible in plain text, if you're interested. Or not, if you're an atheist.

Most alarming of all was that it listed every call he had ever made and every message he had ever sent. The good news is that this changes in a fortnight. At least it does for we Europeans, thanks to the acronym of the moment: GDPR.

From May 25 the General Data Protection Regulation means that organisations may no longer treat us unilaterally as just so much advertising fodder, to be milked of every possible bit of personal information



GDPR: Keep calm and comply.

for their nefarious or even non-nefarious purposes. If they do, it's goodbye €20 million or more in fines.

The likes of Facebook, Amazon, Google or that popular anatomical research site Pornhub may not harvest our personal data without asking us, may not hit us with 40 screens of terms and conditions we cannot understand as an excuse, may not refuse to tell us what they know about us,

and must delete it if we insist. I certainly do.

If they get hacked they have to 'fess up' within 72 hours.

Not only may they merely store our details for a 'reasonable' time, but we will have the hitherto denied 'right to be forgotten' if we want to opt-out of any part of our brave new digital world.

It's not just our direct personal da-

ta which is affected. Anything which could be identified directly back to us may not be collected without our explicit consent. That includes the 'IP address' which pinpoints your specific computer or phone even if you think you operate online anonymously.

The good news for non-Europeans is also that the GDPR will reverberate far beyond the old world's borders. Any company has to comply when doing business with Europe (here's lookin' at you Facebook and Google).

So: The Empire Fights Back? Will it all make a difference where online privacy has devalued more than a Zimbabwean dollar?

A recent survey revealed that 32 per cent of the respondents intend to ask at least one organisation exactly what information it holds on them.

I will certainly be asking Google to delete details of all those searches I did back then on performance-enhancing substances undetectable by local Scrabble clubs. Purely for scientific purposes, you understand.

Trackdown

WE'VE all seen those ads which mysteriously track us right across the internet - irritatingly offering to sell us the very item we just bought.

But it's not just GCHQ, the NSA or even the former KGB who'd like to track us physically too. Soon we might pass the supermarket and our phone might entreat us to buy today's special on biodegradable crumpets.

The GDPR doesn't (yet) tackle the thorny issue of surveillance, but it's coming. Proposed legislation hopes to take the next step: banning surveillance unless you agree.

Would anyone, other than 'helicopter' parents obsessing where their children are 24/7? Or a nurse keeping tabs on someone like my granddad, whose 105th birthday we celebrated this week? (Though sadly he died at 62).



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Trigger-happy 'generation snowflake' forever in Neverland

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views

Nora is the author of popular psychological suspense and crime thrillers and a freelance journalist. To comment on any of the issues raised in her column, go to www.euroweeklynnews.com/3.0.15/nora-johnson

AN over-praised and narcissistic generation of university students is persistently trying to negotiate better grades - or 'grade grubbing' as it's called - academics recently reported.

When university education was free, most students were grateful for what they got and wouldn't have considered complaining. But now students have to pay high fees, they're the customer and, understandably, expect to receive good grades in return for their financial investment.

But they argue frequently and aggressively about low grades, even when some of them haven't attended lectures, aren't particularly clever or just plain lazy.

Universities are scared stiff of getting low Student Satisfaction scores, which would lead to a lower student intake the following year and therefore loss of income. So, fundamentally students can do almost anything



SNOWFLAKES: Over-praised and narcissistic university students.

they please and they know this.

Basically, too much 'Aren't you clever, darling' and not enough 'naughty step!' from their parents?

Newsflash: 'The University of Neverland acknowledges that law students are required to study topics in the criminal law module that may distress them, specifically murder, manslaughter, assault, rape and other sexual offences. At the start of lectures, relevant trigger warnings will be given and any student needing to leave may do so then.

'If an appeal is made without delay to the

university indicating which parts of the course cause discomfort or anxiety, examination questions on these topics will be replaced with substitute questions on fraud, theft, corporate liability or other non-trigger topics.'

I made this up but you get the idea. Heck! I need trigger warnings for stories like this because my blood pressure spikes whenever I read about what a collection of girl's blouses young people have become.

Whatever next? A trigger warning at the beginning of a crime novel that someone, maybe even another person, will be dead by the close? Phew! As the author of crime thrillers perhaps I'd better shift gears and focus solely on fairy tales... set in Neverland!

Nora Johnson's crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon in paperback/eBook (€0.99; £0.99) and iBookstore. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca charity.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Do they need a tax adviser?

Q. My partner and I have lived in Spain for seven years. We have lifetime residency and NIE. We live on our pensions and do not pay tax in the UK, as we do not earn enough.

Some people tell us we must register for tax in Spain and some tell us we don't have to. A website tells us that if we earn less than €22,000 per year, we do not have to register in Spain. We are now confused.

I have recently begun earning from buying shares in properties with a Spanish company, and so I agree I must now register. Can you please clear up the matter?

N K (Costa Blanca)

A. YES you must declare for Spanish tax. Here is a simple rule: if you reside officially in Spain, your worldwide income is subject to Spanish tax.

In your case, you want to find a Spanish tax consultant who speaks English so you can understand. Ask your friends. The limit of €22,000 applies only when the income received has been subject to Spanish withholding tax during the year. Clearly, this does not apply to a UK pension.

David Searl
You and the Law in Spain



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Bentley Continental GT inspires kitchen

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

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SALON INTERNATIONAL DEL MOBILE, Milan April 2018. The centrepiece of the Bentley Home collection presented at the salon was the kitchen. An idealised expression of the focal point of modern family living.

Designed by architect Carlo Colombo the Bentley Home draws together the materials and finishes of the luxury British carmaker.

Elegance, combined with luxury and contemporary design are the hallmarks of the Bentley Home collection. A line of furniture and accessories embodies a superb representation of the Bentley Car's design language further enhanced by Italian flair and manufacture.

The design of the collection focuses on proportion and shape rich in detail, with new patterns and sinuous geometries emphasised by metal details drawn from the interiors of the new Bentley Continental GT, as with the new Bampton sofa whose shape is highlighted by a



Photo credit Bentley Home Collection

SUPERCAR EFFECT: The Bampton Sofa is inspired by the interior of the Bentley Continental GT.

metallic profile.

The Buxton kitchen is defined by linear design enhanced by the richness of the finish. A central island made of larch, houses the Calacatta

LUXURY: The Buxton kitchen revealed.
STYLISH: The leather outer cover is framed by a metal profile, a motif of the collection.

Gold marble top flared at the corners and characterised by a perimeter groove. The dynamic surface creates a movement effect while manual sliding panels create an elegant snack top and at the same time reveals a

steel under top and hi-tech cooking module. The absence of handles in the doors and the recessed opening emphasises the sophistication and cleanliness of the shapes.

The Bentley design language and style is reflected in the materials, the new larch wood, with its warm shades and dark veins is modelled to embellish sofa and seat frames or combining it with leather in table and coffee table surfaces.

Upholstery fabrics of soft velvets in silk and cotton, high performance chenille and Alcantara fabrics worked with a chevron motif in colour patterns of delicate and pastel shades. Stone grey and quartz grey tones combined with natural shades define a collection of a distinctive contemporary character.

Elements of the Bentley kitchen may be acquired selectively to enhance the ambiance at the heart of your home. A Bentley Home Matlock coffee table, combines elements, two curved modules create the structure on which the top made of new larch wood is fitted.

The leather outer cover is framed by a metal profile which is the motif of the collection, at €5,300, or the Bampton sofa - a design inspired by the dashboard of Bentley cars - at €19,030. Prices are excluding local taxes.

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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

THERE are an increasing band of TV celebrities who have a fan base so loyal (or sheep-like, you choose) that with the protection of social media have become somehow untouchable.

Do I dare share some thoughts? Of course! Piers Morgan, Jane McDonald, and Jeremy Clarkson to name just three.

So with the return of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* this week (ITV1, until May 11) I paused before deciding if I should include something, or not, but here goes.

The show is celebrating 20 years with a run of seven shows with Mr Clarkson trying, oh he is trying so hard, to fill



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WELCOME RETURN: Friday Night Dinner.

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**TRYING
SO
HARD:
Jeremy
Clarkson
on
Who
Wants
To Be
A Millionaire.**

Chris Tarrant's shoes.

ITV has introduced a new 'Ask the Host' option for contestants, that's useful if there is a question about cars or having a temper and taking it out on your co-workers.

Jeremy started out by making an obviously scripted off the cuff remark about winners being able to live like The Queen, with an old Greek upstairs, which Clarkson fans loved and fans of the show probably thought didn't need to be there.

Jeremy hasn't (yet) been overly

supportive to contestants who struggle with the earlier/easier questions, but the viewing figures aren't too bad, after all you can get Top Gear on catch up.

My view, if you like Jeremy you will love it, if you like the show, you will probably put up with the new host, while most of us will dip in and out as the feeling takes us.

Thankfully Jeremy wasn't invited to dine with the Goodmans when *Friday Night Dinner* returned to Channel 4 last Friday and a good job too. Jackie and Martin have bought a hot tub so there would have been a risk of Mr Clarkson in budgie smugglers, think I will leave that one there.

This is series 5 so there is a risk that Adam and Jonny turning up for dinner on Friday and something going wrong will start to look stale. The first episode of the new series shouldn't have disappointed fans of the show, Jim and Wilson are back and the 'nippy-nippy' sequence surely had anyone watching with a family member squirming in their seat.

Jackie's mum returns later in the

run, so that should keep things bumping along nicely and what did you make of Jim's potential new girlfriend, more this week?

I'm really not trying to keep the image of Jeremy in swimming trunks alive, but thankfully he didn't make it to the Levante beach (hi to all our readers in the Costa Blanca) for the final episode of *Benidorm* last week. Most of us probably agree that the show has gone off the boil recently, but I will miss the antics around the pool in this smashing part of Spain.

There was a nice guest appearance for the creator of the show when Derren Litten launched a possible takeover bid as Elvis from Skegness and Claire Sweeney, Bobby Ball and Holly Johnson all pitched in to push the show to a conclusion. I think I will be a little bit sad not to have the cast doing their thing anymore.

It's the *Eurovision Song Contest* this Saturday (BBC1, for over three hours). Watch out for Cyprus, but Israel, Spain and the UK are not expected to make the top 10.

Happy viewing.



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Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I'VE been reading lately that shopping online is killing high street, bricks and mortar, shopping. This in my opinion is due to many reasons. Of course, the biggest one is the convenience - you don't have to get off your backside; you just click a couple of buttons.

Another is the massive shopping centres like Westfield. I've just got back from a few days in the UK and the thing is the high streets just haven't moved with the times. I was staying in Borehamwood. It has a nice high street but most of the shops are eateries - you can buy every type of food you want.

There is an abundance of nail places and estate agents but no 'shop' shops. At the back of the high street there is a mini shopping park where there are some of the big name stores but they are all closed up by 6pm.

Why? I remember when I had my first shop, we opened at 9.30am and closed at 5.30pm and had half-day closing on a Thursday. Remember those days?

This was 1980 and I had just opened my first video rental shop. After the first few weeks I realised that this couldn't work be-

cause the only customers I was getting were people who didn't work those hours or local workers who nipped in during their lunch break, so I changed my hours to be open 10am-7pm and no half-days and I opened Sundays too.

Business boomed, even though I had to fight the council tooth and nail not to be fined. Back to Borehamwood - I wanted to buy a pair of shoes. I got to the shop at 6.02pm and everything was locked up and gone. I'm sure if everyone opened later they would have a better chance of survival.

Of course they won't because you can't cover those opening hours with one shift. For us living here in Spain we are spoilt - we can shop from 10am till 10pm.

Sure we have some stores that still take a siesta but you don't half miss the longer hours when you are in the UK. Plus, here we still have thriving high streets with a great selection of independent retailers.

OK stand up Jet2 and take a bow. I used them for the first time this trip and they are head and shoulders above Ryanair. Their staff were so helpful and it's the little things like having a pocket on the back of the seat to put a paper and more legroom - give them a try.

So there you go I was temporarily happy this week.

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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' NO PROBLEMS - ONE SEASICK, THE NEXT TOO MUCH GUINNESS AND THE THIRD IS COUNTING TOXIC JELLYFISH. '

Trivia from around the world

*** Vevcani village in Macedonia declared independence after the breakup of Yugoslavia. The settlement still regards itself as a separate entity.

*** Everyone in Vietnam has the same birthday, with ages worked out based on how many Tets (New Years) have passed.

*** Costa Rica is technically at war with Germany. The country did not sign the Treaty of Versailles which ended the First World War.

*** Studies suggest young male elephants have begun attacking villages due to a lack of older bulls to set an example for them.

*** The scientifically-designed keyboard for Turkish speakers has led typists from the country to break 14 world records in type-writing competitions between 1957 and 1995.

*** There is believed to be at least 15 secret cities in Russia. They are not on maps and foreign visitors are not allowed in them.



CULTURE SHOCK: Paris syndrome was first diagnosed by Hiroaki Ota in 1986.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a condition called Paris syndrome which refers to the extreme shock some tourists experience when they realise the city is not what they expected. Delusions, hallucinations, anxiety and dizziness are all reportedly symptoms of the disorder, which affects Japanese travellers in particular. It is believed to be an extreme form of culture shock.

Women's wit

‘Imperfection is beauty, madness is genius and it's better to be absolutely ridiculous than absolutely boring.’

Marilyn Monroe, actor



Famous quote

‘Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them, that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality, let things flow naturally in whatever way they like.’

Lao Tzu, philosopher

World of English

‘Breatharian - a person who believes they can reach a point through meditation where they can survive solely on air and without food.’

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Keep up the pace this week so that you have plenty to discuss and 'write home about'. With your mind so active, you are capable of doing in a day what would normally take a week. By-pass those who try to slow you down. There will be plenty of time to be a plod later.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

Others may be changing their minds, and generally being a bit of a pain. That may irritate you but it is no reason to change your plans. Both you and your colleagues will be glad that you did in the longer term. You may need to find some peace and space for yourself come the weekend.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Looking back over the past few months you will realise that fine adjustments are needed. Both your working life and diet need attention, so be determined that progress made will continue apace. Certainly, you have no qualms about facing any problems straight on. You thrive on responsibility and there is no shortage of that at the moment.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Now that you are feeling much better, it will be tempting to put aside your healthy eating and exercise, but if you remember what a difference it makes it would be silly to stop now. Enlist the help of a friend or two in keeping the momentum going.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

There are so many things to do or try that you should be spoiled for choice. No, don't settle down in front of the TV. Get out, make some friends and aim to learn something new every day. That may only be the name of your neighbour on the bus but it counts. You are charming and urbane, so don't keep it all to yourself.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

When your feelings are so positive, which they should be now, it is hard to remember that they have ever been any other way. You may have a plan in mind for a new activity to get the adrenalin flowing. How much more enjoyable, though, to find someone to share this with you. Book that course and maybe you will meet them there.



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

After a few recent excesses, bad habits can prove hard to shake off. Remember that any time of the year is a good time to make a fresh start. Don't put off looking after your health any more than you would put off stashing a cheque in the bank. Use it or lose it? You know it makes sense. Think about combining health with a holiday.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

It happens that energy is sometimes low. Take the chance to read up on why this could be. You may think that you know it all, but in this world there is no chance of that. Maybe you are out of touch generally, or just out of touch with your own needs. Give building your strength priority. How much better you will cope with extra energy.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

With so much going on, you are in danger of burning yourself to a frazzle. You won't realise until you have done it, so make a point of getting some peace and quiet, preferably both of them at the same time. Relax and don't even think about things that are unchangeable. Time will sort out most things for you.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Leave nothing to chance when it comes to your health. Although you are feeling good now you will soon have problems because you are more concerned with others than yourself. This can be good but can also be overdone.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Your tendency to see yourself through the eyes of others can lead you to undervalue your worth. This could see you going pear-shaped, emotionally. Try not to believe everything that you are told because there are always at least two ways of seeing things. Be positive. You are capable of so much. Take care of your needs on a daily basis.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Concentrate on your physical needs this week and spend much more time on yourself. There will be plenty of opportunities to look after others when you are feeling 100 per cent yourself. Stay in control of day-to-day plans.

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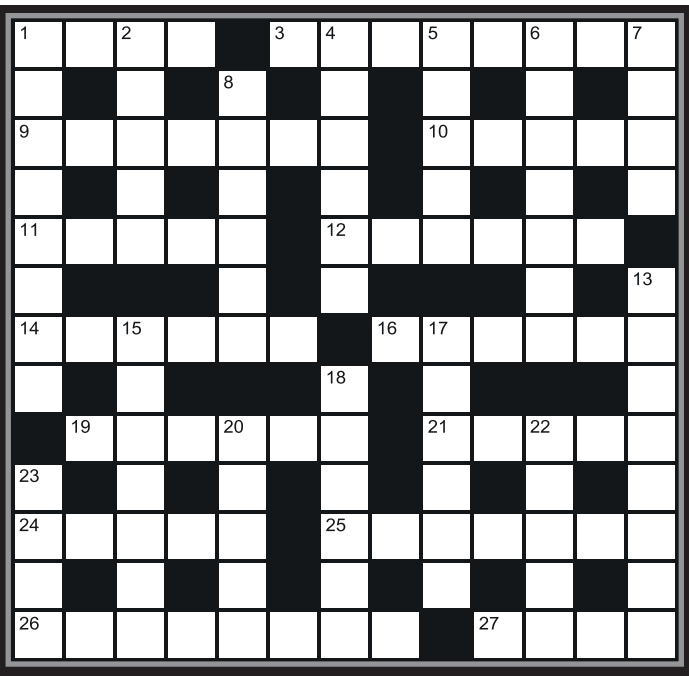
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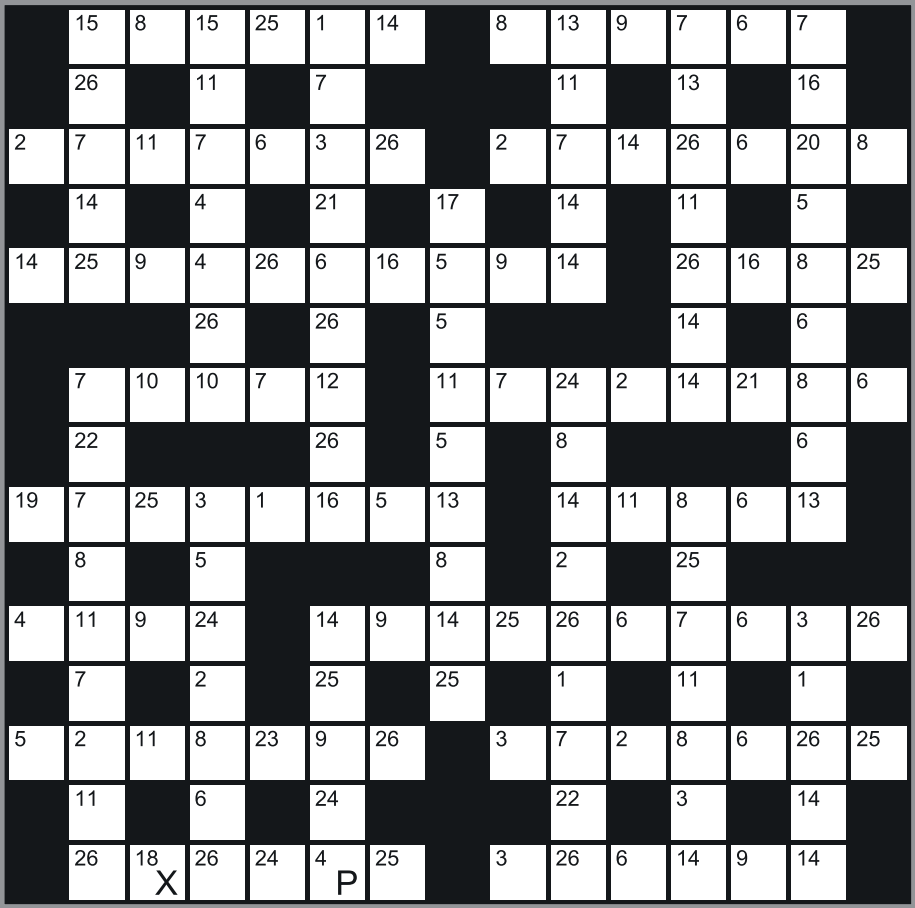
- Across**
- 1 Lady before time produced fat (4)
 - 3 Prepared props etc to search for gold (8)
 - 9 Unusual icon in urn depicting legendary beast (7)
 - 10 Escapes from parasites, one hears (5)
 - 11 Amber cooked a fish (5)
 - 12 Paint two women (6)
 - 14 Arrange roster for holiday location (6)
 - 16 Hate a hotel that's disorganised (6)
 - 19 Hardy companion in bush (6)
 - 21 Discredit fake Earl (5)
 - 24 Loosen international organisation's neckwear (5)
 - 25 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
 - 26 Being defeated must be a change for harsh Ted (8)
 - 27 Before exercises we cried (4)



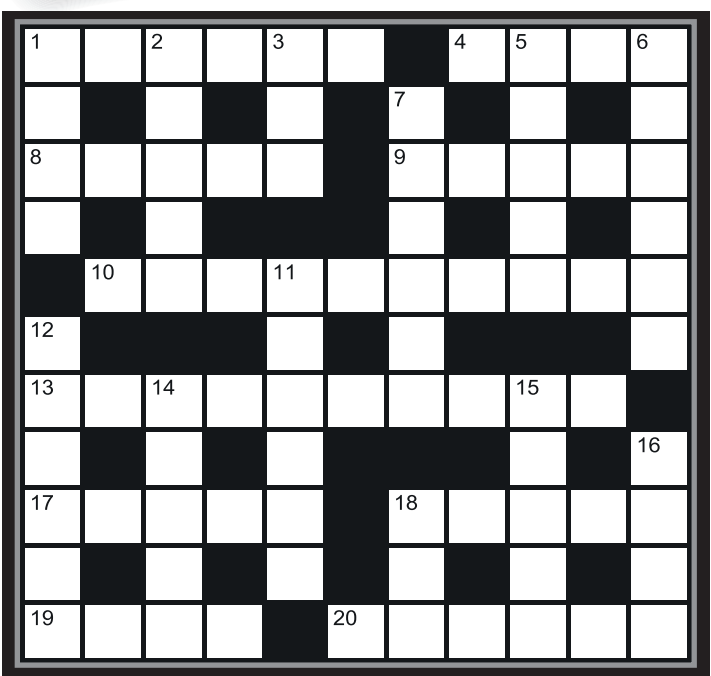
- Down**
- 1 Counterfoil delivered is inflexible (8)
 - 2 Former international the French deport (5)
 - 4 A forged tenner for curdled milk (6)
 - 5 Capital I invested in settee (5)
 - 6 Pele mentioned part of kettle (7)
 - 7 One may win it by a head (4)
 - 8 Ex producer (6)
 - 13 Most serious Sherpas start on mountain (8)
 - 15 Crush the star characters (7)
 - 17 Evicted, but used to moving (6)
 - 18 Protection for plants? That's old hat (6)
 - 20 Revolvers smuggled in somewhere else (5)
 - 22 Making a comeback in White Horse Inn, a musical heroine (5)
 - 23 Mouldiness is a requirement (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 4 represents P and 18 represents X, so fill in P every time the figure 4 appears and X every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



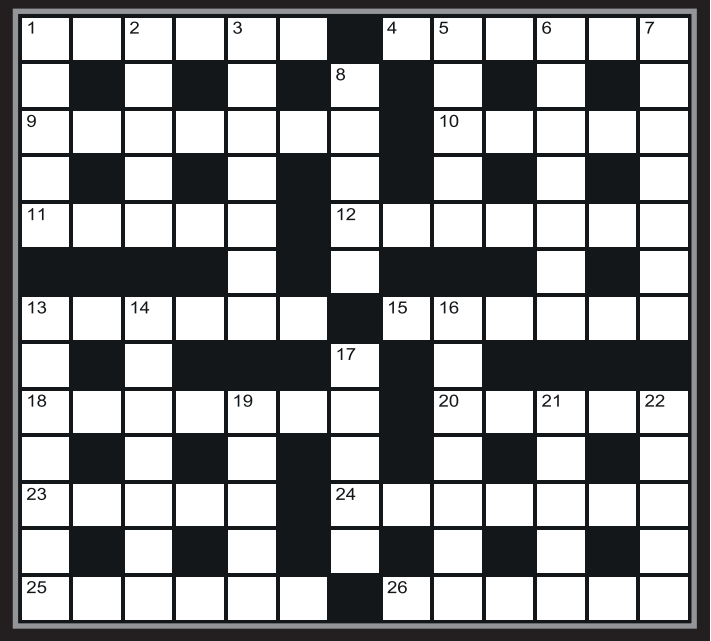
Quick



- Across**
- 1 Thinly scattered (6)
 - 4 Cut into pieces (4)
 - 8 Moving quickly and lightly (5)
 - 9 Motionless (5)
 - 10 Disperse widely (10)
 - 13 Lacking orderly continuity (10)
 - 17 Courageous (5)
 - 18 Have sovereign power (5)
 - 19 Not difficult (4)
 - 20 Stick fast to (6)
 - 2 Plea in a criminal charge of having been elsewhere at the relevant time (5)
 - 3/18 Become angry (3,3)
 - 5 Japanese poetry form (5)
 - 6 Steal in small quantities (6)
 - 7 Allocate a task to a person (6)
 - 11 Gardener's tool (6)
 - 12 Suitable for use as food (6)
 - 14 Complete duration of something (5)
 - 15 Group or class of persons enjoying superior intellectual or social or economic status (5)
 - 16 Joint between the thigh and shin bones (4)
 - 18 See 3
- Down**
- 1 Counterfeit or pretence (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Cubo (balde) (6)
 - 4 Alicates (6)
 - 9 To bet (gamble) (7)
 - 10 Daughter-in-law (5)
 - 11 Sábana (de cama) (5)
 - 12 Witness (7)
 - 13 Keys (typewriter/piano) (6)
 - 15 Delantales (6)
 - 18 Moth (7)
 - 20 Parrots (5)
 - 23 Granddaughter (5)
 - 24 Limpiadora (persona) (7)
 - 25 Asustado (6)
 - 26 Teller (in a bank) (6)
- Down**
- 1 Latón (metal) (5)
 - 2 Cerrar (5)
 - 3 Statue (7)
 - 5 Pulmones (5)
 - 6 Elected (7)
 - 7 Estaciones (partes del año) (7)
 - 8 Verdad (5)
 - 13 Plugs (in bath, basin, barrel, for leak) (7)
 - 14 Beehive (7)
 - 16 Bracelet (7)
 - 17 Salsa (5)
 - 19 Irse de (5)
 - 21 Enjuagar (de ropa) (5)
 - 22 Deaf (5)

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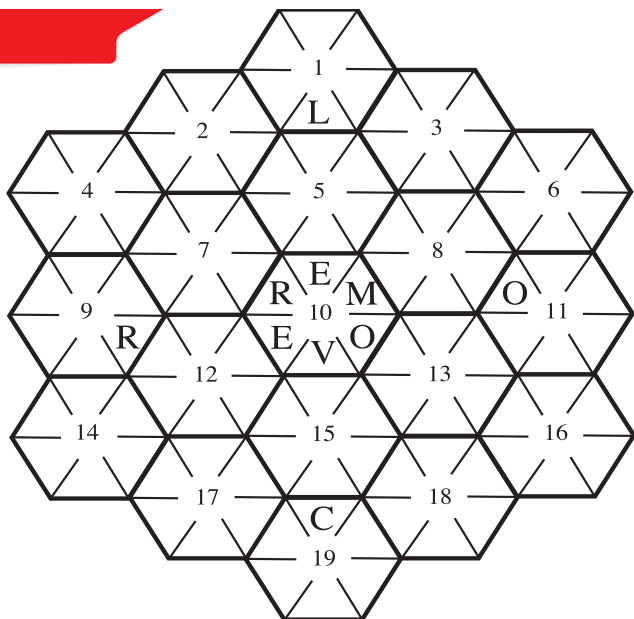
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Hexagram

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LAYOUT
PARLEY
PAYOUT
PILLAR
REGALE
REMOVE (10)
STYLED
WALLOW
WEEKLY



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

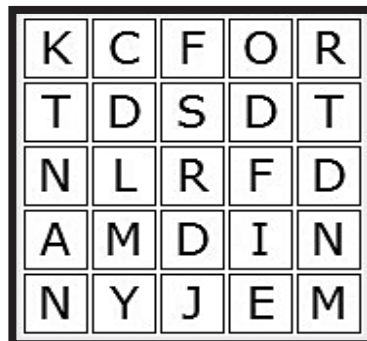
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Frolic 2 Filthy 3 Cohort 4 Glossy
5 Tattoo 6 Yogurt 7 Bought 8 Earthy
9 Clumsy 10 Barred 11 Nettle
12 Modish 13 Strand 14 Shrift
15 Moiety 16 Pomade 17 Cursor
18 Sashay 19 Formal.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 17
- Very good: 35
- Good: 24
- Excellent: 45

SCORING:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

site sited spit spite spited spiv sped
spued sputter spud spun step stupe
stutter stud studio stun stunt yips
piste pits pity pets petty puts putt
putty putts putted putter punt puny
dept deputy dupe duty duet duets
dune donut donuts done donee huts
hued huttet hunt hide hone heel
nuts nutty nutted nutter nude node
quern query queen cert cent lent

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



TARGET:

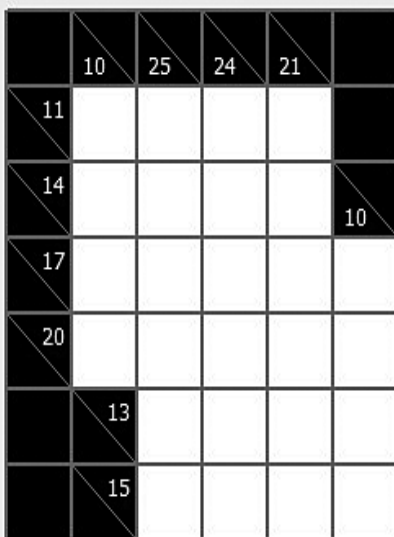
- Average: 7
- Good: 9
- Very good: 14
- Excellent: 18

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

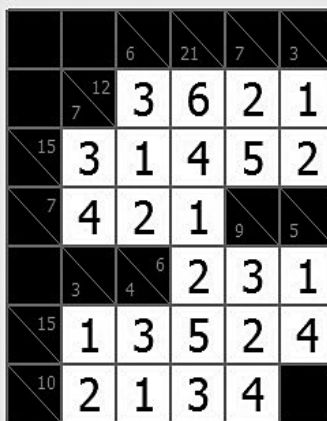
acre back beck cake carb care cart cert crab
craw crew race rack tack wack aback acerb
brace bract caber carat caret carte cater crake
crate creak react recta trace track wrack wreck
backer racket tacker abreast bearcat bracket
cabaret BACKWATER

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

Across:

1 Accept, 4 Edit, 8 Marry,
9 Again, 10 Depreciate,
13 Rejuvenate, 17 Andes,
18 Chase, 19 Even, 20 Stingy.

Down:

1 Alms, 2 Curse, 3/18 Pay cut,
5 Drama, 6 Tender, 7 Falcon,
11 Revise, 12 Create,
14 Judge, 15 Train, 16 Defy.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Tariff, 4 Tribes, 9 Endorse, 10 Acres,
11 Scram, 12 Hostile, 13 So long,
15 Missed, 18 Vintage, 20 Korea, 23 Reeve,
24 Cleanse, 25 Landau, 26 Closet.

Down:

1 Tiers, 2 Rider, 3 Foreman, 5 Roars,
6 Berries, 7 Suspend, 8 Meths, 13 Several,
14 Lantern, 16 Inkwell, 17 Wench,
19 Akela, 21 Ranks, 22 Adept.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Cada vez, 5 Habas, 8 Oar, 9 Papelería,
10 Anger, 11 Tadpole, 12 Armas,
14 Tyres, 19 Acostar, 21 Shake, 22 Insurance,
23 Pie, 24 Ovens, 25 Sisters.

Down:

1 Chocar, 2 Dirigir, 3 Vapor, 4 Zapato,
5 Holiday, 6 Burro, 7 Scared, 13 Autores,
15 Example, 16 Pálido, 17 Arañas,
18 Jewels, 20 Oeste, 21 Seeds.

App of the week



Fender Play

An app that features a bank of guitar lessons from the world-renowned music company of the same name. It is designed to teach beginners in small steps that lead to being able to play classic songs within minutes and also features a series of video walkthroughs.

QUIZ: THE LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

Answers:

- How many red stars are there on the national flag of New Zealand?
- How many times have New Zealand won the Rugby World Cup (William Webb Ellis Cup)?
- In which month do New Zealanders celebrate Waitangi Day, the national day of New Zealand?
- What is the name of the Maori ceremonial war dance involving chanting, an imitation of which is performed by New Zealand rugby teams before a match?
- What is the name of the New Zealand soprano who sang at the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Diana at St Paul's Cathedral in 1981?
- Which city in New Zealand's North Island is the largest urban area in the country, with an urban population of around 1,534,700?

- Which Dutch explorer sighted New Zealand in 1642 and called it Staten Landt, supposing it was connected to a landmass of the same name at the southern tip of South America?
- Which New Zealand crime writer created the character Inspector Roderick Alleyn, a gentleman detective who works for the Metropolitan Police?
- Which New Zealander seized world headlines when he and his Sherpa companion Tenzing Norgay, on May 29, 1953, became the first to scale the summit of Mount Everest?
- Which sport is played by the New Zealand Warriors?

Not a lot of people know that... in 1893, New Zealand became the first country to give women the right to vote.

- FOUR, 2. THREE (1987, 2011 and 2015), 3. FEBRUARY (6), 4. HAKA, 5. Dame Kiri TE KANAWA (born Claire Mary Teresa Rawstons), 6. AUCKLAND, 7. ABEL TASMAN, 8. Dame NGAOI MARSH, 9. Sir EDMUND HILLARY, 10. RUGBY LEAGUE

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Letters
of
longing

ANDERS LARSEN is a professor at a Danish museum mourning the death of his wife. He has just about lost hope when he receives a letter from Tina Hopgood asking about ancient exhibits.

Tina penned the letter expecting never to receive a response. But a correspondence between the two soon begins and they find out they share many of the same passions for history, the world and nature.

They also find they share the same anguish over losing loved ones and they begin to share their innermost feelings with each other despite being oceans apart.

Anders is thrown into despair when his latest letter to Tina gets no response. He begins to wonder if the new friendship will survive in Meet Me at the Museum.

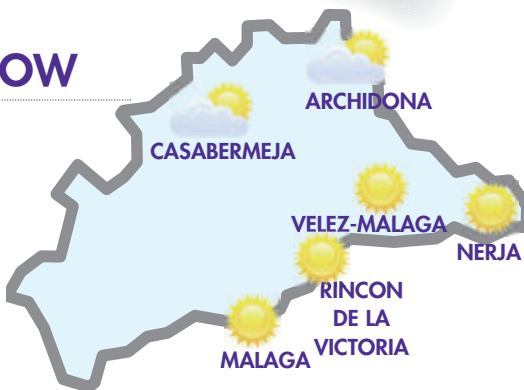
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Axarquía

TODAY



TOMORROW



Málaga

TODAY: Max 26, Min 16-C
Fri - 23 15 - S
Sat - 27 15 - S
Sun - 24 15 - S
Mon - 22 14 - C
Tues - 23 14 - S
Wed - 23 14 - C

Almería

TODAY: Max 22, Min 16-SH
Fri - 22 16 - S
Sat - 24 17 - S
Sun - 23 16 - S
Mon - 23 16 - S
Tues - 24 16 - S
Wed - 23 16 - C

Bilbao

TODAY: Max 15, Min 7-SH
Fri - 23 11 - S
Sat - 12 8 - Sh
Sun - 15 10 - C
Mon - 17 11 - Sh
Tues - 19 10 - C
Wed - 18 11 - C

Madrid

TODAY: Max 24, Min 9 - C
Fri - 26 11 - S
Sat - 23 7 - S
Sun - 22 8 - S
Mon - 24 9 - S
Tues - 26 11 - S
Wed - 26 11 - S

Alicante

TODAY: Max 22, Min 15-SH
Fri - 22 16 - S
Sat - 24 15 - S
Sun - 22 14 - S
Mon - 22 15 - S
Tues - 22 15 - S
Wed - 22 15 - C

Benidorm

TODAY: Max 22, Min 15-SH
Fri - 21 16 - S
Sat - 23 16 - S
Sun - 21 15 - S
Mon - 20 15 - S
Tues - 21 15 - S
Wed - 21 15 - C

Mallorca

TODAY: Max 20, Min 13-C
Fri - 21 13 - S
Sat - 22 14 - S
Sun - 19 12 - C
Mon - 20 12 - S
Tues - 21 13 - S
Wed - 22 14 - S

Barcelona

TODAY: Max 17, Min 14-C
Fri - 20 13 - S
Sat - 20 13 - S
Sun - 17 12 - Sh
Mon - 19 13 - C
Tues - 19 13 - C
Wed - 20 14 - C

S: Sun



Cl: Clear



C: Cloudy



Sh: Showers



Th: Thunder



Sn: Snow



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BIRTHDAYS

• Bono, Singer; May 10, 59

The U2 front man has bagged more than 20 Grammy Awards and sold more than 150 million records with the group. Born Paul David Hewson in Dublin, Ireland, he has since taken up charity work.

• Pam Ferris, Actor; May 11, 70

Ferris played Ms Trunchbull in the film Matilda and also featured as Aunt Marge in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Born in Hanover, Germany, she began her acting career in New Zealand stage plays and has since had roles in Call the Midwife and Luther.

• Catherine Tate, Comedian; May 12, 50

Tate was born in London, England and has created



Cate Blanchett.

several characters including Bernie, Margaret and Aga Saga for her TV comedy show. She later starred alongside David Tennant in the fourth series of the new version of Doctor Who.

• Stephen Colbert, TV host; May 13, 54

The host of The Late Show made his name as a spoof right wing political pundit and famously mocked then President George W Bush at a White House dinner. Born in Washington DC in the United States, Colbert studied at Northwestern University and was originally more interested in drama.

• Cate Blanchett, Actor; May 14, 48

Blanchett was born in Melbourne, Australia and she studied Economics and Fine Arts at the city's university.

She has since gone on to win a Best Actress Oscar for her performance in Blue Jasmine. She also landed roles in Lord of the Rings, The Aviator and I'm Not There.

• Ousmane Dembele, Footballer; May 15, 21

The French-born forward made his football debut with the Stade Rennais side in 2015. He has since gone on to play for Borussia Dortmund and signed for FC Barcelona in 2017 in the fourth most expensive transfer in the sport's history at €105 million.

• Megan Fox, Actor; May 16, 32

Fox broke into the film world with her performance in the first instalment of the Transformers series in 2007. She has since gone on to star in Jennifer's Body and the live action reboot of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

Sudoku

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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.

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

Word Ladder

GOLF

Move from the start word (GOLF) to the end word (HERO) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

HERO

HERO
HERD
HELD
DOLD
DIOG
GOLF
Solution

DVD

Spirited away



LAURA BARLOW (Natalie Portman) and her sister Kate (Lily-Rose Depp) believe they can communicate with the dead. They decide to travel to France where they perform séances at cabarets across 1930's Paris.

When visionary French film director Andre Korben (Emmanuel Salinger) goes to see one of their performances he is impressed and soon decides to bring the spectacle to the silver screen.

Filming quickly becomes difficult as war with Germany looms and feelings begin to emerge between Laura and Andre in The Summoning.

This week in history

495 BC - Temple trouble

The people of Rome chose to dedicate a newly built temple to the god Mercury to the humble military officer Marcus Laetorius to spite Senators and other officials.

868 - Oldest book

A copy of the Diamond Sutra is produced in China, making it the world's oldest known printed book.

1373 - Divine visions

Julian of Norwich has a series of visions which leads her to write Revelations of Divine Love. Her musings on universal love and hope would go on to become the first book published by a woman in the English language.

1648 - Treaty signed

The Treaty of Westphalia is signed, formally bringing Europe's Thirty Years War to an end. The document lays the foundations for modern Europe's borders.

1787 - Constitution meetings

Delegates representing the newly-independent United States of America meet in Philadelphia to put together the country's Constitution. It would go on to join the Declaration of Independence as one of the US's founding documents.

1857 - Indian mutiny

Sepoy troops rise up against their British commanders, beginning the Indian mutiny or the First War of Independence as it is known to Indians.

1929 - First Oscars

The first Academy Awards ceremony is held in Hollywood. It would go on to become a fixture in the cinema calendar and be nicknamed the Oscars.

2017 - Computer strike

A ransomware attack hits more than 400,000 computers worldwide and targets Britain's National Health Service, Telefonica and other firms.

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If only someone could come up with a solution

MOST of us retirees enjoy a wonderful life here in Spain - the weather's amazing, the lifestyle is great, the people are friendly, our pensions go further etc.

However, the nagging thing that is always there in the background, and spoils it is we are all inevitably 'getting older' and what this may entail. Who will look after us?... especially if we lose our 'other halves.' It isn't fair to just plonk yourself on your family, or near, unless they want you of course. Perhaps you do not have any family...?

So many decide, reluctantly, they will have to go back to the UK as there are Retirement Homes, Warden Controlled Homes, Independent Living Villages etc to choose from. Most do not want to but feel there is no alternative.

Why can't we have Warden Controlled Homes, Independent Living Villages, Retirement Homes here with an in-house warden or nurse or both (hopefully who speak English as so many of us just cannot master Spanish). Maybe a DIY man on call, a gardener, a weekly driver to run us to Gibraltar, Sabinillas, Estepona or wherever.

Check the rates when changing cash

I WAS very interested to read the letter from Helen Stretch regarding unfair exchange rates in Benidorm. A similar thing happened to me in January this year at an exchange shop in the Old Town area. Again there was a large sign outside the shop offering the daily rate on a variety of currencies with no mention of minimum amounts for the rate shown.

I fortunately went into the shop with my husband and, as there was already a customer at the counter, was able to see his transaction. He was changing £100 and the woman behind the counter started to count out some coins but the rate advertised outside would have only needed notes. I would point out that I did change my money with an exchange shop on the main road in Benidorm and received the correct amount for my pounds. The moral of this is check before you hand over any money!!

Sylvia Stevens, Torrevieja



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EXCHANGE: Read the small print first.

More on motorhomes

I READ with annoyance Messrs May (La Marina), article regarding motorhome freeloaders.

Obviously they have annual problems in their small village with the convergence of motorhomes. Unfortunately, there are always bad apples in any basket. It is stated photos have been taken with motor homers emptying their sewage in and around the parkland.

If this is true, why were the local authorities not notified, and action taken? How do Messrs May think motor homers stock up with food and drink, if they do not contribute to the economy? Visitors to Spain do not pay taxes for emptying their rubbish, or the refilling of water, however, we do patronise local businesses. All items are taxed!

You are tarring us all with the same brush, and I object! If people abuse the law, then they should expect to be dealt with (including the Spanish). We are NOT all free loaders, because we choose to avoid campsites (another Issue)!

Dave Turre, on the road

This is what we need, a solution to the problem and then... WE CAN ALL STAY HERE!!

Sandy Avis, Marina de Casares
Editor's note. Thank you Sandy and there are already homes just like this

who advertise with us in Costa Blanca so your idea could hopefully become reality across Spain.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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RAILWAY RACE ROW: Asian teen appeals for help

I find it unbelievable that no-one on the train stood up for this poor girl during what is, without doubt, a racist attack. Had I been on that train I would have spoken out vociferously. All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing!

Suzanne

Notice all those people standing by and doing nothing. Shame on them all. Poor innocent defenceless girl on her own. Shocking!

Anne Nancy Traynor

Where was the security guard?

Janette McEwan

WATCH: 'Reckless' driver of Brit-plated car strikes wrong chord with police in Spain

He shouldn't worry. Their courts recently gave an American who was over the limit a one-year suspended sentence after he ran down and killed a 46-year-old British father of three. I guess the young American hot footed it out of Spain and will never return.

Saya Sendiri

Drivers like this add to our insurance costs, and, more importantly, they add to the carnage on the roads.

Ron Curtis

Comments from EWN online

Another Brit car not taxed, mot'd and then that makes insurance if they had any void... Crush them all...

Samantha Bartlett

BnB website for naturists launches with holiday listings in Spain

These beaches attract all the old recycled teenagers! Puke! Brighton, England. I don't want my kids to see these unsightly crews on the beach. If that is what they want then put up 10-foot screens and keep them inside and charge them an indecency fee!

Anne Nancy Traynor

I used to be a beach seller in the south of France which I did in summer and went on to the nudist beach to sell and they weren't all old but seemed weird. No-where to keep their money haha!

Caroline Baldwin

Who the hell wants to see anyone's bits out ... honestly the older the him and hers gets, the more gross it looks.

Marje Turner

The Germans are most prolific nudists. You can walk around there in a mixed sauna in your birthday suit but you can't mow your lawn on a Sunday.

Michael Hearne

UNMASKED: 'Hot cop' police officer at centre of Twitter meltdown in Spain identified

Have to say most of the police in Spain are hot lol.

Mary Teresa Mc Donnell-Keogh

Vet arrested in Spain for trafficking drugs inside puppies to stand trial

Disgusting thing for a vet to do, unbelievable. x

Pam Hooker

Defies belief, just pure greed, I trust he'll be struck off!

Susan Poole

That's awful how low can some people go makes me sick

Myra Craven

Gran's tips

CLEANING out some cupboards, I came across old tubes of glue, super-glue, shoe polish and such.

The tops were completely stuck and the glue as hard as hell. I remembered my grandmother telling us to put these items in boiling water, leave for a few minutes and hey presto. The glue still has a life and also the shoe polish. I believe it also works on paint lids stuck.

Anyone got other handy old fashioned tips for 'green' remedies?

Thanks for the crosswords and other letters.... love 'em.

Ena Amengual, Calvia, Mallorca

We all agree

Hi Leapy

Many thanks for your splendid article 'How many...' You may be 'awaiting slings and arrows' but you won't be getting any from me. I brought your article back to the UK with me and distributed it to my many UKIP friends: they all agree with you.

Russ Smith, Cabo Roig and Bournemouth

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THURSDAY - 10 MAY

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
1:35am	BBC News	8:15am	Flipping Profit	4:35am	This is BBC Four	7:45am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:20am	Flogals
7:00am	Breakfast	9:00am	David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:40am	Digby Dragon
10:15am	Rip Off Britain				<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective</i>	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer	9:30am	Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track			9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:05am	Mofy
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire			9:30am	Frasier	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live			10:00am	Frasier	12:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	1:00pm	The Daily Politics			10:35am	Frasier	1:10pm	5 News
2:00pm	BBC News at One	2:00pm	Perfection	8:30pm	Danceworks	11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:15pm	GP's: Behind Closed Doors
2:30pm	BBC London News	2:45pm	Home Away From Home	9:00pm	Eurovision Song Contest Semi-Finals	12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm	Home and Away
2:45pm	Doctors	3:30pm	Going Back Giving Back	11:00pm	Time Shift	12:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours
3:15pm	800 Words	4:15pm	Digging for Britain	12:00am	The Magic of Mushrooms	1:00pm	Coast v Country	3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
4:00pm	Escape to the Country	5:15pm	Tudor Monastery Farm		<i>Professor Richard Fortey delves into the fascinating and normally hidden kingdom of fungi.</i>	1:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm	Sinister
4:45pm	Flipping Profit	6:15pm	Money for Nothing			2:05pm	Countdown	4:15pm	Stepmother
5:30pm	Flog It!	7:00pm	Eggheads			3:10pm	A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:00pm	5 News at 5
6:15pm	Pointless	7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys			4:00pm	The £100k Drop	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble	1:00am	Tankies: Tank Heroes of World War II	6:00pm	Buy it Now	7:00pm	Home and Away
7:30pm	BBC London News	9:00pm	World's Most Extraordinary Homes	2:00am	The Trains That Time Forgot: Britain's Lost Railway Journeys	6:30pm	The Simpsons	7:30pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
8:00pm	The One Show					7:00pm	Hollyoaks	8:00pm	The Gadget Show
8:30pm	EastEnders					8:00pm	Channel 4 News	9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
9:00pm	Britain's Best Home Cook					9:00pm	Food Unwrapped		
10:00pm	Ambulance	10:00pm	Red Ape: Saving the Orangutan	3:00am	Danceworks	11:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?		
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	QI	3:30am	The Mystery of Van Gogh's Ear	11:30pm	Riot Girls	10:00pm	Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
11:30pm	BBC London News	11:30pm	Newsnight	4:30am	This is BBC Four	12:30am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	11:00pm	Undercover: Nailing the Fraudsters
11:45pm	Question Time	12:15am	Dara and Ed's Great Big Adventure				Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA		
12:45am	This Week					1:25am	The Real Football Fan Show		
1:30am	Weather for the Week Ahead	1:15am	Versailles						
itv		itv2		itv3		itv4		sky sports main event	
6:05am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:10am	Who's Doing the Dishes?	7:00am	Classic Coronation Street	7:00am	The Chase	6:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00am	Good Morning Britain	8:55am	Emmerdale	7:25am	Classic Coronation Street	7:45am	Pawn Stars	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Lorraine	9:25am	Coronation Street	7:55am	Heartbeat	8:30am	Cash Cowboys		Bitesize
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	8:55am	The Royal Judge Judy	9:35am	Quincy, M.E.	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning			10:00am	Judge Judy	10:40am	Minder		Bitesize
1:30pm	Loose Women	11:20am	The Bachelorette	10:25am	Judge Judy	12:50pm	The Avengers	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	1:15pm	Emmerdale	10:55am	Judge Judy	1:55pm	The Protectors	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:55pm	ITV News London	1:45pm	Coronation Street	11:20am	A Touch of Frost	2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Chester	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	1:30pm	The Royal Heartbeat	5:00pm	Snooker v Darts	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
4:00pm	Tenable	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	2:35pm	Classic Coronation Street	5:05pm	The Saint	11:00am	Premier League Daily
5:00pm	Tipping Point	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	6:10pm	The Avengers	12:00pm	Live ATP 1000: Madrid
6:00pm	The Chase	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:45pm	On the Buses	7:15pm	Pawn Stars		<i>Day five of the Mutua Madrid Open on the ATP World Tour from the Caja Magica.</i>
7:00pm	ITV News London			5:20pm	On the Buses	7:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship	1:30pm	Live the Players
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	5:50pm	You're Only Young	10:00pm	The Bourne Supremacy	4:00pm	Featured Groups
8:00pm	Emmerdale	7:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	6:20pm	Twice George and Mildred	11:05pm	FYI Daily		Indian Premier League
8:30pm	Tonight	8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	6:55pm	Heartbeat	11:10pm	The Bourne Supremacy	8:30pm	Football
9:00pm	Emmerdale	8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	12:10am	The Bank Job	11:00pm	Live the Players
9:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs	8:30pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	9:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot	1:15am	FYI Daily		Championship
10:00pm	Who Wants to be a Millionaire?	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	11:00pm	The Widower	2:30am	River Monsters	2:00am	Sky Sports News
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:30pm	Superstore	12:00am	The Widower	3:30am	ITV4 Nightscreen	3:00am	Sky Sports News
11:30pm	ITV News London	10:00pm	Family Guy	1:00am	Appropriate Adult	3:55am	Text-based information service.	4:00am	Sky Sports News
11:45pm	Great Art	11:00pm	Celebrity Juice	2:30am	ITV3 Nightscreen		Teleshopping		
12:50am	Give it a Year	11:50pm	Family Guy	3:30am	Teleshopping		Shopping from home.		
1:15am	Lethal Weapon	12:45am	American Dad!						

FRIDAY - 11 MAY

BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
12:00pm	A1: Britain's Longest Road	7:00am	Flog it! Trade Secrets	8:00pm	World News Today	8:10am	3rd Rock from the Sun	9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers	7:30am	A1: Britain's Longest Road	8:30pm	BBC Young Musician 2018	8:35am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:05am	Mofy
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	8:15am	Flipping Profit	10:00pm	Eurovision at 60	9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond	10:15am	The Wright Stuff
2:00pm	BBC News at One	9:00am	Antiques Roadshow	11:30pm	Latin Music USA	9:30am	Frasier	12:15pm	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door
2:30pm	BBC London News	10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire	12:30am	Arena 1990	10:05am	Frasier	1:10pm	5 News
2:45pm	Doctors	12:00pm	BBC Newsroom Live		<i>documentary in which the citizens of Havana talk about their lives, their city and Cuba under Castro, despite anxieties and fears about opening up to a foreign film crew.</i>	11:05am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	1:15pm	Lunchtime GP's: Behind Closed Doors
3:15pm	Escape to the Country	1:00pm	The Daily Politics			12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm	Home and Away
4:00pm	Garden Rescue	2:00pm	Perfection			1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours
4:45pm	Flipping Profit	2:45pm	Home Away From Home			1:05pm	Coast v Country	3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet Casebook
5:30pm	Flog It!	3:30pm	Going Back Giving Back			2:05pm	Posh	4:15pm	Tormenting Abigail
6:15pm	Pointless	4:15pm	Digging for Britain			3:10pm	Pawnbrokers	6:00pm	5 News at 5
7:00pm	BBC News at Six	5:15pm	Tudor Monastery Farm			4:00pm	Countdown	6:30pm	Neighbours
7:30pm	BBC London News	6:15pm	Money for Nothing	2:15am	Eurovision at 60	4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	7:00pm	Home and Away
8:00pm	The One Show	7:00pm	Eggheads	3:45am	Latin Music USA	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	7:30pm	5 News Tonight
9:00pm	EastEnders	7:30pm	Great British Railway Journeys		<i>Series revealing the musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA.</i>	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	8:00pm	The Gadget Show
9:30pm	The Button	8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble			6:30pm	Buy it Now	9:00pm	Britain's Great Cathedrals, with Tony Robinson
10:00pm	Have I Got News for You	9:00pm	Gardeners' World			7:00pm	The Simpsons	10:00pm	Portillo's Hidden History of Britain
10:30pm	Home from Home	10:00pm	The Bridge			7:30pm	Hollyoaks	11:00pm	The Great
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten	11:00pm	Episodes			8:00pm	Channel 4 News		Rameses: New Evidence Revealed
11:25pm	BBC London News	11:30pm	Newsnight			8:30pm	Unreported World		
11:35pm	The Graham Norton Show	12:05am	Louis Theroux			9:00pm	Our Wildest Dreams		
		1:40am	Versailles			10:00pm	Gogglebox		
		2:30am	Versailles			11:00pm	Friday Night Dinner		
						11:30pm	High and Dry		
						12:00am	First Dates		
						1:05am	The Crying Game		
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain	8:55am	Emmerdale	7:00am	Classic Coronation Street	7:00am	The Protectors	7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
9:30am	Lorraine	9:25am	Emmerdale	7:25am	Classic Coronation Street	7:25am	The Chase		Bitesize
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show	9:55am	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:15am	Heartbeat	8:35am	Pawn Stars	7:30am	Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am	This Morning	10:25am	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	9:35am	Quincy, M.E.	9:35am	Cash Cowboys		Bitesize
1:30pm	Loose Women	11:20am	The Bachelorette	10:35am	Minder	10:35am	Quincy, M.E.	8:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm	ITV Lunchtime News	1:15pm	Emmerdale	11:40am	The Saint	10:55am	Judge Judy	9:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
2:55pm	ITV News London	1:45pm	Emmerdale	12:45pm	The Avengers	11:00am	Judge Judy	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
3:00pm	Judge Rinder	2:15pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	1:55pm	The Protectors	11:20am	A Touch of Frost	10:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans
4:00pm	Tenable	2:45pm	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	2:30pm	ITV Racing: Live from Chester	12:45pm	The Avengers	10:30am	Live Spanish F1 GP: Practice
5:00pm	Tipping Point	3:35pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:00pm	The Saint	1:30pm	Heartbeat	11:55am	Cricket
6:00pm	The Chase	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	5:05pm	The Avengers	2:30pm	Classic Coronation Street	4:00pm	Indian Premier League
7:00pm	ITV News London	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	6:00pm	UEFA European U17 Championship	3:40pm	Classic Coronation Street	8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	7:15pm	The Bourne Supremacy	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	11:00pm	Live the Players
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	7:45pm	The Bourne Supremacy	4:45pm	On the Buses	1:00pm	Sky Sports News
8:30pm	Coronation Street	9:00pm	You've Been Framed! Gold	8:00pm	The Bank Job	5:20pm	On the Buses	2:00am	Sky Sports News
9:00pm	Love Your Garden	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	8:30pm	FYI Daily	7:05pm	Young Twice	3:00am	Sky Sports News
9:30pm	Coronation Street	9:30pm	Superstore	9:00pm	The Bank Job	8:05pm	Pawn Stars	4:00am	Sky Sports News
10:00pm	Who Wants to be a Millionaire?	10:00pm	Fast and Furious	10:00pm	River Monsters	8:35pm	The Motorbike Show	5:00am	Sky Sports News
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:05pm	FYI Daily	11:00pm	ITV4 Nightscreen	9:00pm	The Motorbike Show		All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
11:30pm	ITV News London	12:40am	Family Guy			10:00pm	Car Crash Britain		
11:45pm	Through the Keyhole					11:00pm	Caught on Camera		
12:45am	Take Me Out					12:10am	Octopussy		
						12:45am	The Americans		
						1:45am	Minder		
						3:40am	ITV4 Nightscreen		
						4:00am	Teleshopping		

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Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

HOW dare they! No, not the tribunal - one of them a woman - who decided in Pamplona that the gang rape of an 18-year-old by five men during the San Fermin fiestas in 2016 wasn't rape but sexual abuse.

No, how dare the public and a minister or two, including Justice Minister Rafael Catala, criticise the verdict, thundered Spain's judiciary.

Inevitably they closed ranks once criticism rained down on three judges' bizarre insistence that rape is rape only where violence and intimidation are present.

They had analysed the evidence, interpreted existing laws and there was nothing more to be said, insisted judges and fiscales of all shapes, sizes and persuasions. No violence, no intimidation, no rape.

So being corralled in a dark deserted doorway by five men with their trousers down isn't intimidating? And obliging a young girl to allow herself to be used in every conceivable sexual manner isn't violence in itself?

No, a woman presumably has to put up resistance and allow herself to be beaten to a pulp before she can hope for justice in this country. And as more than one person has pointed out, this isn't a case of 'No means no' because only 'Yes' ever means yes.

Only yes means yes



THE WOLF PACK: The five men found guilty of sexual abuse.

Olay was her undoing

AFTER weeks of clinging to the wreckage of her political career, Cristina Cifuentes, regional president of the Madrid community resigned.

She was game to any of the opposition parties because that's what they're there for. But the ex-president had enemies in her own Partido Popular who watched gleefully as she painted herself into a corner over a Master's degree in Au-

tonomous Law to which she may or may not have been entitled. Then CCTV footage emerged, showing her apparently detained for shoplifting two pots of face cream in 2011.

She took the only viable option of jumping before she was pushed but even Podemos supremo Pablo Iglesias said the rising star was the victim of a vendetta inside her own party, an opinion shared by Cifuentes herself.

Apparently Cifuentes' undoing was two pots of Olay. Olay! If it had been Crème de la Mer it still wouldn't have been worth it. Not when other politicians, many of them from her own party, have been getting away with millions.

Jobs take priority

CATALANS worry more about unemployment than independence, a Centre for Sociological Investigation (CIS) study found.

Jobs were their greatest preoccupation, said 43 per cent of the population, followed by the economy (37.7 per cent) and health-care (34.1 per cent). Independence was cited by only 26.1 per cent. No surprises there: former Regional President Carles Puigdemont increasingly reveals that his main interest is Carles Puigdemont, not independence.

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Vote catcher

THE PSOE is the only party not affected by a fall-off in women voters.

Fifty-six per cent vote for the PSOE, compared with 51 per cent for Podemos, 46 per cent for the PP and 1 per cent for Ciudadanos. Which must mean that Spanish females are committed socialists. Or, perish the thought, they prefer tall, dark and handsome Pedro Sanchez to Mariano Rajoy, Pablo Iglesias or Albert Rivera.

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SUNDAY - 13 MAY

BBC one BBC Two BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

10:00am	The Andrew Marr Show	7:05am	Glorious Gardens From Above	10:30pm	History of the Future: Cars	7:40am	King of Queens	11:00am	Teenage Mutant
11:00am	The Big Questions	7:50am	Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein		<i>Phill Jupitus looks at how we thought the car of the future was going to turn out and finds out why it didn't happen that way, focusing on the classic era of the 1950s and 60s.</i>	8:05am	Everybody Loves Raymond		Ninja Turtles
12:00pm	Sunday Politics	8:20am	Gardeners' World			8:30am	Everybody Loves Raymond	11:30am	Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	9:20am	Countryside			8:55am	Everybody Loves Raymond	12:00pm	Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:00pm	BBC News	10:15am	The Beechgrove Garden			9:25am	Eat the Week with Iceland		
2:10pm	Weather for the Week Ahead	10:45am	Saturday Kitchen Best Bites			10:30am	Sunday Brunch	12:55pm	Penguins Make You Laugh Out Loud
2:15pm	Britain's Fat Fight with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall	12:15pm	Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge			1:30pm	Bake Off: The Professionals		
3:15pm	Lifeline	1:00pm	Athletics	11:00pm	The Sky at Night	2:30pm	The Simpsons	1:55pm	Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud
3:25pm	Points of View	2:00pm	Triathlon World Series		<i>A look at the world of astronomy.</i>	3:00pm	The Simpsons		
3:40pm	Songs of Praise	4:00pm	Rugby League Challenge Cup			3:30pm	Cheaper by the Dozen	2:55pm	Naughty Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud
4:20pm	Britain's Best Home Cook		Flog It!	11:30pm	The Horizon	5:25pm	Extreme Cake Makers		
5:20pm	Final Score	6:30pm	Tomorrowland			6:30pm	Channel 4 News	3:50pm	Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls
6:30pm	BBC News	7:00pm	Neanderthals - Meet Your Ancestors	12:30am	Britain's Star Men: Heroes of Astronomy	7:00pm	Formula 1		
6:45pm	Regional News	9:00pm				9:00pm	Bake Off: The Professionals	5:40pm	Garfield
6:55pm	Weather	10:00pm	Burma with Simon Reeve	1:30am	Science and Islam	10:00pm	Eddie the Eagle	7:10pm	Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud
7:00pm	The A-Z of the RHS Chelsea Flower Show	11:00pm	Atlanta	2:30am	How it Works	12:05am	8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown	8:00pm	Kitten's Got Talent
8:00pm	Countryside	11:25pm	Atlanta		<i>From the Stone Age to the Silicon Age, materials have helped drive forward our civilisation.</i>	1:05am	Good People		
9:00pm	British Academy Television Awards 2018	11:50pm	Later Weekend with Jools Holland	3:30am	The Horizon	2:35am	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	9:00pm	Psycho Pussies: When Cats Attack
11:00pm	BBC News	12:50am	Versailles			3:25am	When Harry Met Meghan: A Royal Romance		
11:20pm	Regional News	1:45am	Versailles					9:55pm	5 News
11:25pm	Weather	2:40am	Versailles					10:00pm	Kylie at 50: Especially for You
11:30pm	Match of the Day							11:35pm	Murriel's Wedding

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9:00am	The Haunted Hathaways	12:20pm	You've Been Framed!	3:30am	Teleshopping On the Buses	7:00am	The Avengers	7:00am	Sky Sports News
9:25am	ITV News	12:55pm	Celebrity Catchphrase	7:00am	Murder, She Wrote	7:55am	The Avengers	8:00am	Total Goals
9:30am	Zoe Ball on Sunday	1:55pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor	7:25am	Heartbeat	8:50am	The Saint	9:00am	Total Goals
10:25am	Love Your Garden	2:55pm	FYI Daily	8:25am	Heartbeat	9:55am	The Saint	10:00am	Total Goals
11:00am	Peston on Sunday	3:00pm	The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor	9:25am	The Nun's Story	11:00am	Cash Cowboys	10:30am	The Sunday Supplement
12:00pm	Britain's Got Talent	4:00pm	Britain's Got Talent	10:30am	The Royal Wives of Windsor	11:55am	Pawn Stars	12:00pm	Soccer Speical Pre-Match
1:15pm	Britain's Got More Talent	5:20pm	Britain's Got More Talent	1:30pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor	12:25pm	Pawn Stars	1:00pm	Football
2:15pm	ITV Lunchtime News	6:20pm	Despicable Me	2:30pm	The Royal Wives of Windsor	1:20pm	Pawn Stars	1:00pm	Live Nissan Super Sunday
2:30pm	Ninja Warrior UK	7:20pm	FYI Daily	3:30pm	A Very Royal Wedding	1:50pm	Pawn Stars	3:55pm	<i>A match from the final day of the 2017-18 Premier League season.</i>
3:30pm	Paul O'grady: For the Love of Dogs	8:25pm	Despicable Me	5:00pm	Prince Harry's Story: Four Royal Weddings	2:15pm	Pawn Stars	6:00pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
4:00pm	Change Your Tune	9:25pm	FYI Daily	6:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot	2:45pm	Tobruk	8:00pm	Live the Players Championship
5:00pm	Tipping Point	9:30pm	Pacific Rim	8:00pm	Agatha Christie's Poirot	3:55pm	Tobruk		<i>The fourth and final day of the PLAYERS Championship from TPC Sawgrass.</i>
6:00pm	The Chase: Celebrity Special	11:00pm	Family Guy	10:00pm	Joanna Lumley's Japan	4:55pm	Police Academy	1:00am	Sky Sports News
7:00pm	Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule	11:30pm	Family Guy	11:00pm	Cilla	3: Back in Training	Police Academy	2:00am	Sky Sports News
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	11:55pm	Family Guy	12:00am	Wire in the Blood	5:55pm	Police Academy	3:00am	Sky Sports News
7:45pm	Regional News and Weather	12:25am	American Dad!	1:05am	Wire in the Blood	6:00pm	Police Academy	4:00am	Sky Sports News
8:00pm	Little Big Shots	1:25am	The Cleveland Show	2:10am	Blue Murder	6:45pm	UEFA European U17 Championship		
9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	2:55am	Totally Bonkers	3:25am	Liverpool 1	7:00pm	Live Sporting Funnies		
			Guinness World Records	4:20am	Road to Avonlea	9:00pm	Police Academy		
				5:10am	Road to Avonlea	9:10pm	Police Academy		
				5:55am	George and Mildred		4: Citizens on Patrol		
11:00pm	ITV News					11:00pm	Ransom		
11:20pm	Peston on Sunday					12:10am	FYI Daily		
						12:15am	Ransom		

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BBC one		BBC TWO		BBC FOUR		CHANNEL 4		CHANNEL 5	
12:45pm	The Housing Enforcers	3:30pm	Digging for Britain	8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days	12:00pm	Undercover Boss USA	2:15pm	Home and Away
1:15pm	Bargain Hunt	4:30pm	Tudor Monastery Farm	8:30pm	James May at the Edge of Space	1:00pm	Channel 4 News	2:45pm	Neighbours
2:00pm	BBC News			9:00pm	Tomorrow's Worlds: The Unearthly History of Science Fiction	1:05pm	Coast v Country	3:15pm	The Yorkshire Vet
2:30pm	Regional News	5:30pm	Street Auction			2:05pm	Posh Pawnbrokers	4:15pm	Casebook
2:45pm	Doctors	6:15pm	Antiques Road Trip	10:00pm	The 21st Century Race for Space	3:10pm	Countdown	4:15pm	Cradle Swapping
3:15pm	The Doctor	7:00pm	Eggheads			4:00pm	A Place in the Sun	6:00pm	5 News
	Blake Mysteries	7:30pm	Great Continental Railway Journeys	11:00pm	The First Men in the Moon	5:00pm	The £100k Drop	6:30pm	Neighbours
4:15pm	Escape to the Country	8:00pm	Back to the Land with Kate Humble	12:30am	Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time	6:00pm	Four in a Bed	7:00pm	Home and Away
4:45pm	Royal Recipes	9:00pm	Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal	1:30am	Egypt's Lost Queens	6:30pm	Buy it Now	7:30pm	5 News
5:30pm	Hardball	10:00pm	Nigeria's Stolen Daughters	2:30am	Aristotle's Lagoon	7:00pm	The Simpsons	8:00pm	Britain by Bike with Larry and George Lamb
6:15pm	Pointless	11:00pm	Later Live... with Jools Holland	3:30am	How it Works	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	9:00pm	The Yorkshire Vet
7:00pm	BBC News					8:00pm	Channel 4 News	10:00pm	Intercity 125: The Train That Saved Britain's Railways
7:30pm	Regional News					9:00pm	The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds	11:00pm	In Their Own Words
8:00pm	The One Show					10:00pm	The Windsors	12:05am	Countdown to Murder
8:30pm	EastEnders						Royal Wedding Special		
9:00pm	Holby City					11:00pm	Meet the Markles		
10:00pm	The Split					12:00am	First Dates		
11:00pm	BBC News								
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4:00pm	Dickinson's Real Deal	4:45pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm	Classic Coronation Street	10:35am	Minder	5:00pm	Scottish Cup Greatest Games
5:00pm	Tipping Point	5:55pm	The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:45pm	On the Buses	11:35am	The Saint	5:30pm	La Liga Greatest Games
6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	5:20pm	On the Buses	12:40pm	The Avengers	6:00pm	Info not available
7:00pm	Regional News and Weather	7:00pm	You've Been Framed!	5:50pm	You're Only Young	1:45pm	Ironside	6:30pm	Revista de la Liga
7:30pm	ITV Evening News	7:30pm	You've Been Framed!	6:25pm	George and Mildred	2:50pm	Quincy, M.E.	7:00pm	SPFL Round Up 2017/18
8:00pm	Emmerdale	8:00pm	You've Been Framed!	6:55pm	Heartbeat	3:55pm	Minder	7:15pm	SPFL Greatest Games
8:30pm	Devon and Cornwall Cops	8:30pm	You've Been Framed!	8:00pm	Murder, She Wrote	4:55pm	The Sweeney	7:30pm	MLS Round Up Show
9:00pm	This Time Next Year	9:00pm	Two and a Half Men	9:00pm	Midsomer Murders	6:00pm	The Avengers	8:00pm	To Be Announced
10:00pm	Innocent	9:30pm	Superstore	11:00pm	Scott and Bailey	7:05pm	Cash Cowboys	8:30pm	Live EFL Play-Off Semi-Final
11:00pm	ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm	Fast and Furious	1:00am	The Street	8:05pm	Pawn Stars	11:00pm	Revista de la Liga
		11:00pm	FYI Daily	2:15am	The Street	8:30pm	Pawn Stars	11:30pm	La Liga World
						9:00pm	World Superbike Highlights		
						10:00pm	Unknown		
						11:00pm	FYI Daily		
						11:05pm	Unknown		
						12:15am	The Keeper		

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7:00am	Breakfast		8:15am	Royal Recipes		4:55am	This is BBC Four		9:00am	Everybody Loves Raymond		9:20am	Floogals		7:00am	Good Morning Britain		1:15pm	Emmerdale		3:30am	Teleshopping		4:00am	Teleshopping		6:00am	Sky Sports New	
10:15am	Ill Gotten Gains		9:00am	Nightmare Pets SOS		8:00pm	Beyond 100 Days					9:35am	Digby Dragon					1:45pm	You've Been Framed!		7:00am	Classic Coronation Street		7:00am	The Chase		7:00am	Good Morning Sports Fans	
11:00am	Homes Under the Hammer		9:30am	Britain in Bloom		8:30pm	The History of the Future: Cars		9:30am	Frasier		9:55am	Nella the Princess Knight		9:30am	Lorraine		2:15pm	You've Been Framed!		7:25am	Classic Coronation Street		8:10am	Pawn Stars		7:30am	Bitesize	
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Brits prefer blondes

RECENT research from Mintel reveals that blonde is the nation's most popular dyed hair colour of choice. So why not keep the nation happy and freshen up your locks. But don't be restricted in your choice.

Even though blondes are said to have much more fun, other colours can offer their own delights. According to the research, 42 per cent of Brits choose to go blonde, hot on the heels of trendsetters such as Kim Kardashian and Cara Delevingne.

However, why not break the mould and be a bit more adventurous.

Of those who coloured their hair, a courageous 25 per cent were bold enough to go for non-natural choice, such as pastels and bright colours.

Nor is this advice just for women. As many as one in five men have dyed their hair in the comfort of their own home. This peaks at 38 per cent for 16-24 year olds. And once they start, they just can't stop. A staggering 57 per cent of men who reach for the bottle do so once a month or more, compared to just 28 per cent of women. If variety is the spice of your life then opt for a temporary hair colour or choose to have extensions put in.

Temporary hair colouring products have seen a boom in sales of 48 per cent in the last year alone. And if you decide you don't like it - or it doesn't match your new weekend outfit - then just wait a week and after a few washes you'll be back to your natural self again.

Alternatively, choose an option which will allow you to both experiment with colour and add length to your locks. Hair extensions are additional synthetic or natural locks of hair which are usually clipped, glued or sewed onto your own natural hair.

The great thing about hair extensions, particularly synthetic ones, is the scope you have to change your look. Because of their synthetic nature, these additional locks can allow you to have straight and silky hair or go for a deep wave look. Or you can be a buxom brunette one night, and a bubbly blonde the next.

Now, you really have no reason not to go for gold.

BLONDE, BOUNCING AND BUBBLY: Even Kim prefers blondes.



Gorgeous granny

WITH the headline news that a glamorous 47-year-old granny is due to compete in Miss Maxim Australia, many grannies have been left asking themselves what they can do to achieve this sexy look.

A single mum-of-four and granny-of-one, Gina Stewart looks less than half her age. So just how does this granny look so hot?

Gina recently spoke of her top tips to stay healthy and remain looking youthful. She recommends

drinking at least two litres of (alkaline) water each day and limiting your intake of coffee, soft drinks and alcohol.

She avoids packaged and processed foods and eats as much natural food as possible. She never eats or drinks products which are packaged in plastic.

She uses organic rosehip and coconut oil on her face, body and hair to maintain her healthy complexion and keep everything soft and sup-

ple. And she only uses all-natural toothpaste, deodorant and skincare products. She advises people to cut down on the use of heavy medications and find natural alternatives.

Incredibly, Gina has said that if she happens to win the \$10,000 Miss Maxim Australia prize, she will donate it all to her friend who has recently had a stroke. Perhaps, after all, the biggest secret to remaining youthful is to have a good heart.

The bare necessities

SOMETIMES you just need to give your skin a break. Yes, you might feel naked without running through your morning routine but your skin will reward you if you offer it the chance to breathe for a few days.

For a start your skin will be cleaner and healthier. The make-up you use is often full of chemicals. These are absorbed into your skin and treated as toxins by the body. In fact, many of these chemicals are thought to cause cancer.

By ditching the morning routine in front of the mirror, you'll also save a lot of time for some of the things that you actually enjoy doing, or have an extra 20 minutes in bed.

Initially, you might feel vulnerable without make-up, but this is an opportunity for you to learn to love yourself more, blemishes and all.



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Tapas route is always fun

THE Torre del Mar seventh Tapas Route has started and will continue until May 27.

Every town in southern Spain enjoys a different type of tapas celebration and Torre del Mar has 20 different establishments taking part in this year's event.

There is clearly a financial advantage to those bars and restaurants that take part but is also a fun option for residents and visitors to tour around the town trying different snacks at cheap prices with the possibility of winning a prize.

According to Deputy Mayor Jesus Perez Atencia "Torre del Mar has an exquisite cuisine as well as excellent catering establishments that have a varied and quality offer."

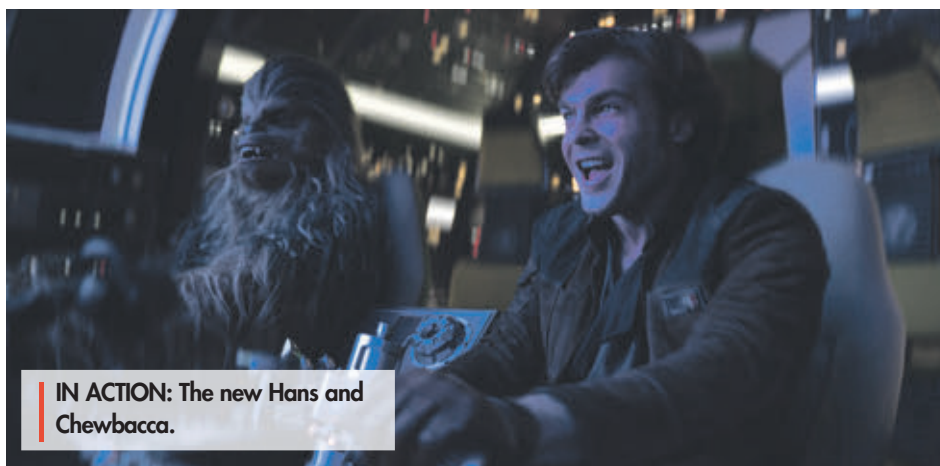
He added that "the Tapas Route has become a tourist

attraction for our people and last year more than 50,000 drinks were consumed."

The Association of Merchants and Entrepreneurs of Torre del Mar (ACET) which organised the event has confirmed that passports are already available at the Torre del Mar Tourism Office, the mayor's office and at participating establishments.

Any passport which contains stamps from all 20 establishments taking part will be entered into a raffle with the winner receiving €300 and for those with at least 10 stamps there will be two chances to win €100 (in ACET money), as well as six double tickets for the Weekend Beach Festival and 15 tasting dinners for two people donated by the participating bars or restaurants.

Cannes, highlighting more than just films as women strive for recognition



IN ACTION: The new Hans and Chewbacca.

by Michel Euesden

ONE of the world's most important film festivals, the 71st Cannes Festival is underway and will run until May 19.

With all of the publicity given to the excesses of certain movie moguls, directors and actors, this will be an important pointer to how the film industry is actually trying to change for the better.

Although the jury which is to be chaired by Australian Oscar winner Cate Blanchett and includes actress Kristen Stewart as well as three other women, female directors are not greatly represented in the competition.

There are just three films out of 21 direct-

ed by women and they are France's Eva Husson, Alice Rohrwacher from Italy and Lebanon's Nadine Labaki and this year, Netflix is absent from the judging as it has refused to guarantee that their films will be screened in French cinemas.

One major change will be the instruction that those on the red carpet will not be permitted to take selfies and if they do, they run the risk of being refused entry to the screenings as this activity is considered vulgar.

May 15 is an important date in many Science Fiction fans' diaries as the first showing of Solo: A Star Wars Story, starring Alden Ehrenreich and directed by Ron Howard will take place in Cannes.

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A quick and easy spicy meal

**Eat Well
to Live Well**

by Andrew Harding



ANOTHER exotic but very easy and cost-effective recipe this week.

Thai red curry paste can be bought in most of the supermarkets in Spain, Mercadona have a good one for €1.

My jar of Thai basil was bought in the UK and frozen, but Italian basil is a perfectly good alternative, or coriander can be used if the taste of basil is not to your liking.

Ginger and chilli are optional and add heat to the curry, the former to a much lesser extent than the latter.



THAI THIS AT HOME: Red curry is a quick and easy meal.

Thai Red Chicken Curry serves 2

- 400 grams chicken breasts, cubed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 whole garlic clove, skinned and chopped
- 1 whole onion, chopped
- 1 Packet Thai Red Curry Paste
- 1 cube of ginger chopped (optional)

- 1 (or more) sliced and seeded red or green chillis
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 can of coconut milk
- 1 chicken stock cube, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 whole aubergine, cubed
- 1 whole red bell pepper, sliced
- 2 teaspoons chopped Thai basil leaves

Fry the chicken, onion and garlic until chicken sealed and garlic and onion have become transparent.

Add the Thai red curry paste and fry for two more minutes.

Add all remaining ingredients, except for the basil and simmer until chicken cooked through and aubergine and red pepper are soft, add the basil and serve with boiled rice or noodles.

Tip: Choose chillis wisely, some are extremely spicy and contact lens wearers should get someone else to chop them otherwise bedtime will be a very painful experience! Wearing rubber gloves to chop them is always a good idea. Hand washing will not remove all the traces of the capsaicinoids that give the chillis their heat.

Tip: If as a family or couple, one or more like a hot curry and others don't, use green chillis that are not too finely chopped so they can be easily identified in contrast to the red pepper and removed from individual plates.

Tip: Any vegetable oil can be used but not olive oil. Ideally choose peanut or coconut, but rapeseed or sunflower also work well in this dish.

Tip: A cheap cut of beef can be used instead of chicken, it would need cooking slowly for about three to four hours (a slow cooker would be ideal) just add the aubergine and red pepper when the beef is tender. Prawns or fish can also be used and added just before serving so they are not overcooked. Use beef or fish stock instead of the chicken.

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Playing with fire a crackling tradition

LETTERS FROM CANARIES

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Travel

Alicante's underrated tourist base

TORREVIEJA is not the destination at the top of many travellers' lists in Spain.

However, the city makes an ideal base from which to see a number of quaint, charming villages and popular beach spots.

The waterfront promenade, lined with palm trees and Spaniards out for a stroll, comes alive in the evenings. Buskers and merchandise sellers add spirit to a number of endearing bench-based monuments, while the lively restaurants culture adds to the homely feel.

The real draw, though, is the sea view - particularly at sunset - and the ice cream vendors who serve all manner of flavours, from the exotic to the traditional.

Another tourist favourite is the Go-karting just outside of town.



ROOM WITH A VIEW: Torrevieja on the Costa Blanca

Though the city is not particularly authentic - or much different to other tourist-filled seaside towns - what is impressive is the number of nearby locations that you can day trip to.

With relatively cheap accommodation on offer, tourists can see the delights

of countless local beaches. Try the quiet Lomas de Cabo-Roig or Punta Prima, wave-filled Guardamar, or popular sand and sun-filled La Zenia.

Nearby Spanish towns are also worth a visit for travellers after a more authentic experience.

Gardeners get going - it's spring

GRAEME TYRRELL

THE spring growth is a great opportunity to gain a wonderful garden.

It is a very busy time for gardeners with the warmer temperatures and longer days creating an explosion of growth which needs to be managed to make the most of the season. To get them off to a quick start, it is the perfect time to plant your summer annual flowers and vegetables.

Established plants will also start growing rapidly now and the new growth will make them look wonderfully healthy.

Of course weeds and excess growth of even your favourite plant will need attention to keep the garden in the way you prefer it. It is so good to be able to get out into the garden, with the beautiful spring sunshine making it one of the best times of the year for the avid gardener.



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SPRING: A time of rapid growth.

Annual summer flowers can provide a beautiful display. Many favourite annuals from northern European regions require a lot of water to do well though. I usually plant a small number of summer annuals in planter boxes with trays to catch any excess water from being lost and use a good potting mix that retains water well.

The Mediterranean climate with long, dry, hot summers is not ideal for large plantings of cooler climate summer annuals

in the garden. If you have a balcony or terrace with planter pots or window boxes, annuals can be a really good way to brighten them up.

If you are planting a vegetable garden, make sure that you enrich the soil with plenty of moisture-holding compost to reduce watering needs in summer. After planting your tomatoes, capsicum, summer squash and other summer varieties ensure that you mulch the garden with coarse compost, straw or

any other suitable material which will reduce evaporation and keep soil temperatures cooler.

Keeping the soil temperature lower is important in summer as plant growth will slow when the roots get too hot. Insulating with mulch keeps soil temperatures closer to spring conditions so growth will continue to thrive for longer.

There is the inevitable weed growth which always seem to grow faster than anything else in spring. It is a good idea to learn more about these spontaneous plants as many do have attractive flowers. If the garden is not a formal design, many weeds can be left to flower and then be removed.

Even in my vegetable garden I allow certain plants normally classed as weeds, such as poppies and borage, to add colour with no extra work.

Many people are also finding that there are many weeds

which are actually edible and even the flowers can be added to salads and in cooking. Many of these wild plants were actually a normal part of the diet be-

fore explorers centuries ago brought back vegetable varieties from around the world to replace the native food sources of the Mediterranean.



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Bringing baby home

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MOST people treat their dog like a baby and often problems will occur when a real baby is brought home. You must plan for the new baby's arrival.

Acquaint the dog with a friend's children. Let them feed it some of its favourite treats. Stay calm and keep the dog on a lead. If at this stage the dog is showing any signs of aggression, then professional help is needed.

If the dog is used to sleeping in a bedroom, place the dog bed outside the room in its basket or on its blanket. If necessary, put the dog on a lead and restrict it to an area.

Consider walking around with a stuffed doll. Even talk to it in a baby voice as if it is a real baby. When changing the baby's nappy - both the real one and the toy

one - always put your dog in the Sit-Stay command.

Let it sniff and watch, for this is the time to accustom it to baby sounds and praise it for being good. Use different phrases and voices for the dog and the baby.

For safety reasons and hygiene, dogs must not be allowed on the furniture near the new baby. Start the new house rules by taking the dog by the collar and lead and taking it to its bed. Move the bed around the home to every room (except bedrooms) in the house. The dog must learn to stay where it is put.

Start getting a little more removed from the dog in three 20-minute intervals. First, go into another room for 20 minutes. Close the door behind you so that it cannot follow you. Then come out for 20 minutes before returning for another 20 minutes. Stop all tug-of-war games, wrestling and chasing games.

Babies have to be fed several times a day so, to prevent jeal-

ousy, give the dog four very small meals a day... the same amount split into four.

Toys are a big headache. You don't want a dropped toy to be licked. No more shoes, socks, slippers, and plastic or stuffed toys for the dog. Now is the time to take away all its toys from the floor. Train it to play with one at a time. Paint the others with a mouthwash which dogs do not like. If your dog goes for it, pick up the toy and shout at the toy. Very soon the dog will keep away from anything smelling of mouthwash.

Babies like to grab and pull but dogs don't like it at all. Start getting the dog used to this treatment by gently pulling it and grabbing its tail and then, within three seconds, hug it and give plenty of praise.

Plan your homecoming and let the dog welcome the baby by sniffing while on a lead.

Praise when the dog does not jump or mouth.

Stop dogs pining while you're away

KEEPING dogs at home with dog-sitters can have many advantages.

A long time ago I had a dog who was very much an only dog. And when he lost sight of me he would howl for a long time, sometimes very loudly. Even when I popped into a shop tying him outside he would howl until I returned acting as if I had deserted him.

This same dog was put in kennels for three weeks during our holidays and when we returned he had lost his voice and was emaciated. He just lost his appetite. It became apparent that he absolutely would need to stay at home with a sitter to ensure he was as comfortable as possible,

and would experience the least stress possible if there was companionship and a familiarity to his surroundings.

We then used dog-sitters to stay in our home.

It may be no surprise to those of you who know I have been running HouseSit Match.com for five years now to help other pet owners keep their pets at home in order to minimise pet anxiety when the owners go on holiday.

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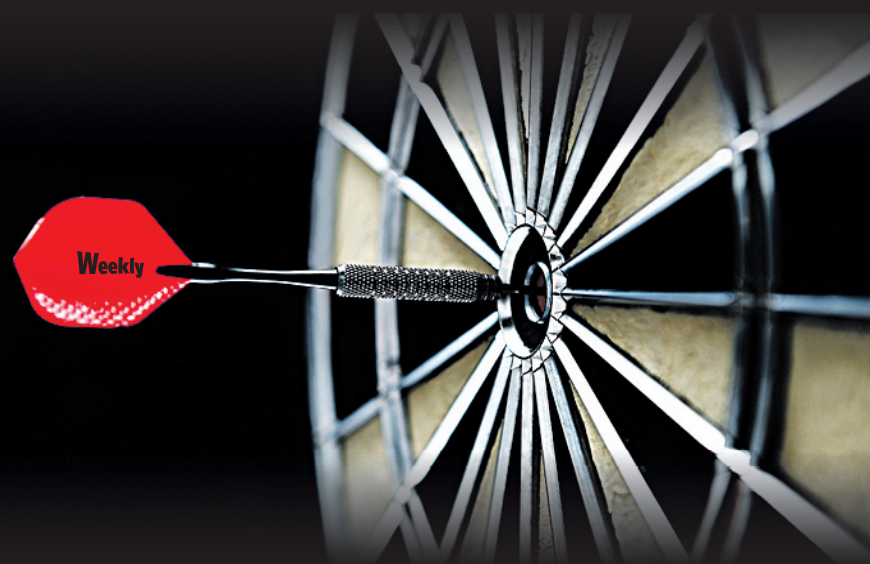
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MOTORING FACT

American inventor Ralph Teetor, who in 1945 invented cruise control aged 55, had been blind since an accident he suffered at five years old.

BRITISH carmaker Aston Martin has unveiled its latest €4.5 million luxury vehicle, but it doesn't have any wheels.

A joint project with underwater specialist Triton, the bizarre-looking James Bond-style pod is a submarine code-named Project Neptune, and it made its debut at this week's LYBRA Superyacht Show in Barcelona.

Initial images of the futuristic machine emerged last year, but now the manufacturers have released new photos with details of the 'exclusive, strictly limited edition'

Live and let dive

Aston Martin unveils €4.5m sub

vehicle's specifications.

Featuring a three-seat design offering near 360-degree visibility, it can dive to 500 metres below the surface and accelerate to just over five knots (9.6kph), four times faster than Triton's 'flagship' 3300/3 submersible.

One of the positions is designed to be occupied by a trained and qualified pilot, who will control the craft using a special joystick, although owners are able to sign up for a month-long training course during which they will also learn how to launch and

bring it back to deck using a crane which is sold separately.



ASTON-ISHING:
The submarine can descend to a depth of 500 metres.

The incredible gadget can stay underwater for up to 10 hours and has powerful LED headlights to navigate in the murky depths.

Aston Martin has said that Project Neptune is heavily-influenced by its upcoming €2.8 million Valkyrie track car.

And chief creative officer Marek Reichman said that the interior design was a greater challenge than that of the 200mph behemoth.

"Unlike a sports car where the interiors are installed into an open-sided cabin before the doors are fitted, everything you see inside will be lowered through the upper-hatch and assembled within the completed sphere of the hull," he said.

John Ramsay, chief technical officer at Triton Submarines, added: "The prototypes look incredible, being simultaneously functional and beautiful."

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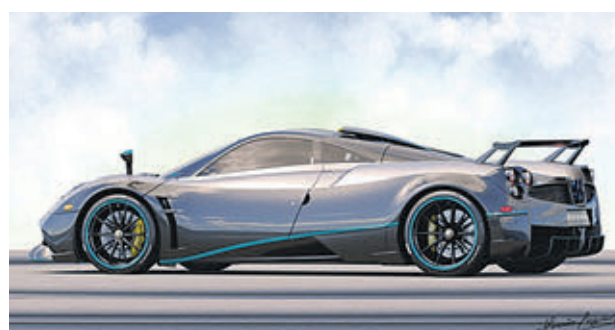


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SUITS LEW: The Pagani Huayra 'L' Ultimo.

Hammer time!

ITALIAN artisan hypercar maker Pagani has stopped production of its Huayra coupe after the 100th rolled off the production line.

But the manufacturer bowed out in style with a Lewis Hamilton-inspired special it is calling 'L' Ultimo.

It includes certain elements taken from other Huayra models including the Tempesta's carbon front splitter, panels, downforce-inducing skirts and rear diffuser plus a hood scoop similar to that seen on the BC and Cinque.

And it is all finished in carbon fibre with Petronas green highlights and stunning turquoise and white leather interior, in addition to a pricey Sonus Faber 1,200w sound system.

Introduced in 2012, the Huayra was the successor to the iconic Zonda.



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La Liga Preview

Barca are the Real deal

BARCELONA maintained their incredible undefeated run in La Liga this season despite having a man sent off in a spiky 2-2 draw with Real Madrid on Sunday.

Luis Suarez volleyed Barca into the lead after 10 minutes, only for Cristiano Ronaldo to quickly bundle in an equaliser.

Sergi Roberto was shown a straight red card at the end of the first half for catching Marcelo around the face, before a clinical Lionel Messi finish and a sublime Gareth Bale curler left honours even in the contest.

Barca will travel to Levante on Sunday and it will require something special to end their 13-month unbeaten league record, while Real Madrid will host Celta Vigo on Saturday.

Villarreal moved to within touching distance of qualifying for the Europa league after Mario Gaspar headed a



MARCHING ORDERS: Sergi Roberto received a red card in an ill-tempered El Classico.

late winner at Estadio de la Ceramica to edge rivals Valencia 1-0.

They will travel to relegated Deportivo La Coruna on Saturday, while Valencia will head to mid-table Girona.

Girona were comprehensively thrashed 4-1 by

Eibar, who themselves are aiming for a top-half finish.

Real Betis saw their eight-match undefeated league run end in a 2-0 defeat at Athletic Bilbao on Saturday, ensuring a top-four spot for Valencia.

Bilbao will be heading to Alaves on Saturday, who

dispatched bottom placed Malaga 3-0.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Atletico Madrid travel to Getafe, Real Sociedad entertain Leganes and Eibar host Las Palmas on Saturday, while Malaga heads to Espanyol on Sunday.

Premier League preview

Blues stay in Champions League hunt

OLIVIER GIROUD was the match-winner as Chelsea kept their top-four hopes alive with a 1-0 victory over Liverpool at Stamford Bridge.

The Frenchman expertly headed in Victor Moses' cross in the first-half after the visitors had dominated possession and failed to capitalise.

Chelsea have now moved to within two points of Tottenham in fourth and just three behind third-placed Liverpool with two games remaining.

Manager Antonio Conte said Chelsea were "putting pressure" on their rivals, and as things stand Liverpool need to beat Brighton at home next Sunday to guarantee Champions League football.

Chelsea themselves will host Huddersfield Town on Wednesday, before travelling to Newcastle for their season finale on Sunday.

Newcastle slipped to a third successive defeat at Watford on Saturday, with the Hornets securing Premier League survival in a 2-1 win thanks to first-half goals from Roberto Pereyra and Andre Gray.

According to manager Rafael Benitez, Newcastle's players looked like they were already "on holiday," while goalscorer Ayoze Perez described it as "embarrassing."

Elsewhere, Jake Livermore's last-gasp goal handed West Brom a 1-0 victory over Tottenham, keeping their slim hopes of survival alive.

Just hours later, the Baggies were seconds from relegation when Southampton were denied victory over Everton by a 96th minute Tom Davies equaliser.

The Saints moved out of the bottom three and above Swansea despite conceding a heart-breaking stoppage time goal to make it 1-1.



FRENCH FLAIR: Giroud's deft header means the top-four battle will go to the wire.

Everton, who stay eighth in the table, were booed at the final whistle of their final home game of the season, and the result means they can no longer overhaul seventh-placed Burnley who have qualified for the Europa League.

Swansea's 1-0 loss at Bournemouth leaves them in real danger, and winless in seven games, while Stoke's 2-1 defeat by Crystal Palace ended their 10-year stay in the top flight.

Arsene Wenger said his farewell to the Emirates Stadium with a 5-0 thrashing of Burnley, before being treated to a guard of honour from Arsenal and Burnley players alike.

Other fixtures this weekend will see Swansea host Stoke, Arsenal travel to Huddersfield and Crystal Palace entertain West Brom on Sunday.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	87	35	26	9	0	89	23
2 • Atlético	75	36	22	9	5	55	20
3 • Real Madrid	72	35	21	9	5	84	39
4 • Valencia	67	36	20	7	9	62	37
5 • Betis	59	36	18	5	13	56	56
6 • Villarreal	57	35	17	6	12	50	41
7 • Getafe	52	36	14	10	12	41	32
8 • Sevilla	51	35	15	6	14	43	54
9 • Girona	48	36	13	9	14	48	57
10 • Eibar	47	36	13	8	15	41	48
11 • R. Sociedad	46	36	13	7	16	63	56
12 • Celta	46	36	12	10	14	55	52
13 • Alavés	44	36	14	2	20	37	48
14 • Athletic	43	36	10	13	13	40	45
15 • Espanyol	43	36	10	13	13	31	41
16 • Levante	43	36	10	13	13	37	50
17 • Leganés	40	36	11	7	18	29	46
18 • Deportivo	29	36	6	11	19	35	70
19 • Las Palmas	22	36	5	7	24	23	71
20 • Málaga	20	36	5	5	26	23	56

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PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	PI	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	94	36	30	4	2	102	26
2 • M. United	77	36	24	5	7	67	28
3 • Liverpool	72	37	20	12	5	80	38
4 • Tottenham H.	71	36	21	8	7	68	32
5 • Chelsea	69	36	21	6	9	61	34
6 • Arsenal	60	36	18	6	12	72	48
7 • Burnley	54	37	14	12	11	35	37
8 • Everton	49	37	13	10	14	43	55
9 • Leicester City	44	36	11	11	14	49	54
10 • Newcastle United	41	36	11	8	17	36	46
11 • Crystal Palace	41	37	10	11	16	43	55
12 • Bournemouth	41	37	10	11	16	43	60
13 • Watford	41	37	11	8	18	44	63
14 • Brighton	40	36	9	13	14	33	47
15 • West Ham Utd.	38	36	9	11	16	45	67
16 • Huddersfield Town	36	36	9	9	18	27	56
17 • Southampton	33	36	6	15	15	36	55
18 • Swansea City	33	36	8	9	19	27	53
19 • West Bromwich	31	37	6	13	18	31	54
20 • Stoke City	30	37	6	12	19	33	67

Fergie's battle

By Staff Reporter

MESSAGES of support have been flooding in for former Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, who remains in intensive care after undergoing emergency surgery for a brain haemorrhage.

It comes after the 76-year-old was said to be awake and 'asking about his results' in the wake of the life-threatening incident.

He was reportedly taken to Salford Royal Hospital with a police escort after falling ill at his Cheshire home over the weekend.

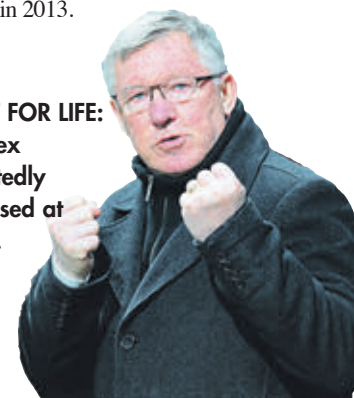
Manchester United said in a statement: "Sir Alex Ferguson has undergone emergency surgery today for a brain haemorrhage. The procedure has gone very well but he

needs a period of intensive care to optimise his recovery. His family request privacy in this matter."

The legendary Scot won 49 trophies as a manager, including 13 Premier League titles, five FA Cups and two Champions Leagues.

He retired from club football in 2013.

FIGHT FOR LIFE:
Sir Alex reportedly collapsed at home.





LIONEL MESSI and Cristiano Ronaldo both scored in the drawn El Classico last weekend, and their goals mean they have hit a staggering combined total of 1,000 goals for Barcelona and Real Madrid.

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Proper champion Yorkshire in race to host Vuelta

SPAIN'S most prestigious cycling race could soon start in Yorkshire.

It comes as director of the Vuelta a España, Javier Guíllen, jetted to the UK for talks with sheep farmer turned Chief Executive of the Welcome to Yorkshire tourism agency, Gary Verity.

La Vuelta, also known as the Tour of Spain, is one of the world's three most important cycling tour events alongside the Tour de France and Giro d'Italia.

It was last year won by Team Sky cyclist Chris Froome, who became the first Briton to pick up the title after bagging his fourth Tour de France just weeks earlier.

Mr Verity led the successful campaign for the 2014 Tour de France to start in the northern English county, when the first two stages saw the competitors race from Leeds to Harrogate and York to Sheffield.

And speaking at the start

of the Tour de Yorkshire's third stage, he confirmed that discussions to bring the Spanish event to Britain are underway.

"We would love to start the Vuelta here, it's kind of Spanish weather isn't it?" he said. "It would work really well, we've got a great relationship with Javier Guíllen who's the director of the Vuelta."

Yorkshire will next year host the UCI Road World Championship, the first UK venue to do so for 37 years.

FA Cup final preview

Locking horns in FA Cup

WITH the Premier League drifting towards its foregone conclusion, the FA Cup final on May 19 now stands as the biggest fixture left in the 2017-18 season.

It will be the 137th grand finale of the tournament, and a chance for two heavyweights of English football, Chelsea and Manchester United, to salvage something from their disappointing seasons.

It will also mark the first final between Antonio Conte and Jose Mourinho, two bitter rivals whose verbal spats this season descended into vicious personal attacks.

Eden Hazard, man of the match in Chelsea's semi-final win against Southampton and who has shone in the competition this year, can expect much closer attention from Mourinho's side.

United themselves can take much confidence from absorb-



BEST OF ENEMIES: Mourinho and Conte will not give an inch in the final.

ing Tottenham's blistering pace and pressing in the semi-final, fighting back from a goal down to claim victory.

A goal which saw Paul Pogba's perfect cross athletically converted by Alexis Sanchez was a sign of the weapons that Mourinho has at his disposal.

Chelsea are back in the final after losing to Arsenal a year ago, and winning the FA Cup might not be enough to convince either Conte or Chelsea

owner Roman Abramovich that their two-year partnership should be extended.

Meanwhile Jose Mourinho has claimed that his critics will 'kill' him if his team fail to lift the trophy.

However, victory over Chelsea would yield the fourth trophy of Mourinho's two-year reign as United manager, following last season's Europa League, League Cup and Community Shield successes.

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