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Stranded



DRUG CHARGE: Robbie, right, rented the room from ageing biker Simon of St Peter Pendragon.



EXCLUSIVE

by Matt Ford

A YOUNG Scotsman remains trapped on the Costa del Sol eight months after he was held on drug charges he describes as "ludicrous."

Computer engineer Robbie Miller, 24, was arrested on drug charges after a cannabis farm was discovered at the property where he was renting a room in La Linea de la Concepcion, Cadiz.

But he had only moved into the flat four days earlier and the plants were already mature, making it impossible that he grew them.

He was released on bail but had his passport seized while he waits for a judge to study his case, which he fears could take a year. And a detailed dossier of evidence, seen by the *Euro Weekly News*, appears to validate his story.

His mum - who is on benefits in Hamilton, South La-

markshire - is sending money allowing him to rent a small flat in Malaga, but he is otherwise penniless and unable to get a job or return home.

A dejected Robbie said: "I'm at my wits' end. It's ludicrous to think I could have grown a load of plants that were 2m high when police came round.

"I had only moved in four days earlier and my passport will show I arrived in Spain 15 days before I was arrested.

"No one has properly considered the case. No judge or jury could ever find me guilty."

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EXCLUSIVE

A CHAT with Beatles inner circle member Tony Bramwell ahead of Spanish shows.

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Migrant mayhem

A GRANADA deputy has called on the government in Madrid to explain what she claimed were plans to use an old military base in Motril as a migrant reception centre.

Ana Terron, of the leftist Podemos party, said Motril's council had called on the Ministry of the Interior to halt conversion works due to no licence being granted for them.

The base was due to come under the control of local authorities after military activity was wound up

there in 2008. It was designated for educational use under the General Urban Plan for Motril.

Terron has asked for clarification on who owns the facilities and if Madrid knew the site was earmarked for Motril's use. She added there were concerns over how migrants housed there would be treated.

"It is known that these centres end up being buildings outside the law and human rights," she said.

Held over assault

A 39-YEAR-OLD man who allegedly sexually assaulted two women in Malaga City has been arrested by Local Police.

Officers claimed the incidents took place on Calle Granados at around 4.30am

last Saturday. The suspect was later arrested on Calle Larios after receiving complaints from the women and interviewing them.

He was held in police custody before being presented to the courts.

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Hit and run

LOCAL POLICE have been searching for a driver who is still at large after he allegedly ran over a two-year-old girl in Algarrobo.

Officers said they had managed to identify the vehicle believed to have been driven by the suspect on Tuesday. The registration plate indicated it belonged to someone in Torre del Mar.

The search for the suspect is connected with an alleged hit at run which took place at a petrol station in Algarrobo last Saturday.

The two-year-old girl was reportedly on Avenida de Karat with her grandfather next

to the petrol station and near her family home.

The driver reportedly ran over her and fled without helping. The girl was taken to Axarquia's Regional Hospital and discharged on Monday and her parents later filed complaints with Local Police and the Guardia Civil.

Security camera footage was used to identify the car's model and registration number. Investigators ruled out the suspect being from Algarrobo as no car with its description was owned there.

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Just the ticket?

BUDGET airline Ryanair has announced that from June 13 passengers will only have a 48-hour window - closing two hours before departure - to check in unless they have paid for a seat, with those missing it charged €60.

Cat call

CATALUÑA'S Parliament has narrowly elected separatist Quim Torra, 55, as president, with the new leader vowing to continue the battle for independence after Madrid confirmed it will lift its direct rule imposed after last year's illegal referendum.

Sick ritual

A FATHER from Barcelona faces prison after being accused of raping his 15-year-old daughter and two of her friends in order to rid them of evil spirits.

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH man on the run for armed robbery and known to have at least 75 false identities has been held on the Costa del Sol.

The still-unnamed suspect was detained in glamorous Marbella on a European Arrest Warrant after being stopped by a Spanish National Police patrol just after 2am.

And when he handed over his fake identification it became clear he was being hunted by UK investigators after being accused of raiding a series of armoured vehicles using illegal weapons and explosives.

He was cuffed and charged with presenting false documents on the spot but reportedly offered the officers €500 to let him go, resulting in an additional bribery rap.

A judge in Madrid ruled via video link that he be remanded in custody ahead of extradition proceedings.

It comes after one of Britain's most-wanted criminals - 41-year-old Stephen Lawrence murder suspect Jamie Acourt - was last week held in Barcelona on drug trafficking charges.

He had allegedly changed his name after going on the run and is

Brit suspect held

Fugitive had '75 identities' but others remain at large



GOT HIM: The latest suspect was held on a European Arrest Warrant.



MOST WANTED: Anticlockwise from top left, Jonathon Kelly, Mark Acklom, Dominic McNally, Shane O'Brien and Sarah Panitzke.

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believed to have spent the last 18 months in Spain, moving between the Catalan capital and the Costa del Sol.

A false passport bearing the name Simon Alfonzo was reportedly seized after he tried to pass himself off as an Italian tourist, but he is not challenging his extradition to the UK.

He became the 81st fugitive to be caught by Operation Captura, a joint venture between Spanish police, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and Crimestoppers, with the crackdown forcing

criminals to go to extreme measure to avoid investigators.

NCA head of international operations Steve Reynolds told UK media: "Areas like the Costa Blanca and the Costa del Sol are the most popular with British holidaymakers and most of our fugitives. "It's been known for people to have plastic surgery after faces have been splashed all over the papers and television."

Others believed to be still at large in Spain include Glaswegian Jonathon Kelly, 36, who vanished four years ago after fail-

ing a drug test while on parole for a string of brutal assaults.

Serial fraudster Mark Acklom, 44, is wanted for allegedly fleeing a divorcee out of almost €1 million after romancing her while posing as an MI6 agent.

Twenty-seven-year-old Dominic McNally from Liverpool is wanted on drugs charges, while Londoner Shane O'Brien, 28, is accused of a 2015 murder.

And Sarah Panitzke, 42, from Yorkshire was among the masterminds convicted over a €1.1 billion VAT fraud.



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Paraglider fall death

A PARAGLIDER has died after hitting the sea and being dragged away by currents at the La Heradura beach in Almuñecar, Granada. The Guardia Civil are now investigating the death, with emergency services having confirmed the glider passed away after being pulled from the water at midday on Thursday.

Boat rescue

A TOTAL of 91 people, including nine women and one child, were picked up by coast guards from two boats and arrived in Motril's port in good health. Salvamento Marítimo personnel, including an aircraft, were despatched to the boats in the Alboran Sea as one was reportedly about to sink.

Flooding row

A COUNCILLOR in Torrox has claimed the Partido Socialista in Torrox wasted funding earmarked for a warehouse storing archival documents which has reportedly flooded several times. Maria Angeles Ruiz, of the conservative Partido Popular, said the €155,000 could have saved documents which were now lost due to contact with sewage.

Holiday plans

OSCAR MEDINA, Torrox's mayor and the tourism councillor have presented the town's 2018 plan to attract visitors to the municipality. The proposals are made to fit within the framework of the International tourism fair (FITUR) which will be held in Madrid early next year, according to reports.

Jobless down

THE Popular Party's Torrox secretary general Fernando Nieto has valued the town's 'positive' employment results after a 2.67 per cent fall in unemployment was registered compared to February last year. Nieto highlighted Malaga for being the third best performer in Spain for boosting employment opportunities, local media reports.

Bird plea

A LEFTIST political coalition is reportedly calling for the river Velez wetlands to be classified as a 'natural park,' something the SEO-BirdLife charity has been demanding for years. Velez councillors, Miguel Angel Sánchez and Alicia Pérez, are driving the initiatives to protect the spaces which attract long distance migratory birds each year.

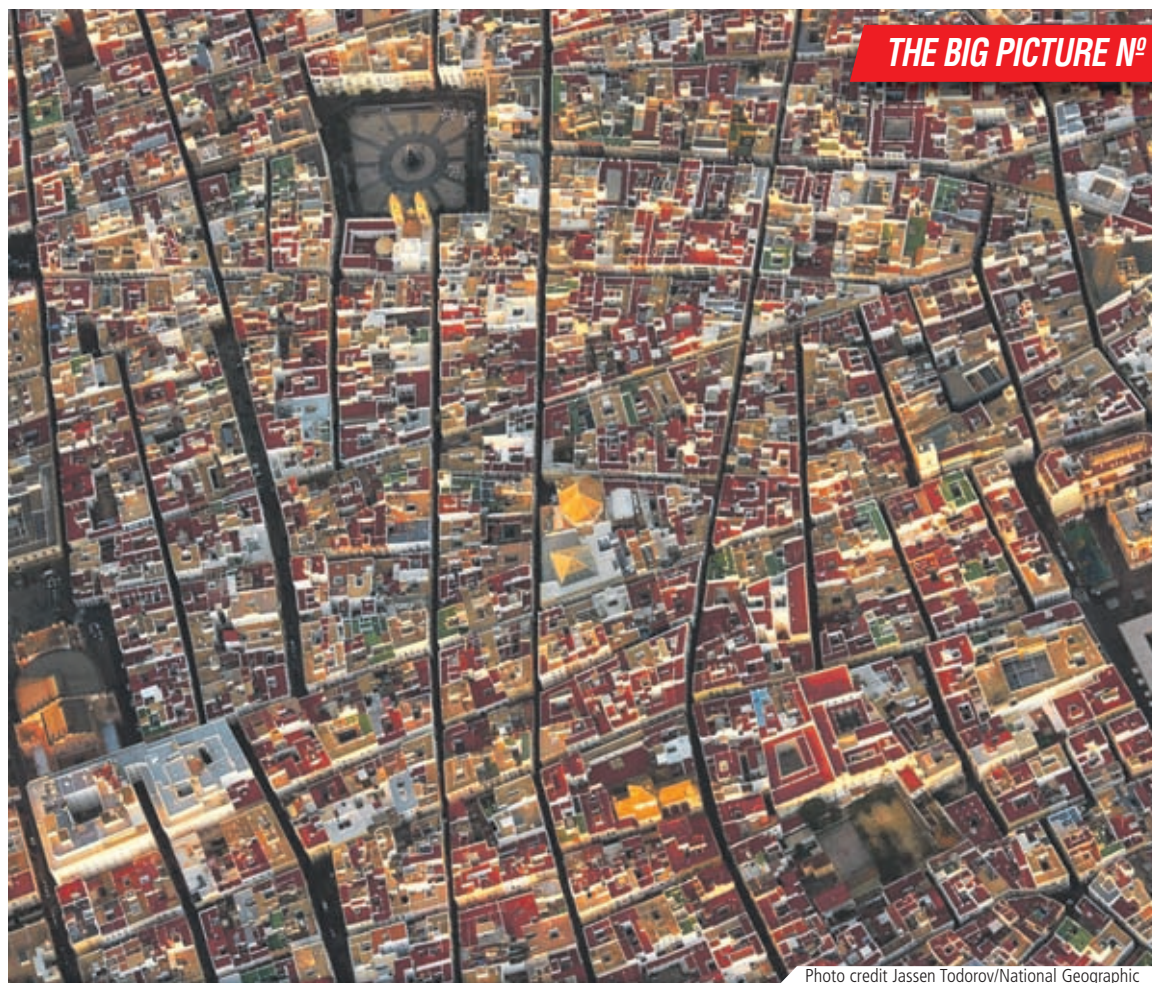


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FLIGHT CLUB: The breathtaking snap was taken from an aeroplane.

Bird's eye view

THIS is the ancient port city of Cadiz, Andalucia, as you have never seen it before.

Arguably the oldest continuously inhabited city in Western Europe having been founded as Gadir by the Phoenicians around 1100 BC, the stunning shot shows the sinuous streets and historic plazas of its centre bathed in golden light just before sunset.

Taken from a plane by Bulgarian aerial photography specialist Jassen Todorov, it is his entry in the 2018 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year contest.

There are three categories in the competition - Nature, People and Cities.

One of the category winners will pick up the overall title plus a cash

prize of \$10,000 (€8,400).

Of the snap, Jassen - who is also a renowned professional violinist and avid pilot - said: "The town of Cadiz, Spain from above is as fascinating as it is from ground level - charming streets, narrow alleys, beautiful architecture, fun markets and people, glorious churches.

"It has got it all - now go visit and get lost for a while :)"

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'I'm at my wit's end'

The British Consulate offered to provide temporary travel documents when Robbie appealed for help, but warned he could be jailed if his bail conditions changed if they got involved.

Robbie arrived in Spain, with his boarding passes verifying he travelled on October 5.

He headed to La Linea in the

hope of finding work in Gibraltar, and Facebook screen grabs show he contacted a British biker by the name of Simon of St Peter Pendragon on October 15.

He moved into a room in the landlord's flat on October 16, before police raided the property four days later, seizing cannabis plants weighing 7kg and jailing

Robbie.

Additional screenshots confirm that Mr Pendragon even offered to visit police and protest the Scot's innocence in the wake of his arrest, although it is unclear if he did so.

Of the British Consulate's assistance, he added: "They said they can't intervene in the legal

jurisdiction of Spain but they will seek to get my passport back.

"They sent me a waiver that says the bail conditions could change, which covers their back if I get remanded in custody prior to a trial."

Mum Alison told Scottish media: "The charges against Robbie are a joke."

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WEDDING FEVER: Rhys, Inmaculada and (inset) the real Harry and Meghan.

Seeing double

THE world is gearing up to watch Prince Harry and Meghan Markle tie the knot this Saturday.

And as preparations continue, a couple have been crowned Europe's best royal lookalikes after beating more than 3,000 entrants.

Briton Rhys Whittock and Spaniard Inmaculada Serrano, both 34, were named the most convincing doppelgangers after stunning judges with their resemblance to the lovebirds.

The pair were also evaluated on royal waves, wedding proposals and bouquet throws before riding in an open-top horse-drawn carriage outside Buckingham Palace.

Property developer Rhys said: "My family and friends have often said I looked like the young Prince, but I certainly didn't think I'd be crowned the winner."

His partner Inmaculada, a teacher from Sevilla, added: "To be compared to the bride-to-be is a real honour and I'm flattered that I have been voted as the best double for one of the most famous women in the world."

Organised by low-cost airline easyJet, the

winner received a year's worth of free flights.

And the runners-up were also from the UK and Spain, with Danni Burnett and Carlos Lamothe picking up second place.

The final round of judging - led by Duncan Larcombe, author of *Prince Harry: Inside the Story*, lookalike expert Susan Scott and professional Prince William double Simon Watkinson - saw the chosen couples jet into London from around Europe.

Some of the wackier entrants included a ginger kitten, a pygmy goat and a dog.

Around 600 guests are expected to attend the official ceremony at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, with another 2,640 invited to the grounds. But Meghan's dad Thomas Markle, 73, may not walk his daughter down the aisle after recently suffering a heart attack.

It comes after UK media revealed he had staged paparazzi photos for cash.

More than 100,000 people are expected to gather in Windsor for the big day, with 79 international media networks heading to Berkshire.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Following reports that a Spanish airport is infested with cockroaches, do you think the country's airports are unhygienic?

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In the money

ALMUÑECAR'S council has approved €65,000 in funding to remodel and improve the town's Archaeological Museum, according to the authority's tourism spokesperson.

Rafael Caballero Jimenez said the contract to undertake the works had been awarded to the Patrimonio Inteligente SL company. The firm had a lead time of four months to complete the project, he added.

Replacing displays and parts of exhibits, refitting lighting and improving information about the museum's collection were all part of planned improvements, the council said in a statement.

Cllr Caballero Jimenez said the main objective of the works was to offer tourists a new and appealing facility to visit, and to ensure conservation of the museum's items.

OUR VIEW

Rental car robbers are not to be taken lightly

ANYONE renting a car in Spain this summer should take care. As holidaymakers flock to Spain in ever-increasing numbers, thieves are employing more brazen schemes to make off with their belongings.

And this does not just apply to tourists, after a member of the *Euro Weekly News* team was last year robbed while sitting at a restaurant less than 10 metres from their hire car.

Some might even say it is worth removing company logos and risking a small fine when returning the vehicle in order to attract unwanted attention.

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UK should aim for EAW

THE Spanish authorities are to be applauded over the recent arrests of wanted British criminals.

Operation Captura has been a resounding success, with fugitives returned to the UK in droves as the UK has come to rely heavily on the European Arrest Warrant (EAW).

But what of this arrangement post-Brexit?

Senior figures in Brussels have argued that leaving the European Union (EU) necessarily means giving up the EAW and access to databases including Europol.

Labour MEP Claude Moraes, who chairs the European parliament's justice and home affairs, recently voiced concerns that the UK could become the new 'Costa del Crime.'

And after the recent breakdown in relations with Russia, it could be that the need for cooperation is now greater than ever.

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But all eyes were down as Brazilian lingerie model Alessandra Ambrosio, 37, modelled shoes at the Xti footwear collection launch in Spanish capital Madrid.

She is again the face of the brand's spring-summer 2018 campaign after succeeding Russian beauty and Irina Shayk - former flame of football star Cristiano Ronaldo - in 2016.



WELL HEELED: Alessandra Ambrosio.

REAL MADRID football star Gareth Bale has announced the birth of his third child with partner Emma Rhys-Jones.

He tweeted a photo of his baby son Kev on May 26.

Bale force

Axel, who joins daughters Alba, five, and two-year-old Nava.

The Welsh wizard, 28, is gearing up to play Liverpool in the Champions League final in

Game of throw-ins

IT'S the hugely popular fantasy series that has been partially shot in Spain since 2014.

And fans of racy HBO hit Game of Thrones have been offered a sneak peek into the eighth and final season after cast members attended Sevilla FC's Sanchez Pizjuan stadium to watch the home team beat Real Madrid 3-2 in a La Liga fixture.

The presence of Peter Dinklage (who plays Tyrion Lannister), Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (Jaime Lannister), Sophie Turner (Sansa Stark), Maisie Williams

(Arya Stark), Isaac Hempstead-Wright (Bran Stark), and Vladimir Furdik (The Night King), among others, set tongues wagging as the internet rumour mill went into overdrive.

The crew have been filming at the Roman site of Italica, Santiponce, with the ruined amphitheatre having previously been used as the set of Dragonpit in King's Landing, and there will also be a shoot at the Ataranzas shipyard ahead of the six one-hour episodes being broadcast in 2019.

HE'S most famous for playing brooding ranger Aragorn who leads an uprising against the evil Sauron in epic film trilogy Lord of the Rings.

And Danish-American actor Viggo Mortensen, 59, showed his real-life rebel side after joining Catalan independence group Omnium Cultural.

The association - a driving force behind last year's illegal referendum - tweeted: 'Welcome to the Omnium family... it is an honour.'



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WHAT ON MIDDLE EARTH? Viggo Mortensen.

Mordor madness

Rude interruptions spoil big night

IT was supposed to be their proudest moment.

But the Eurovision Song Contest descended into chaos for the British and Spanish entrants. A stage invader ruined SuRie's performance for the UK after bursting on stage and grabbing the microphone before shouting about 'Nazis of the UK media.'

And the singer revealed that she has bruises on her hands after grappling with the man, who was wrestled to the floor by security.

The competition later turned into bloodshed after Javier Calvo, mentor to Spanish pair and real-life couple Alfred y Amaia, was attacked in Portuguese capital Lisbon.



NIL POINTS: SuRie's stage invader (left) and Spain's Alfred y Amaia.

He was allegedly involved in a bar brawl which left him with cuts and bruises.

And BBC presenter Graham Norton sent viewers into meltdown with a witty remark as the couple wound up their performance, as he quipped: "Awww, I give it a month."

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Off the rails



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OFF TRACK: Trams could return to Velez-Malaga.

VELEZ-MALAGA'S council has been seeking an agreement with the Junta de Andalucía to partly fund the town's tram network after six years of no service.

The region's government would cover around 40 per cent of the costs under the deal if it is approved.

Velez-Malaga's mayor, as well as the council's transport spokesperson, said the authority's board had approved a motion calling for an urgent meeting with Andalucía's ministry of development regarding the plans. The cost of the network was estimated to be around €40 million.

News of the deal comes as the authority was previously investigated over its spending on the inactive trams by a public spending watchdog.

Five alleged irregularities were

probed and three remained up for further investigation following a council appeal.

Velez-Malaga transport spokesperson Marcelino Mendez-Trelles said issues surrounding the trams had become political.

"There are many possibilities for our tramway system to work again soon. The €40 million-worth of investment will once again be put to use.

"We must recognise the good work of the city council technicians who have informed the court about all and each of the required aspects for the network," he said.

Mendez-Trelles added the court of accounts investigation showed there had been no technical or economic issues with the running of the network.

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VELEZ-MALAGA'S mayor has announced his intention to run again for the post in town elections scheduled for 2019.

Antonio Moreno Ferrer, also the town's Local Police, urban planning and civil protection spokesperson, said in a statement on Facebook he wanted to work with 'passion' for the area.

"I want us to continue on the road to econom-

In the running ic and business growth and to boost employment, quality

tourism, modernisation, improvement and the conservation of our heritage," he said.

Ferrer, of the left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE), was previously the Junta de Andalucía's provincial delegate for agriculture and fisheries from 2004 to 2010. He was first elected as mayor of Velez-Malaga in 2015.



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Cockroach court nest

A TRADE UNION representing workers has claimed the basement of Motril's courthouse is infested with a 'plague' of cockroaches, with the SPJ-USO adding the insects posed a health risk.

Dumping call

ENVIRONMENTAL authorities on Velez-Malaga Council said they have had complaints of furniture and rubbish being thrown out on the street, with the town's ecology spokesperson calling on locals to use the free collection point.

Crash death

A 53-YEAR-OLD woman has died and a 24-year-old seriously injured after their vehicle left the road in the Sayalonga area, the younger woman being taken to the Axarquía Regional Hospital.

Driven mad

Thieves targeting rental cars

by Matt Ford

HOLIDAYMAKERS have been warned of a rental car scam in Spain.

Drivers on the AP-7 motorway are reportedly being targeted by thieves who flag them down after claiming to have spotted a flat tyre.

They are signalled to pull over before having their belongings stolen while distracted.

American tourist Kelly Roland said: "We were driving back from Cadeques to Barcelona when a mid-size BMW [with a few guys in it] pulled up next to us on the motorway."

She explained that a man in the front passenger seat was pointing at her front tyre and pointing to a service station ahead.

After she stopped her friend got out to look and the man came over 'speaking loudly in broken English' before Kelly herself joined them.



"Now all three of us are looking at the passenger-side tyre and you can see there's nothing wrong with it.

"[Later] I realised he had been talking loud so we didn't hear the doors opening and closing."

She added that one of the man's friends had sneaked over and removed their bags while they were distracted.

And when she reported

the incident to police she was told they had seen the ploy "one, two, maybe 3,000 times before."

Other criminals are less subtle and simply break the windows of rental cars before making off with whatever they can lay their hands on.

Police recommend removing rental stickers or signage from cars, regardless of whether the companies themselves approve. They also recommend that all valuables should be kept out of sight, locking bags and other items in the boot if leaving the vehicle unattended.

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Cab cut

CAB fares are set to fall after the regional government approved a new set of prices for Rincon de la Victoria.

The vehicles will now have to carry taximeters too, local centre-right Popular Party councillor, Sergio Diaz said.

Changes come after an Andalusia government study made it possible for authorities to cut the number one tariff, which applies between 6am and 10pm.

This price drop was possible due to an increase in the tariff two, night time fare which runs from 10pm to 6am, as well as new prices for the nights of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Miguel Martin, president of the area's taxi association said: "We are also working on increasing the amount of taxi stops in the municipality.

"There hasn't been a change in taxicab fares for five years," Martin added.

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LGBT+ day of activities

VELEZ-MALAGA Council has said it is committed to the LGBTQ+ community ahead of the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia, with several activities planned in the town to raise awareness of the fight against discrimination on the grounds of sexuality.

Job progress

EMPLOYMENT skills workshops in Málaga, Torremolinos and Vélez-Málaga have achieved a 55 per cent success rate in helping users get back into work, according to the employment minister Javier Carnero.

Taps on

THOSE in charge of Axarquía's irrigation will reportedly ask the regional government's environment ministry to increase water flows to last year's quantity after the heavier than usual rains.

Capital pains

VELEZ-MALAGA Town Hall will reportedly have to return capital gains tax of €4,844 to a resident for the first time after being unable to prove his house's value had increased.

Study link

THE Centre for Public Access to the Internet (CAPI) in Velez-Malaga is one of nine provincial centres to become a study hub for the National Distance Education University (UNED), media reports.

Apply now

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA is again opening up applications from between 16 and 22 entrepreneurs to use its modern co-working spaces which were part-funded by the European Social Fund, media reports.

A FLOOD of legal cases continues to hit an Axarquía council after it was accused of running a 'chaotic and disastrous' system of public employment.

Nerja Town Hall is said to have gone for decades without a proper employment office and filled official posts with temporary workers.

A centre-left PSOE councillor, Rosa Arrabal, said the fallout was yet another 'inheritance' from José Alberto Armijo,

Employees hit back

the centre-right Popular Party mayor in charge of the town from 1995 to 2015.

He hardly held any public examinations for official posts - which is the usual way state jobs are allocated - and instead filled them with temporary contracted workers.

"The best we can do is try to reinstate

the 41 positions currently open with permanently contracted workers by taking legal action," Arrabal said.

A total 51 legal cases have been forwarded by disgruntled ex-employees and 22 of them were successful in court.

And 17 employees have been reinstated in their public posts so far.

The remaining five have been compensated, according to a group of politicians from three left-leaning parties.

Among those to retake their positions were local development agents, social workers, municipal car park security guards and dance and music school teachers.

Further public posts will be opened up until 2021 to consolidate those which have already been retaken.

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STAT OF WEEK**2.2** THE percentage of Spain's gross domestic product to be reinvested into public projects including schools, hospitals and the environment this year, 40 per cent less than the average since 1995, according to the European Commission.**€2bn mega deal well-connected**

FRENCH investment firm Antin Infrastructure Partners has revealed it is to fork out €2 billion for Spanish fibre optic wholesale operator Ufinet.

Formerly owned by natural gas and electricity supplier Gas Natural Fenosa, the telecommunications company was in 2014 bought by London-based global private equity firm Cinven Partners for €510 million.

Operating mostly in Spain and Latin America, Ufinet posted sales of €81 million in 2017, with the deal reportedly set to be wrapped up by July.

Party over for Club 18-30?

CLUB 18-30 - the brand notorious for cheap holidays packed with sun, sex and alcohol - could soon be heading for the departure lounge.

The news comes amid fears that millennials increasingly opt for 'ego travel,' after a report revealed that half of 18 to 25-year-old sunseekers now take posting selfies on social media into account when booking trips.

And high street tour operator Thomas Cook, which has owned the brand since 1998, says it is "exploring options," including a possible sale.

It wants to concentrate on its new

by *Matt Ford*

Cook's Club offering, which launched last month.

Featuring its own-brand hotels with big-name poolside DJs and upmarket cocktails, creative director Remo Masala believes the offering will serve up "urban cool" for "the Instagram generation."

At its peak, Club 18-30 jetted around 100,000 people per year to party resorts including Magaluf, Kavos and Ayia Napa.

Founded in the 1960s, its first destination was Lloret de Mar on the Costa

Brava, and its racy image saw it become a tabloid staple during the 1990s and 2000s, when one advertising slogan read: 'It's not all sex, sex, sex. There's a bit of sun and sea as well.'

The young sunseekers' drunken antics even spawned the infamous ITV series Club Reps.

Thomas Cook said in a statement: "We remain committed to Club 18-30 for summer 2018.

"However, we are exploring options for the future of the brand, which could include the possibility of a sale."

Golden opening sparks new rush

A CANADIAN gold and copper-producing firm is to reopen a Spanish mine.

Nuria Menendez, managing director of Orovalle, Toronto-based Orvana Minerals' Spanish subsidiary said that the company is planning to start work at the Carles gold mine in Salas, Asturias, after a favourable exploratory survey.

The site is situated in the Rio Narcea gold belt, a historic deposit first discovered by the Romans 2,000 years ago, previously mined between 1997 and 2006 with over 1,000,000 ounces of the precious mineral extracted.

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Tax breaks capture Spain's leading role

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MADE IN THE CANARIES: Solo: A Star Wars Story.

FILMMAKERS are flocking to take advantage of tax breaks in Spain.

Rebates of up to 20 per cent, or 40 per cent in the Canary Islands, have been offered to international productions since 2015.

And the scheme has worked a treat, according to industry professionals.

"Undoubtedly [tax rebates] have had a positive impact," said Peter Welter, line producer for hit HBO series Game of Thrones, which has filmed

across the country since 2014.

Spinoff TV series Snatch and upcoming Hollywood films including Solo: A Star Wars Story, The Rhythm Section, Wonder Woman 2 and the upcoming Terminator reboot have all been shot entirely or partially in Spain.

"There's a constant flow of international shoots, and it's increasingly difficult to find experienced Spanish crew for foreign productions," added Barcelona-based Nostromo Pictures founder Adrian Guerra.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Ministry of truth**

SOCIAL media giant Facebook is rumoured to have rented a 9,000 square-metre office space in Catalan capital Barcelona's iconic Glories Tower, from where it plans to employ 500 people in an 'internet content control centre' to combat fake news.

Bank on it

SANTANDER GROUP is gearing up to launch a digital business banking platform offering 'a range of products that go beyond traditional lending' for small and medium-sized businesses in the UK, the Spanish financial services firm said in a statement.

Close call

SPANISH multinational banking group BBVA will have less than 3,000 branches across the country for the first time since 2002 after revealing plans to shut down 179 local offices this year, bringing the total closed to 1,047 since 2016.

Catalans top of the class

A SPANISH school has topped a Financial Times' 2018 executive education ranking.

The Barcelona-based IESE Business School is number one for customised courses, those tailor-made for corporate students, ahead of Switzerland's IMD and France's INSEAD.

It is the fourth consecutive year that the Catalan institution - renowned for its strong interna-

tional outlook - has topped the table based on clients' votes. It achieved a top five finish in nine out of 10 criteria, including number one for international clients and faculty diversity and second for overseas programmes and partner schools. The London Business School in fourth was the UK's best-placed contender in the 20th annual edition of the ranking.

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Anglo American	1,760.00	-99.40	-5.35	25,301.19
Associated British Foods	2,849.00	99.00	3.60	22,127.29
Admiral Group	1,940.50	0.00	0.00	5,674.26
Ashtead Group	2,495.00	264.00	11.83	10,958.61
Antofagasta	1,019.50	-26.00	-2.49	10,252.91
Aviva	541.00	-1.60	-0.29	21,746.90
AstraZeneca	5,253.50	-25.50	-0.48	66,522.54
BAE Systems	622.50	-11.90	-1.88	19,762.70
Barclays	207.50	-6.95	-3.24	36,574.11
British American Tobacco	3,950.00	90.00	2.33	89,796.51
Barratt Developments	564.50	3.30	0.59	5,654.06
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,163.00	-37.00	-0.88	5,560.79
British Land Co	683.00	-11.00	-1.59	6,775.81
BHP Billiton	1,680.50	-30.70	-1.79	35,258.93
Bunzl	2,242.50	7.50	0.34	7,532.13
BP	564.05	-0.45	-0.08	112,493.75
Burberry Group	1,791.50	-14.00	-0.78	7,495.57
BT Group	219.80	2.80	1.29	21,932.37
Coca-Cola HBC	2,519.00	-1.00	-0.04	9,345.18
Carnival	4,840.00	12.00	0.25	10,021.58
Centrica	143.00	-4.15	-2.82	8,217.07
Compass Group	1,514.00	6.00	0.40	24,007.69
Croda International	4,652.50	23.50	0.51	6,109.55
CRH	2,675.00	-29.00	-1.07	22,916.16
DCC	7,535.00	245.00	3.36	6,655.95
Diageo	2,644.00	-36.50	-1.36	65,693.85
Direct Line Insurance Group	367.00	-3.60	-0.97	5,135.63
Evraz	467.50	-44.90	-8.76	7,177.45
Experian	1,709.00	-27.00	-1.56	16,132.91
easyJet	1,682.50	-35.50	-2.07	6,710.83
Ferguson	5,658.00	2.00	0.04	13,942.77
Fresnillo	1,295.00	-2.00	-0.15	9,539.09
G4S	240.00	-30.40	-11.24	4,041.90
Glencore	379.00	-7.10	-1.84	54,265.88
GlaxoSmithKline	1,463.00	-3.40	-0.23	73,248.90
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,830.75	-58.75	-3.11	8,924.31
Halma	1,288.50	-8.50	-0.66	4,927.75
HSBC Holdings	720.00	-15.80	-2.15	146,993.60
International Consoltd Airs Gr	695.40	-2.60	-0.37	14,204.56
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,775.50	7.50	0.16	9,197.92
3i Group	963.50	-17.90	-1.82	9,481.91
Imperial Brands	2,850.00	84.50	3.06	26,661.72
Informa	760.00	0.00	0.00	6,222.89
Intertek Group	5,105.00	-1.00	-0.02	8,231.05
ITV	168.50	-3.50	-2.03	6,454.74
Just Eat	791.00	-12.80	-1.59	5,493.24
Johnson Matthey	3,582.00	117.00	3.38	6,669.16
Kingfisher	295.40	-1.90	-0.64	6,388.73
Land Securities Group	981.25	3.55	0.36	7,237.39
Legal & General Group	279.25	-0.25	-0.09	16,684.70

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	67.14	0.06	0.09	48,097.98
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,460.50	29.50	0.67	15,558.49
Micro Focus International	1,312.00	12.00	0.92	5,549.35
Medilinic International	709.60	18.40	2.66	5,116.47
Marks & Spencer Group	293.50	0.20	0.07	4,773.56
Mondi	1,975.50	-24.00	-1.20	7,370.52
Melrose	218.00	-15.20	-6.52	10,256.90
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	252.00	-1.60	-0.63	5,927.38
National Grid	836.50	-9.70	-1.15	28,322.64
NMC Health	3,285.00	-291.00	-8.14	7,443.90
Next	5,503.00	-39.00	-0.70	7,876.48
Old Mutual Group	248.00	-11.70	-4.51	12,869.62
Paddy Power Betfair	6,862.50	-242.50	-3.41	6,086.55
Prudential	1,916.50	-12.50	-0.65	50,072.78
Persimmon	2,825.00	30.00	1.07	8,582.70
Pearson	908.50	-12.90	-1.40	7,185.27
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,725.00	-31.00	-0.54	40,385.37
Royal Bank of Scotland Grp	279.50	-14.60	-4.96	34,455.56
Royal Dutch Shell	2,625.00	-31.00	-1.17	121,065.58
RELX	1,590.50	-1.50	-0.09	16,874.52
Rio Tinto	4,224.00	0.00	0.00	55,909.62
Royal Mail	608.50	-22.50	-3.57	6,114.00
Rolls-Royce Group	827.50	-8.50	-1.02	15,336.31
Randgold Resources	5,868.00	-22.00	-0.37	5,353.81
RSA Insurance Group	650.50	-3.10	-0.47	6,725.30
Rentokil Initial	268.50	-53.10	-16.51	5,935.53
Sainsbury (J)	255.00	-51.50	-16.80	6,697.90
Schroders	3,577.00	131.00	3.80	7,734.49
Sage Group (The)	720.50	41.50	6.11	7,289.65
Segro	655.00	0.00	0.00	6,562.18
Shire	4,005.00	-57.50	-1.42	37,108.66
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,955.00	-157.00	-5.04	7,443.26
Sky	1,320.00	-38.00	-2.80	23,215.33
Standard Life Aberdeen	374.90	4.10	1.11	10,949.23
Smith (DS)	545.30	-2.70	-0.49	5,826.06
Smiths Group	1,667.50	-1.00	-0.06	6,617.05
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	520.00	11.50	2.26	7,175.27
Smith & Nephew	1,303.50	5.50	0.42	11,443.70
SSE	1,397.50	-9.00	-0.64	14,227.59
Standard Chartered	755.00	-13.90	-1.81	25,248.65
St James's Place	1,119.00	-67.50	-5.69	6,238.41
Severn Trent	2,003.00	27.00	1.37	4,779.38
Tesco	244.25	-2.35	-0.95	23,891.35
TUI AG	1,765.50	0.00	0.00	10,211.72
Taylor Wimpey	200.50	5.20	2.66	6,313.81
Unilever	4,132.50	-7.00	-0.17	50,938.45
United Utilities Group	768.50	2.10	0.27	5,326.91
Vodafone Group	210.40	0.30	0.14	56,046.59
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APPLE	188,590	-0.76%	-1,450	926,847,57
BOEING CO	342,460	-0.47%	-1,610	199,260,17
CATERPILLAR	154,860	+0.58%	0,890	92,558,08
CHEVRON	129,84	+0.79%	1,02	248,023,50
CISCO SYSTEMS	45,930	-0.80%	-0,370	221,268,56
COCA-COLA	42,14	-0.09%	-0,04	179,295,49
DOWDUPONT	66,93	-0.03%	-0,02	155,260,63
EXXON MOBIL	81,28	-0.54%	-0,44	344,041,39
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,6000	-0.61%	-0,0900	126,762,51
GOLDMAN SACHS	242,92	-0.21%	-0,52	91,728,84
HOME DEPOT	190,3100	+1.68%	3,1500	219,396,61
IBM	144,14	-0.07%	-0,10	132,279,23
INTEL CORP	54,6700	-0.56%	-0,3100	255,246,24
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	113,8600	-0.38%	-0,4300	387,531,71
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	127,2400	+1.51%	1,8900	341,356,96
MC DONALD'S CORP	165,3900	+0.19%	0,3200	129,844,79
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,69	+2.81%	1,63	160,610,87
MICROSOFT	97,700	-0.21%	-0,210	752,346,77
NIKE	68,43	+0.75%	0,51	87,761,90
PFIZER	35,5000	+1.31%	0,4600	211,234,29
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	73,370	+0.30%	0,220	184,496,16
TRAVELERS CIES	131,25	+0.28%	0,37	35,469,09
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	124,48	+0.31%	0,38	99,599,40
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	238,28	+1.96%	4,57	229,126,76
VERIZON COMMS	48,62	+3.01%	1,42	200,975,45
VISA	131,82	+0.63%	0,82	235,344,94
WAL-MART STORES	83,3800	+0.83%	0,6900	246,193,31
WALT DISNEY CO	102,0700	+0.38%	0,3900	152,152,62

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 14

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
The Trade Desk, Inc.	\$ 75.61	22.88 ▲ 43.39%
Turtle Beach Corporation	\$ 16.03	4.61 ▲ 40.37%
ArcBest Corporation	\$ 47.30	10.35 ▲ 28.01%
Omeros Corporation	\$ 19.89	3.76 ▲ 23.31%
Evolus, Inc.	\$ 13.49	1.99 ▲ 17.30%
Net 1 UEPS Technologies, Inc.	\$ 10.19	1.38 ▲ 15.66%
Akcea Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 23.80	3.14 ▲ 15.20%
Noodles & Company	\$ 8.95	1.15 ▲ 14.74%
Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 57.05	7.15 ▲ 14.33%
Verastem, Inc.	\$ 4.93	0.56 ▲ 12.81%
Stein Mart, Inc.	\$ 2.87	0.32 ▲ 12.55%
Most Declined		
Obalon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.85	1.47 ▼ 34.03%
Symantec Corporation	\$ 19.52	9.66 ▼ 33.10%
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 9.31	1.65 ▼ 15.05%
Presidio, Inc.	\$ 13.27	2.18 ▼ 14.11%
Synlogic, Inc.	\$ 11.76	1.51 ▼ 11.38%
Casa Systems, Inc.	\$ 20.02	2.54 ▼ 11.26%
Highpower International Inc	\$ 3.20	0.40 ▼ 11.11%
Synchronoss Technologies, Inc.	\$ 7	0.86 ▼ 10.94%
MDC Partners Inc.	\$ 4.35	0.50 ▼ 10.31%
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Update on kangaroo spotting!

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



TO all of you waiting with bated breath for the conclusion of my kangaroo spotting adventure... I've decided not to tell you! I jest, I jest!

Assuming there are still some of you interested in the outcome of my Australian saga, I promise to polish it off in this edition. Last week found me and my guitarist, heavily hung-over, waiting to club poor innocent rabbits over the head, as they emerged from their burrows which abounded on a hillock set in the wilds of the Australian outback.

'Rick the Roo boy', our guide for the day, had decided to catch a few rabbits before we actually set out on our kangaroo spotting expedition. He was now standing around a hundred yards away, removing his pet ferret, Freddy, from the sack it had travelled in. At this point I must reiterate the fact that there was no chance that either Mike, or myself, had any intention whatsoever of bashing some poor unsuspecting bunny's head in, whatever 'Rick the Roo boy' instructed.

"Roight," shouted Rick, "when I put Freddy into the burrow over here, be ready.

"They should start running out after a few minutes. You gotta be quick, awright?"



ROO MUST BE KIDDING: Leapy only spotted the hopping creatures from a distance.

I turned to Mike. "What we need to do," I whispered, "is to just rush about as though we were trying our best, and just miss 'em all."

Mike nodded his assent. We took our positions.

"Roight," yelled Rick, "I'm putting him in now, be ready," he added, somewhat assertively.

Clubs poised and trying to look as though we actually cared, we stood astride our respective bur-

rows and waited for the first little twitching nose to emerge (and be well and truly allowed to escape I may add!).

After three or four minutes Rick called out again. "Any sign yet?" he asked. "No nothing," we replied with much (relieved) shaking of heads. After a few more minutes there was still no movement.

"Can't understand it," shouted Rick. "He should

have chased a few out by now."

Just then I saw it. The first movement at one of the burrows. I watched fascinated as a little whiskered nose slowly hove into view. It was no rabbit.

Slowly emerging from the hole came the unmistakable head, followed by the long furry body of Freddie the ferret. Slowly he staggered out. A couple of feet from the hole he dropped down, stone dead! Well that was it wasn't it? Rick rushed over and gathered up the little body. Crying and distraught, muttering that it 'must have been a snake,' Rick cuddled up what was apparently a family pet.

This tough denizen of the Australian outback was utterly inconsolable. From then on, the day was ruined. We only saw kangaroos from a distance of about a mile. Rick totally misjudged the time and subsequently we found ourselves stumbling through the snake and spider infested Australian outback by torch and starlight, in search of the car.

We drove back in complete silence and were dropped off at the hotel some 30 minutes before we were due on stage. The show did in fact go on. Lord knows how. But one thing was for sure. Kangaroos were off my bucket list, forever!

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**TECH FOR
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The share pleasure of it

Terence Kennedy peer-to-peers into the future of piracy

EAT your heart out Somalia: Spain has more pirates than you've had hot ransom demands.

We learned courtesy of this fine newspaper a few weeks back that piracy (of the digital variety) dropped by a worthy 6 per cent in Spain last year - but that some €22 billion worth of content still managed to, um, fall off the back of the internet, through four billion illegal downloads. Ouch.

Perish the thought that this column should ever encourage law-breaking, but it seems clear to pretty much everyone except those actually in the 'content' industries, that illegal downloading is a war which may never be won.

It might if there was at least a price incentive to buy the real thing. Many find it hard to be persuaded that piracy is a crime when, say, publishers insist on charging exactly the same for a physical book or magazine containing lots of (expensive) raw materials, as for its associated e-book, only made of (free) digital bits and bytes.



SUNNY AND SHARE: Spain still pirating.

Music and movie streaming services are at least starting to make inroads into piracy. Like the movie industry, music companies took the serious mis-step of encumbering their digital versions with all sorts of complicated and irritating copyright protection which consumers absolutely hated, and by-passed, almost inevitably driving many into the hands of file-sharers.

Neither did prosecuting random teenagers in their bedrooms sharing modern versions of the old mix-tapes do much to generate sympathy for the industry - own goals of the highest idiocy.

Is 'peer-to-peer filesharing,' or 'torrenting,' actually legal? Surprisingly, it is. Use it for legitimate purposes like public domain downloads, internet archive material, music or

games shared freely by their producers, and the boys in blue will not come a-knocking. Only copyrighted material crosses the line.

The technical wizardry behind torrents is digi-magic which passeth human understanding:

A dozen or a thousand people have the file you want on their own computers and agree to share it.

Your torrent software takes a tiny bit of the file from one, a tiny bit from another ad infinitum all at the same time, and at the end cleverly reassembles the jigsaw puzzle back into the complete file on your computer. Halfway across the world, others then take tiny bits of it from your computer.

Just be sure to stay within the law.

Even if, as Shakespeare said, the law can sometimes be an ass, as in the Boston student fined a breathtaking \$675,000 a while back for illegally downloading 30 songs. By Aerosmith for heaven's sake. I would have paid him to take my copy.

**Do the
right thing**

SEARCH for 'legal torrents' or similar if you'd like to give peer-to-peer filesharing a whirl.

Then all you need is the software, mostly free. Popular torrent 'clients' include BitTorrent, Vuze, uTorrent, my own favourite Deluge for its simplicity, Transmission (for Macs), BitComet or BitLord.

You also need reasonable broadband. No one wants your bit of the shared file if it takes next week to get it.

It's also bad form to grab and go; once your file is in, leave your computer online to share the love.

And remember the legal fine print: if you would normally have to pay for it, if it's copyrighted, if it has monetary value to anyone out there - Go directly to Jail, do not pass 'Go' and do not collect 200.



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If paint is not enough, diamonds are the answer

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



YOU have the yacht in the harbour, the supercar at the kerb and a personal jet waiting on the apron for you at the airport, but you feel something is lacking.

That's when the paint job begins to occupy your mind. Of course you have the choice of many colours and you could try a few variations. Though of course most yachts come in white and to go too far overboard would open you up to a certain amount of banter.

The same more or less applies to the plane. What's the point of jetting about luxuriously and discreetly if your paint job is 'screaming pink'? Even a lime green Lamborghini is passé now, everyone's got one!

That's when Jean Boule Luxury may just have the product for you. The Sun King™ Diamond Coating was presented at last year's Monaco Yacht Show. A proprietary technique, it involves transforming ethically-sourced natural diamonds into a finish that guarantees the 'highest quality and brilliance within precisely defined tolerances.'

The coating has also been applied to su-



SPLASHING OUT: A Keizer 42 'Sun King' near Monaco.

percars produced by some of the world's foremost luxury car brands with the result of dramatically altering the vehicle's visual appearance.

The Keizer 42 'Sun King' is the result of a cooperation between Jean Boule Luxury, AkzoNobel and Bonsink Yacht Painters. Jean Boule Luxury recently patented a pricey technique which makes it possible to transform natural diamonds into a coating.



PRICEY PLEASURE: A Rolls Royce after the Sun King Diamond Coating treatment.

For the first time, it has been applied to a yacht, the Keizer 42. AkzoNobel is going to produce it, and prices are available on request only.

For the Keizer 42 'Sun King' the partners asked the renowned Dutch yacht painter Bonsink Yacht Painters to apply the coating. With the world premiere of the Keizer 42 'Sun King', Keizer Yachts will also be introducing its Custom Editions.

The yacht debuted at Monaco shows the possibilities available to customise the Keizer 42 entirely to meet a customer's wishes. The hull is painted in diamond blue, the roof arches in diamond silver and it also features wooden details which are also painted on.

As well as an extensive list of options and diamond coating, Keizer Yachts offers the option for you to choose your favourite upholstery, colour scheme and equipment in its extensive customisation programme.

With the price for a 'standard' Keizer starting at €325, the glittering options are unlikely to be cheap but diamonds are the answer, as ever. What's not to like?

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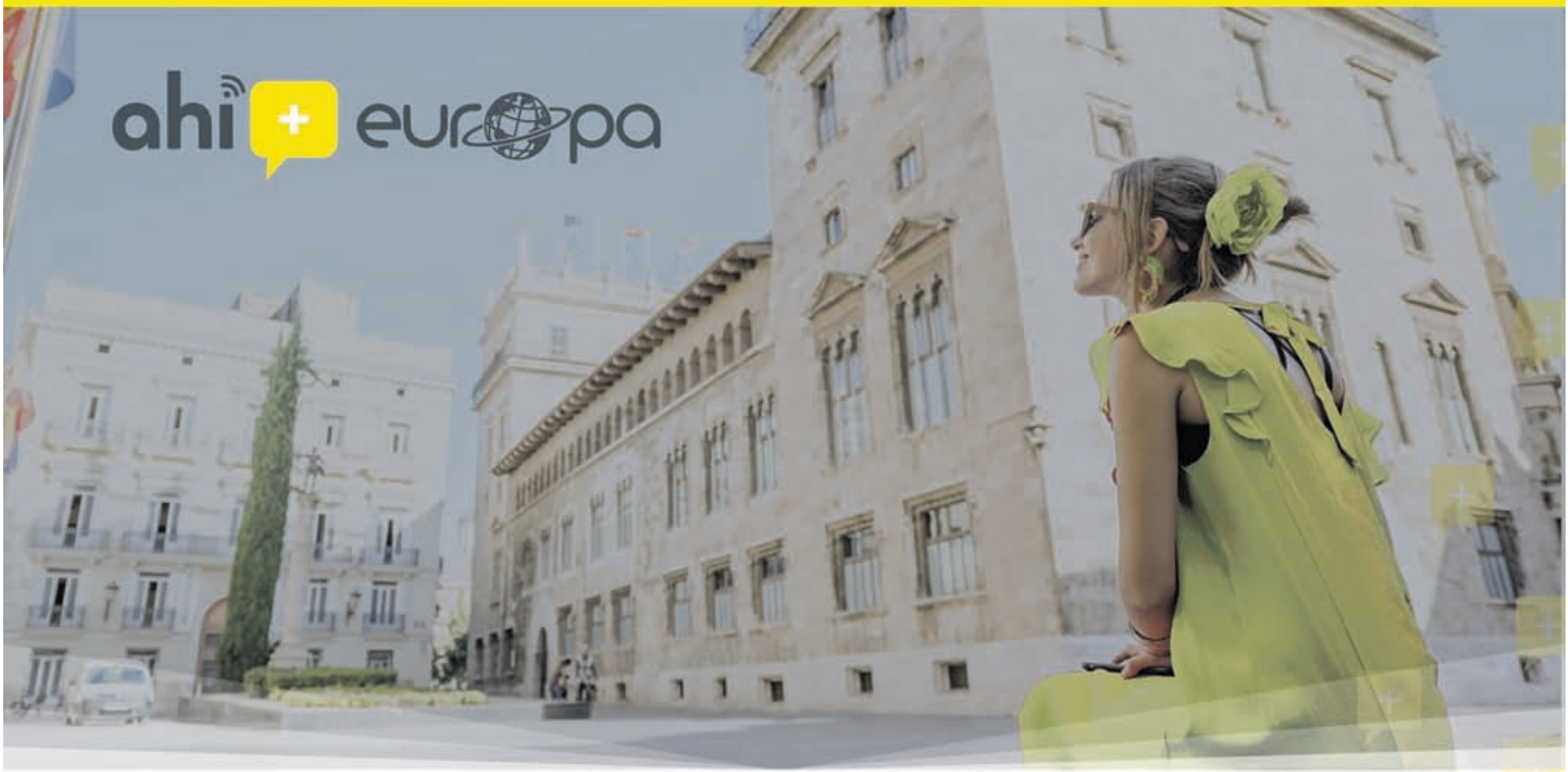
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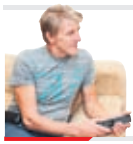
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'It's a song contest Jim, but not as we know it'



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SATURDAY saw about 300 million people tune in to the *Eurovision Song Contest*, including 3.1 million of us in Spain.

The show was hosted by our neighbours in Portugal, with Saturday's final rounding off a seemingly never ending cycle of heats and semi-finals. Lisboetas must have been pleased when the final vote was cast and they got their city back.

Hardcore Eurovision fans are a dizzy mix of people who take the whole thing far too seriously and usually have a large collection of flags. You will have no doubt guessed that I accepted an invitation to a flag waving pool party and then thought better of it, only to find that my local abrevadero was showing the final live and yes, I came home with both a UK and a Spanish flag!

Portugal gave Spain 14 points, Ire-



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SING WHEN YOU'RE WINNING: Israel's entrant Netta triumphed in this year's pop extravaganza after a tight finish.

land gave the UK 10 (the best SuRie managed all night) and there was THAT stage invasion which in reality was a non-event. I thought the UK song was good and don't think 24th place is a fair reflection of the song or the performance.

Mind you, the bottom four, Spain, the UK, Finland and hosts Portugal, in that order, didn't deserve to be so low down the placings. Well OK, the Finnish song was terrible and deserved 25th place. Sorry Finland.

This Time Next Year (ITV) ended its second series on Tuesday with host Davina McCall being her usual fantastic self. Let's just take a moment to mention that red dress and how fantastic Davina is as a host. One year on and I would look just that, at least one year older, but Davina just looks the same.

Homage over. There have been some inspirational stories, the couple who eventually had twins, the 11-year-old meningitis survivor and the



NIFTY AT FIFTY: Davina McCall just doesn't seem to age.

chap who lost half his body weight to name but three. There will be a third series, assuming that the red dress can agree terms.

TV news this week is dominated by the BBC announcing that *McMafia* will return for a second series. *McMafia* tells the story of Alex Godman, a Russian exile and his journey into a multinational underworld. The show is the fourth most watched on

BBC iPlayer and I can't wait for it to return. Sticking with news from the BBC, Matt LeBlanc has been grizzling about what a hard time he had joining *Top Gear*. Really Matt, you get to do big-boy stuff with cars, you are paid really well, viewing numbers are up and the show goes from strength to strength. It must be really difficulty for you.

First Dates (Channel 4) has moved from Wednesday evenings to a prime slot on Thursday. This week a descendant of Henry VIII and a butler who is mad about the Royals are looking for love. There is even a Kate Middleton look alike. Will she find her Prince - well there aren't too many left.

Looking ahead, the BBC and ITV are showing the *Royal Wedding* on Saturday and the *FA Cup Final* is on BBC 1 later in the day. If that doesn't appeal, *FILM4* are showing the classic *Carry on Spying* on Saturday afternoon. This was Barbara Windsor's first Carry On and it's a gem.

I'm off to dust off those flags, ready for Saturday's wedding.

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Don't force it upon me

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I'M GETTING on a bit and I know a lot of my readers seem to be in my age group too. So I'm guessing there are a few who might relate to my dilemma.

When I was young we were all boys or girls. As we got older we became men and women. Now I have never worried about men who want to go out with men or women who prefer women partners. I honestly think that whatever makes you happy is absolutely fine and you should be able to get married and raise families.

But there is now a new thing I have to learn to live with. The thing that is confusing me is a gender-fluid person, which means that one day you're a man and the next day you're a woman. I even understand transgender folks who have decided, for whatever reason, they are now not happy with their original gender.

My understanding of gender-fluidity is when people sometimes feel as if they're male and sometimes as if they're female. This does not have to be related to sexuality or physical gender in any way, and is not a result of indecision.

My point is that in my nearly 70 years of my very colourful life I've never heard of this until

pretty recently. I have to smile about these things sometimes - I mean you can now be parents and get a Mother's and Father's Day card. I actually have no problem with this either.

My problem is all the new words that are being introduced. You don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend - now you have a date mate and after you have passed that stage you become each other's love person. Grandy is now a term for grandma or grandpa. Nieces and nephews are nibblings. And so it goes on. Words and phrases that some want changed are things like 'right-hand man,' 'gentleman's agreement,' 'forefathers,' 'mankind' and 'sportsmanship.'

So here's the deal folks, you all do as you wish - be whatever gender you want to be at any time you want and I will never be offended or make any kind of judgement about you. I just want you to be happy with your life.

The other side of the deal is don't mess about with my everyday words because they offend you. Because I must be allowed all the same freedoms as you and not be scared that minorities' feelings are more important than mine because they aren't. They are exactly the same.

You have your rights and I have mine and in some cases I may not agree with something you want and you may not agree with something I want. But you can't force your wishes on me and I won't do the same to you.

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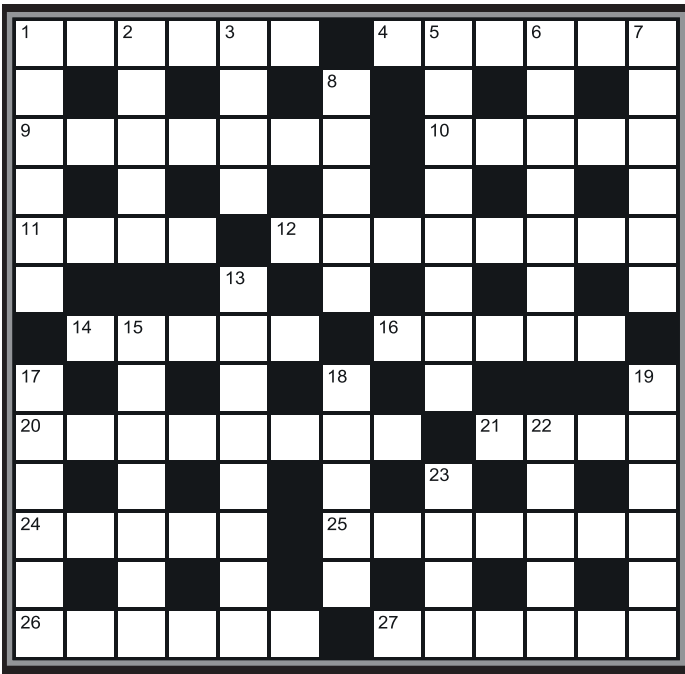


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Across

- 1 Some here can try to withdraw (6)
- 4 Get back, for example, in wet weather (6)
- 9 Use live broadcast that's had to pin down (7)
- 10 Cathy rocks the boat (5)
- 11 Employ sound sheep (4)
- 12 Design new tin cover (8)
- 14 Force the Spanish after the little devil (5)
- 16 Too thin, the result of a grand aunt (5)
- 20 The Spectator, a UK Sunday newspaper (8)
- 21 Small duck has a drink by the lake (4)
- 24 Accept Romeo leaves a bride (5)
- 25 Deem Reg wrong to have come out (7)
- 26 Exaggerate what's contained in cover documents (6)
- 27 Claim supporter is in drink (6)

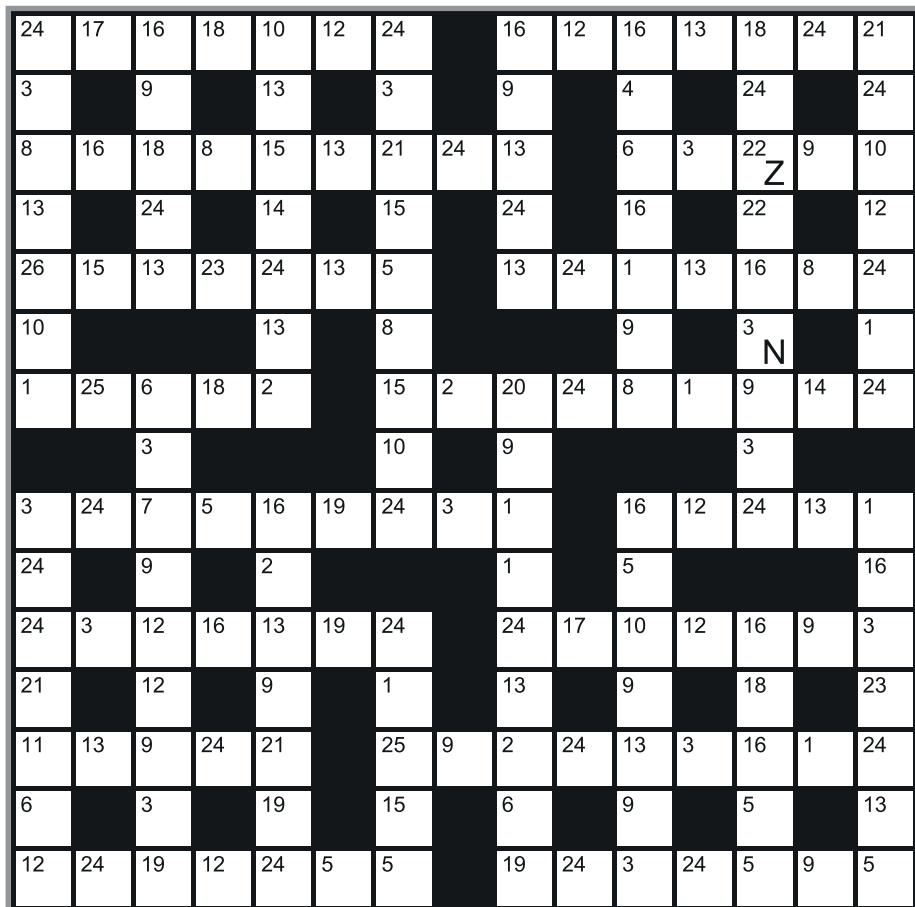


Down

- 1 Staggered to find film by journalist (6)
- 2 Conservative getting cheeky and primitive (5)
- 3 Nothing holds a fastener (4)
- 5 Tiny page reproduced in ancient language (8)
- 6 Gold cot in jumble sale (7)
- 7 Spice Girl following eccentric (6)
- 8 Move around with new toxin (5)
- 13 Be a mate to Ben, fired indiscriminately (8)
- 15 Enormous religious service I have joined (7)
- 17 Vegetable buried in a bus depot at Orpington (6)
- 18 Fed up with hesitation and delay (5)
- 19 Promise place on the border (6)
- 22 Bird beheads the hound (5)
- 23 Pliny the Elder exposes a bounder (4)

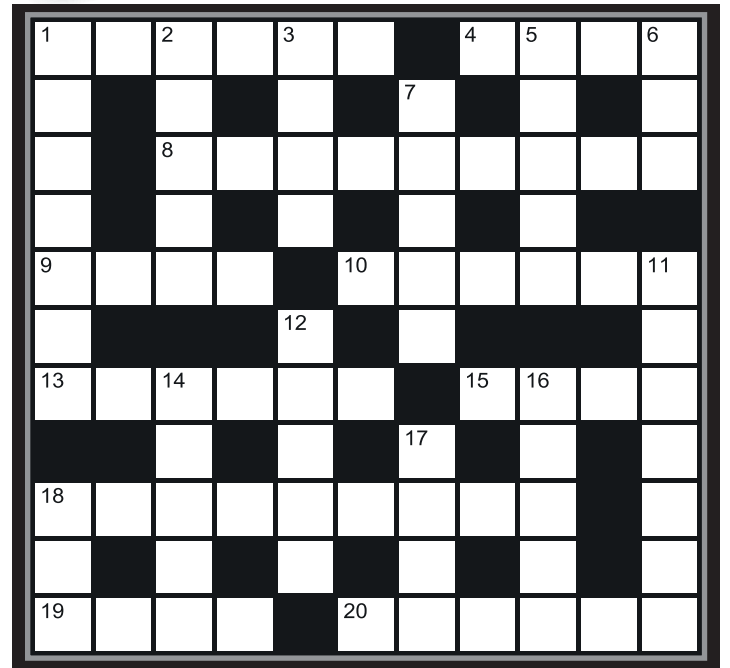
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents N and 22 represents Z, so fill in N every time the figure 3 appears and Z every time the figure 22 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.



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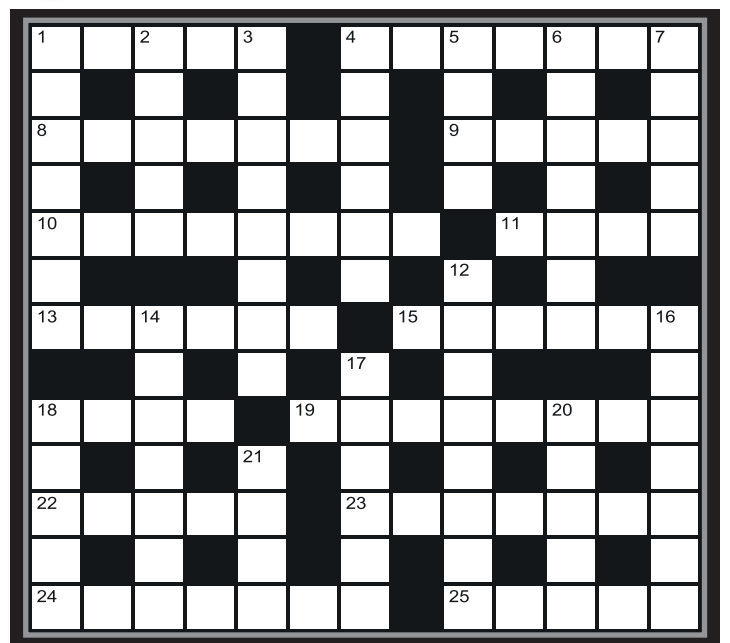
- 1 Select (6)
- 4 Give over (4)
- 8 Large seabird (9)
- 9 British nobleman (4)
- 10 If not (6)
- 13 Walk unsteadily (6)
- 15 Not excessive or extreme (4)
- 18 Drawing position in chess (9)
- 19 Chief or leader (4)
- 20 Succulent plant usually having spines (6)

Down

- 1 Remark, observation or criticism (7)
- 2 Come to pass (5)
- 3 Safe (4)
- 5 Escape or avoid by cunning (5)
- 6 Consume (3)
- 7 Discovered (5)
- 11 Quantity much larger than is needed (7)
- 12 Round flattish cap of felt or cloth. (5)
- 14 Snares (5)
- 16 Watchful (5)
- 17 Facts and figures (4)
- 18 Weep convulsively (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Bag (paper, plastic) (5)
- 4 Sentado (7)
- 8 Cantantes (7)
- 9 Tuberías (5)
- 10 Arriba (8)
- 11 Mole (animal) (4)
- 13 To finish (doing something) (6)
- 15 Chain (6)
- 18 Jabón (4)
- 19 Retired (8)
- 22 Grande (5)
- 23 Inch (7)
- 24 Apellido (7)
- 25 Saint (5)

Down

- 1 Scales (instrument) (7)
- 2 Monday (5)
- 3 To threaten (8)
- 4 Tailor (6)
- 5 Kind (sort) (4)
- 6 Mejorar (7)
- 7 Taste (flavour) (5)
- 12 Toothpicks (8)
- 14 To hold on to (7)
- 16 Aguacate (7)
- 17 Morado (6)
- 18 Vende (5)
- 20 De nuevo (5)
- 21 Firewood (4)

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Saturday May 12

1 15 21 BONUS BALL 5
30 35 44

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday May 12

5 6 14 BONUS BALL 24
19 22 30

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday May 08

17 25 35 BONUS BALL 2
39 44 5

Friday May 11

3 22 34 BONUS BALL 8
49 50 11

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LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday May 10

1 11 22 BONUS BALL 7
23 38 39 1

JOKER: 2 313 926
Saturday May 12

3 9 15 BONUS BALL 11
23 27 37 2

JOKER: 399 292

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday May 13

8 12 21 BONUS BALL 0
34 47

YOUR STARS
FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Putting all of your eggs in one basket is rarely to be advised. It should particularly be avoided this week. For the sake of speed and ease it will be tempting to take short cuts and make decisions that are bland. These will, of their nature, not be of the 'good' or 'great' categories. You are capable of better.

questions. Being honest with your answers this week will lift a cloud from your horizon.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

With high energy you are seeking to get as much done as possible in a small amount of time. Rather than go at it 'hammer and tongs', it could be easier. Let someone help you out.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

How you feel about someone will change dramatically during the week. This will surprise you. Thinking about it logically, though, you have been missing the point for some time. Someone who you always thought of as a friend turns out to be much more. How you deal with this is very much an individual thing.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

You are freer than you imagine. Your imagination is letting you down a bit at the moment. Not for some time have opportunities been throwing themselves at you like this.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

With your engine revving and the road ahead clear, a sense of great freedom is with you. There are those for whom this week is a chance to really make headway. For some, though, it is an irksome task. The difference is that some of you are taking a negative attitude. Make sure that yours is positive and you will have a chance to make real progress.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Give others the benefit of the doubt and your infinite patience this week. Situations will change from minute to minute. It would be a waste of energy to take anything at face value.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Although you are only too aware that you are capable of great good when you put your mind to it, it would be wise to bide your time this week. You may not realise that you are expending too much energy until your weary head hits the pillow. Be kind to your body. Some things that are taken for granted should not be so. This can lead to neglect. In neither home nor business is this recommended.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

Wanting to put things right with someone close is a good instinct to have. It would certainly give you peace of mind. Indeed, this should be a quiet and peaceful week and one that is long overdue. Being successful in business is only one part of success. The light is dawning that what you have always wanted has changed.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

It may seem that everyone wants your attention at the moment. There are times when you would like nothing more than to go away and clear your mind. This is not only possible but essential. You need some quiet moments. Even a day away can renew your spirits and energy.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Someone very special could come into your life. You must, however, be at the ball to meet the prince. This opportunity for happiness is not going to jump up and bite you. A phone call could be the start of it all. Accept invitations and get out and about. Be aware of what is going on so that you can be in the right place at the right time.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

So strong have been the practical considerations of late that you have been in a bad position. You need to live more for the 'now' and less for the 'tomorrow'. Of course, life should be a mixture of both but sometimes it all gets a bit jumbled.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

What is the reason that you are being held back? Are you sure that you are, in reality, being held back at all? These are not trick

Getting a few hours peace and quiet on your own may be all that you need. Getting enough sleep is also important in this situation.

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.

21	22		23	24				

Nonagram

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

C	R	E
U	T	F
R	O	O

TARGET:

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

bake bare bark beak bear beef beer berk bier bike
birr brae kerb baker barer barre biker brake break
briar brief brier fiber fibre barker beaker bearer
breaker briefer FIREBREAK

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- Bucket, 4 Pliers, 9 Apostar,
- Nuera, 11 Sheet, 12 Testigo,
- Tedas, 15 Aprons, 18 Polilla,
- Loros, 23 Nieta, 24 Cleaner,
- Scared, 26 Cajero.

Down:

- Brass, 2 Close, 3 Estatua, 5 Lungs,
- Elegido, 7 Seasons, 8 Truth,
- Tapones, 14 Colmena, 16 Pulsera,
- Sauce, 19 Leave, 21 Rinse,
- Sordo.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- Suet, 3 Prospect, 9 Unicorn,
- Flees, 11 Bream, 12 Enamel,
- Resort, 16 Loathe, 19 Laurel,
- Shame, 24 Untie, 25 Cleanse,
- Thrashed, 27 Wept.

Down:

- Stubborn, 2 Exile, 4 Rennet,
- Sofia, 6 Element, 7 Toss, 8 Former,
- Severest, 15 Shatter, 17 Ousted,
- Cloche, 20 Reels, 22 Annie,
- Must.

QUICK

Across:

- Sparse, 4 Chop, 8 Agile, 9 Still,
- Distribute, 13 Disjointed, 17 Brave,
- Reign, 19 Easy, 20 Adhere.

Down:

- Sham, 2 Alibi, 3/18 See red, 5 Haiku,
- Pilfer, 7 Assign, 11 Trowel, 12 Edible,
- Spans, 15 Elite, 16 Kneel.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

	3	5	2	1	
2	4	5	3		
1	7	3	2	4	
4	1	7	6	2	
	2	6	4	1	
	6	1	5	3	

QUIZ: FOLLICLY CHALLENGED

All the questions concern famous people who, like myself, are somewhat lacking in the barnet department:

- Actor Yul Brynner played the role of which Egyptian pharaoh in the 1956 American biblical epic film produced, directed and narrated by Cecil B DeMille, The Ten Commandments?
- Actor/investigative journalist Ross Kemp first rose to prominence in the 1990s playing the role of which 'hard-man' in the BBC soap opera EastEnders?
- American musician and singer-songwriter Michael Stipe is best known as the lead singer and main lyricist of which alternative rock band from their formation in 1980 until their dissolution in 2011?
- Born in New York in 1965, Richard Melville Hall is the real name of which American musician, DJ, record producer, singer, songwriter, photographer and animal rights activist?
- In which city was the 1970s American crime drama television series starring Telly Savalas as the title character Kojak, principally set?

- Killer (1991) and Kiss from a Rose (1994) were both UK Top 10 hit singles by which British singer/songwriter?
- Vicky Pollard, Dafyd Thomas, Bubbles DeVere and Andy Pipkin were all characters played by comedy performer Matt Lucas in which character-based sketch show?
- Which American actor and film-maker, born in New Jersey in 1944, gained prominence for his portrayal of the taxi dispatcher Louie De Palma in the television series Taxi (1978-1983), which won him a Golden Globe and an Emmy?
- Which Grand Slam Singles title has Andre Agassi won on four occasions (1995, 2000, 2001 and 2003)?
- Which two-time world heavyweight champion was knocked out just before the end of the eighth round by Muhammad Ali in the historic boxing event nicknamed the 'Rumble in the Jungle'?
- Not a lot of people know that... bald eagles are not actually bald; the name derives from an older meaning of the word, 'white headed'. The adult is mainly brown with a white head and tail.

Answers:

- RAMSESSES II (also known as RAMSESSES THE GREAT),
- GRANT MITCHELL,
- REM,
- MOBY,
- NEW YORK,
- SEAL,
- LITTLE BRITAIN,
- DANNY DEVITO,
- AUSTRALIAN OPEN,
- GEORGE FOREMAN

Lost in translation: A language in a world of its own

Nora Johnson
Breaking Views



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DURING his recent visit to Australia, French President Emmanuel Macron was ridiculed on social media for calling PM Malcolm Turnbull's wife Lucy 'delicious.'

Some think Mr Macron's words simply got lost in translation. The French for delicious - délicieux - also translates as 'delightful,' even if it's slightly sexist. But a linguistic slip-up to avoid above all else is the French word 'excité' to describe yourself as excited. Why? It means you're sexually aroused. Oops!

Mr Macron isn't the first leader to hit translation problems. Probably the best-remembered gaffe is John F Kennedy's legendary claim: 'Ich bin ein Berliner' which translates as 'I'm a Berliner' or 'I'm a doughnut.' Take your pick.

In 2009, France's Europe minister sparked a diplomatic incident by labelling then PM David Cameron's pledge to reclaim EU powers as 'pathetic.' In French, it simply means 'moving,' 'touching,' 'poignant.' Oops again.



DELICIOUS OR DELIGHTFUL: Lucy Turnbull with her husband Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

But then, English has become a bit of a foreign language to me. I mean, just look at *Urban Dictionary*, online birthplace of words like 'nutzoid' (crazy, mad, insane) slang. The Alan Turing Institute in London recently conducted the first comprehensive scientific study of its contents - revealing (drum roll, please) the death of the word 'selfie'!

But are you aware of the 'key' words and phrases of 2018? Apparently these are: Beauty sus (When a person's attractiveness makes you suspicious of them);

Generationalis (Generalising about a generation); Momarazzi (Mums taking smartphone pics of their children's sports team); Babybottling (Guzzling a drink without stopping to breathe); LOP (Laughing off the pounds); and Boonk (Nicking someone's stuff).

Poor old Alan Turing. Brilliant mathematician, one of the key workers in the defeat of Fascism and Nazism and contributing to ending a world war for the preservation of democracy, and thereby recognised as the father of the computer, you end up with the institute named after you having to sink to the level of clearing up language and words regarded as 'ephemeral detritus' only used by the likes of Kim Kardashian!

Maybe if we use the word 'Kardashian' often enough, will it disappear too, please?

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Is he exempt from CGT?

Q. You wrote: 'If you are Tax Resident for three years and over 65 years of age, you can be free of Capital Gains when you sell your principal residence in Spain.'

I am 72 years old and I sold my house 18 months ago, after owning it for 16 years. When I put my tax returns in to my solicitor, I was told that, unless I bought another property, I would have to pay Capital Gains on the profit.

My Capital Gains tax came to more than €5,000, which I paid. I showed your article to my solicitors and they said that I couldn't get my money back because this was only applicable now, and not on old sales. Is this true? Surely there must be some way of getting my money back.

DM (Costa Blanca)

A. First let us be sure that you are 'tax resident' in Spain. Can you show your Spanish income tax declarations for the past three years? If so, you can claim back your Capital Gains tax paid by mistake for up to four years.

This exemption has been in place for a number of years.

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



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Only give beach flags to those who deserve them

REGARDING your article 'Just Beachy' in this week's issue (EWN CBS 1714), I would like to inform you that the 11 beaches in Orihuela Costa have no services at all at the moment, no beach huts, no toilet facilities, not even for the disabled, no first aid, a total disgrace!

I hope that Consumer ADEAC are aware of this and do not award any flags to any of these beaches. I would suggest they award Black Flags to these beaches and insist that the councillors concerned fly them at half-mast - what a dreadful way to treat your residents and the visiting tourists, unbelievable in this day and age.

Ernie Critchley, Las Filipinas

Praise for Nora

THIS is a message for Nora Johnson.

I really enjoy your column.

Another border option is abolition so that the whole island is reunited.

Brian Mulhern

Wrong call could easily lead to danger

WE all know the danger in Spain of drivers using their mobiles while at the wheel, not only in busy city and town centres, but also when on motorways.

Well now welcome to an added twist of mobile madness.

This morning, while taking an early walk along the coastal boardwalk near my home in Riviera del Sol a cyclist nearly collided with me due in the main to the fact he was concentrating more about talking on his mobile than where he was pedalling!

What more can I say except obviously a man unconcerned about his own safety... or of others!

CR, Costa del Sol



Credit: Christian Muelle Shutterstock

| BEWARE: Of cyclists on the phone.

Deadly mistake

I WAS in a waiting room the other week when I picked up a local free paper.

One of the articles concerned the introduction of new speeding devices that had been accepted into use.

One's first thoughts is always that with the introduction of these covert devices it's just another way for the authorities to collect easy money off soft targets.

However, earlier that day I heard the latest RoSPA report on the radio; shortly the report concluded that 25 per cent of road accidents are as a result of distraction and lack of concentration by the driver; quoting mobiles and GPS as the largest cause.

That made me think, the picture of the new devices (there must be more than one type as the one shown in the EWN is different to the one I saw in the other paper) is a large camera-shaped unit with an even larger lens, the unit is fixed on the top of the armco crash barrier.

Human nature will mean you will try to spot these devices; you might not be speeding or know you are doing it; however, to some extent you will, and that will add to the overall distraction and thus the number of accidents caused.

Does anyone believe this has been considered?

Ray Wenham, Ciudad Quesada

Third World?

IT was Easter week and my daughter with three teenagers came to visit me from the UK.

She parked her car late Saturday night but Sunday morning it's towed away due to a procession.

There were no signs, no info, although the police say there were signs and there was a charge of €162. Private grua was €100 and €62 for a parking fine to be paid at a local bank but in cash as they won't accept credit cards as we weren't clients.

In the end, we had to go to my bank who would not accept my daughter's cash and the fine had to be paid from my account. This is really Third World practice and I live in a small village!

Iris Read, address withheld

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Warning as thieves target rental cars in Spain

They are now approaching cars at the last petrol station before Malaga airport! I was coming from Mijas, pulled in and out of nowhere two guys were at either side of the car. Luckily I had locked car the minute I got out. Everything was in the boot out of sight, and I told them in no uncertain terms where to go. This has happened twice in this petrol station, it's large, so just be aware... don't mess with this Irish Mom!

Kate Farrell

They will insist on putting those bloody company stickers in the back window of rental cars, that's like jumping up and down and shouting... look, look, this car is full of goodies... first thing I do is scratch the thing off.

Rob Waugh

If they stopped putting them stupid yellow stickers on the rear window it would be a very good idea. Instead it just says 'Hi, I'm a hire car full of goodies. ROB ME!' Ahhhhhh!

Hazel White

Hire cars are like taking candy off a baby... people will just ignore the warnings and leave the stickers on the rear window including the one that tells you what fuel to put in.

Brian Taylor

See ya Valencia! A room with a view no more

How can you be told that you cannot rent a property? I'd like to see this decision stand up within an EU court of law... not

Comments from EWN online

a chance! If local residents do not like the tourist trade that has effectively brought this country from effectively a third world nation to what it is today, then maybe they should move to an area where tourists do not flock to in peak season. Typical Spain looking at the small picture once again!

James

I think Spain will lose out in the end. I get the idea - hoteliers are losing out but tourism is tourism and for so many places in Spain tourism is the highest income. What worries me is the people that have invested in these properties with the only intention to rent it. There will now be thousands of property owners that will have to sell as they can't afford to keep them, but can't afford to sell them at lower prices so it still won't help the locals. I think the regulations should be tighter to make sure there are no 'underground' rentals etc but I worry about the effect on Spain.

Jennifer Knowles

I cannot really see what the authorities are doing, apart from losing many tourists that want to visit. A dangerous game to play.

Richard Taylor

I agree... I have friends trying to find long term rentals and they are being quoted holiday rates... makes it difficult for locals and new people wishing to make their home in this beautiful country.

Sandra Shortland

Imagine if everyone was to put all the paperwork in. They could not keep up. The town halls all close in August. Really stupid. To a point it is truly pathetic.

Stephen Kim Raymond

Watch: Plane drunk - Passenger's legs give way as he steps off Mallorca flight

There is no fool like a drunk fool.

Mike Jones

This is appalling. It's time alcohol was banned on all aircraft. Why should fellow travellers have to put up with this kind of behaviour. It could be very intimidating or scary to be 30,000 ft up in the air with a drunk person in the plane. In an emergency, anyone this inebriated would be a danger to himself and, more importantly, others.

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THURSDAY - 17 MAY

FRIDAY - 18 MAY

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

Table of TV programmes for Thursday 17 May across BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Four, Channel 4, and Channel 5. Includes shows like Breakfast, Ill Gotten Gains, and Countdown.

itv itv2 itv3 itv4 sky sports main event

Table of TV programmes for Thursday 17 May across ITV, ITV2, ITV3, ITV4, and Sky Sports. Includes shows like Good Morning Britain, Coronation Street, and The Chase.

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

Table of TV programmes for Friday 18 May across BBC One, BBC Two, BBC Four, Channel 4, and Channel 5. Includes shows like A1: Britain's Longest Road, World News, and The Housing Enforcers.

itv itv2 itv3 itv4 sky sports main event

Table of TV programmes for Friday 18 May across ITV, ITV2, ITV3, ITV4, and Sky Sports. Includes shows like Good Morning Britain, The Ellen, and The Chase.

The schedules for the television programme pages are provided by an external company: we regret that any changes or errors are not the responsibility of Euro Weekly News.

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

ETA has voluntarily disintegrated but the Spanish government made it clear that the extinct terrorist organisation must still pay for its crimes.

There will be no concessions to prisoners and they are unlikely to be moved nearer the Basque region.

ETA killed 854 people, maimed thousands more - including Eduardo Madina who challenged Pedro Sanchez for the PSOE leadership - and blackmailed thousands into funding them with their 'revolutionary tax.'

The victims and their families should not be asked to forget, still less forgive and forget and no-one has the right to ask them to turn the other cheek. But the government, which increasingly gives the impression that it seeks revenge, could try making it easier to heal the decades-old wounds instead of rubbing salt into them.

Don't care, won't care

WILL Carles Puigdemont, the self-exiled former president of Cataluña, respect a Supreme Court ruling?

Judge Pablo Llarena is likely to bar Puigdemont from occupying any type of public office. The same will apply to other members of his former government who are either remanded for rebellion or fled shortly after the Catalan Unilateral

A time for healing



Credit: Wikipedia

VICTIM: Eduardo Madina was attacked by ETA in 2002.

Declaration of Independence on October 27.

Roger Torrent, who emerged as speaker of Cataluña's parliament after last December's regional elections, said during his inaugural speech that he would seek dialogue and act within the law. That was shortlived and parliament has debated and approved an amendment allowing a

long-distance virtual reality vote via a video link.

All tailor-made to facilitate a pro-independence government which will have to happen before May 22 if Cataluña is to avoid another election.

But the hard line secessionists who back Carles Puigdemont don't care if a government is invested before May 22. They don't care if there's another election. They don't care if Article 155 suspending Cataluña's autonomous status remains in place.

The last thing on their minds is forming a government that occupies itself with the issues that Catalans really care about ie employment, the economy, health and education. But not, unsurprisingly, independence.

Do us a favour

THE party that Carles Puigdemont represents has changed its name so often that it's hard to keep up. Suffice to say it started life as Convergencia i Unio, a centre-right party with a strong bourgeois orientation.

The other pro-independence party is the radical Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC), whose translation says it all: Republican Left of Cataluña.

Its leader, Oriol Junqueras has been remanded for rebellion since last autumn but in a draft pre-

Fair dos for who

WELL whoopee doo! There are five women on the committee assigned by Spain's Justice department to study reforms to legislation concerning sexual crimes, following the outcry over the Manada gang rape verdict.

Only trouble is, there are 20 people on a committee analysing an issue, basically rape, that affects far more women than males. In fact, the committee was originally all male and the women were shoehorned in as a hasty afterthought.

Who's surprised? Spain's equality legislation doesn't even look good on paper, let alone in practice.

pared for its conference in June, the party admits that the time is not ripe for independence.

The 50 per cent of Cataluña's population who support independence is insufficient to declare a republic via civic, peaceful and democratic means, according to the draft.

Why don't they do us all - but especially the Catalans - a favour and go back to being a left-wing party with republican leanings and a yen for independence ambitions while waving Puigdemont goodbye?

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7:00am Breakfast 10:00am Royal Wedding: Live Coverage 3:00pm F.A. Cup Live 4:50pm BBC News 5:00pm The latest national and international news stories, followed by Weather. 5:00pm BBC London 5:05pm Weather 5:10pm Match of the Day Live 6:00pm FA Cup Final 8:40pm Pointless 9:30pm Casualty 10:20pm Info not available 11:20pm BBC News 11:35pm Weather 11:40pm Match of the Day 12:25am Info not available 1:55am Weather for the Week Ahead 2:00am BBC News	9:00am Absolute Genius 9:30am Super Tech with Dick and Dom 10:00am Beyond Bionic Robot Wars 11:00am Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes? 12:00pm SAS: Rogue Warriors 1:00pm Tron Legacy 3:00pm The World According to Kids 4:00pm Love in the Countryside 5:00pm Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby 6:00pm The Forest 6:30pm Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal 7:30pm Dad's Army 8:00pm The Royal Wedding: Highlights of the Day 9:30pm Mottly Mastermind 10:00pm Mottly - the Man Behind the Sheepskin 11:05pm Countdown to the Full Mottly 11:35pm The Damned United	4:50am This is BBC Four 8:00pm Nature's Epic Journeys 9:00pm Tales From the Royal Bedchamber 9:00pm Lucy Worsley gets into be with our past monarchs to uncover the Tales from the Royal Bedchamber. 10:00pm Montalbano 11:50pm Sicily: Wonder of the Mediterranean 12:50am Britain's Treasure Islands Naturalist Stewart McPherson explores the British Overseas Territories. 1:50am Caravans: A British Love Affair 2:50am Nature's Epic Journeys 3:50am Tales From the Royal Bedchamber 4:50am This is BBC Four	9:05am Everybody Loves Raymond 9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond 10:00am Frasier 10:30am Frasier 11:00am The Big Bang Theory 11:30am The Big Bang Theory 12:00pm The Big Bang Theory 12:30pm The Big Bang Theory 1:00pm The Simpsons 1:30pm The Simpsons 2:00pm The Simpsons 2:30pm Come Dine with Me 3:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 4:30pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 5:30pm Location, Location, Location 6:30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo 7:30pm Channel 4 News 9:00pm Titanic: The New Evidence 10:00pm Info not available 12:40am Info not available 2:35am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	10:25am Shimmer and Shine 10:40am Digby Dragon 10:55am Peppa Pig 11:00am Peppa Pig 11:10am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 11:45am The Gadget Show 12:45pm Britain's Greatest Bridges 1:00pm Police Interceptors 2:00pm Police Interceptors 4:00pm Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance 5:40pm 5 News 5:45pm FIA Formula E Live 7:30pm Britannia: Secrets of the Royal Yacht 8:20pm The Queen 9:20pm Mary: Cruising with the Royals Elizabeth I 10:20pm Queen Victoria and Her Tragic Family 11:20pm Harry and Meghan: A Royal Romance

SUNDAY - 20 MAY

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast 9:15am Match of the Day 10:00am The Andrew Marr Show 11:00am Feel the Spirit - A Jazz Celebration 12:00pm Bargain Hunt 1:15pm Bargain Hunt 2:00pm BBC News 2:10pm Weather for the Week Ahead 2:15pm Bargain Hunt 3:10pm Points of View 3:25pm Songs of Praise 4:00pm Cinderella 5:35pm Britain's Best Home Cook 6:35pm BBC News 6:50pm Regional News 6:55pm Weather 7:00pm The Chelsea Flower Show 8:00pm Countryfile 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow 10:00pm A Very English Scandal 11:00pm BBC News 11:30pm Imagine... 12:35am The Women's Football Show 1:10am Weather for the Week Ahead	7:35am Glorious Gardens From Above 8:20am Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein 8:50am Gardeners' World 9:50am Countryfile 10:45am Beechgrove Garden 11:15am Saturday Kitchen 12:45pm Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge 1:30pm Great Manchester Run 3:30pm Info not available 4:30pm Garden Rescue 5:15pm Flog It! 6:00pm Great Manchester Run Highlights 7:00pm Pangolins - The World's Most Wanted Animal 8:00pm Million Pound Menu 9:00pm Info not available 10:00pm Burma with Simon Reeve 11:00pm Atlanta 11:20pm Atlanta 11:45pm Later Weekend with Jools Holland 12:50am Burke and Hare 2:15am Question Time	8:00pm Atlantis: The Evidence 9:00pm How to Build a Nuclear Submarine 10:00pm The Greatest Tomb on Earth: Secrets of Ancient China 11:00pm Dina 11:00pm Dina's getting married in a few weeks and there's still so much to do. 12:35am British Gardens in Time 1:35am Science and Islam 2:35am Atlantis: The Evidence Historian Bettany Hughes unravels one of the most intriguing mysteries of all time. 3:35am How to Build a Nuclear Submarine 4:35am This is BBC Four BBC Four is the BBC channel for people who want more.	7:00am Portugal Rally X 8:00am Everybody Loves Raymond 8:30am Eat the Week with Iceland 9:30am Frasier 10:00am Frasier 10:30am Sunday Brunch 1:30pm Bake Off: The Professionals 2:30pm The Simpsons 2:55pm The Simpsons 3:20pm The Simpsons 3:45pm Cheaper by the Dozen 2 5:30pm Location, Location, Location 6:30pm Grand Designs 7:30pm Channel 4 News 8:00pm Christmas at the Chateau 9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals 10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale 11:15pm Gogglebox 12:10am First Dates 1:15am The Perks of Being a Wallflower 3:00am Meet the Markles 3:55am Best Laid Plans 4:50am Gillette World of Sport 2018	10:45am Peppa Pig 10:55am Peppa Pig 11:00am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 11:30am Naughty Dogs 12:20pm Make You Laugh Out Loud 1:20pm Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2:20pm Garfield 3:55pm Batteries Not Included 5:00pm 5 News 5:05pm Batteries Not Included 6:05pm The Lego Movie 8:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! 9:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away! 9:55pm 5 News 10:00pm Top of the Box: 1985 with Matthew Kelly 12:00am Role Models 2:05am Super Casino

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MONDAY - 21 MAY

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

2:45pm Doctors	3:30pm Digging for Britain	9:00pm Code-Breakers: Bletchley Park's Lost Heroes	1:05pm Coast v Country	1:10pm 5 News
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	4:30pm Victorian Farm	10:00pm Royal Wives at War	2:05pm Posh Pawn	1:15pm The Gadget Show
4:15pm Escape to the Country	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm Castles: Britain's Fortified History	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
4:45pm The Chelsea Flower Show	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats	12:00pm The Secret Life of the Motorway	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
5:30pm Hardball	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	1:00am Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth	5:00pm The £100k Drop	3:15pm To be Announced
6:15pm Pointless	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	2:00am Kew's Forgotten Queen	6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm Murder, She Baked: Just Desserts
7:00pm BBC News	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	11:30pm Newsnight	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:00pm 5 News
7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Info not available	12:10am Weather	7:30pm Hollyoaks	6:30pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	11:00pm QI	12:15am Burma with Simon Reeve	8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:00pm Home and Away
8:30pm The Chelsea Flower Show	11:30pm Newsnight		8:55pm The Political Slot	8:00pm Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights
9:00pm EastEnders	12:10am Weather		9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food	9:00pm Police Interceptors
9:30pm Panorama			9:30pm Tricks of the Restaurant Trade	10:00pm Paddington Station 24/7
10:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share			10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody	11:00pm To be Announced
10:30pm To be Announced			11:35pm Manchester	12:00pm Criminals Caught on Camera
11:00pm BBC News			12:35am Quadruplets and Homeless	



4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	1:15pm Emmerdale	2:35pm Heartbeat	1:40pm Ironside	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
5:00pm Tipping Point	1:45pm Coronation Street	3:40pm Classic	2:45pm Quincy, M.E.	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
6:00pm The Chase	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	4:15pm Classic	3:45pm Minder	11:00am Premier League Daily
7:00pm ITV News London	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:45pm On the Buses	4:50pm The Sweeney	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	5:20pm On the Buses	5:55pm The Avengers	1:00pm Sky Sports News
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	5:50pm You're Only Young	7:00pm Cycling: Tour Series Highlights	2:00pm Sky Sports News
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	6:25pm George and Mildred	8:00pm Pawn Stars	3:00pm Live RL One Day Cup
9:30pm The NHS Heroes Awards	9:30pm Superstore	6:55pm Heartbeat	8:25pm Mr. Bean	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
11:30pm ITV News	10:00pm Family Guy	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	9:30pm Mr. Bean	12:00pm Sky Sports News
12:00am ITV News London	10:30pm Family Guy	9:00pm Lewis	10:00pm The Bourne Ultimatum	1:00am Sky Sports News
12:15am On Assignment	11:00pm Plebs	11:00pm DCI Banks	11:05pm FYI Daily	2:00am Live WWE Late Night Raw
		12:00am DCI Banks	11:10pm The Bourne Ultimatum	
		1:05am A Touch of Frost	12:15am Payback	

TUESDAY - 22 MAY

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

2:45pm Doctors	5:30pm Street Auction	5:00am This is BBC Four	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	1:05pm Coast v Country	2:45pm Neighbours
4:15pm Escape to the Country	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats	9:00pm Tomorrow's Worlds: The Uearthly	2:05pm Posh Pawn	3:15pm Celebrity Five Go
4:45pm The Chelsea Flower Show	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys	10:00pm The Vikings Uncovered	3:10pm Countdown	Motorhoming
5:30pm Hardball	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble	11:30pm Hogarth: One Man and His Pug	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	4:15pm Fatal Performance
6:15pm Pointless	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	12:00am Mud, Sweat and Tractors: The Story of Agriculture	5:00pm The £100k Drop	6:00pm 5 News
7:00pm BBC News	10:00pm Info not available	1:00am Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth	6:00pm Four in a Bed	6:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm Regional News	11:00pm QI	11:00pm To be Announced	6:30pm Buy it Now	7:00pm Home and Away
8:00pm The One Show	11:30pm Newsnight	12:00am Reggie Yates'	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News
8:30pm The Chelsea Flower Show	12:10am Weather		7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm Moto GP Highlights
9:00pm EastEnders			8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm The Yorkshire Vet
9:30pm Panorama			8:55pm The Political Slot	10:00pm Intercity 125: The Train That Changed Britain
10:00pm Peter Kay's Car Share			9:00pm Amazing Spaces	11:00pm When Reality TV Goes Horribly Wrong
10:30pm To be Announced			10:00pm Trains From Hell	2:00am Super Casino
11:00pm BBC News			11:00pm Mo Salah: A Football Fairy Tale	



4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	2:45pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	2:35pm Heartbeat	10:35am Minder	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
5:00pm Tipping Point	3:35pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	3:40pm Classic	11:40am The Sweeney	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
6:00pm The Chase	4:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	4:15pm Classic	12:45pm The Avengers	11:00am Premier League Daily
7:00pm ITV News London	7:00pm You've Been Framed!	4:45pm On the Buses	1:50pm Ironside	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	5:20pm You're Only Young	2:55pm Quincy, M.E.	1:00pm Sky Sports News
8:00pm Emmerdale	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	6:25pm George and Mildred	3:55pm Minder	2:00pm Sky Sports News
9:00pm Love Your Garden NHS Special	9:30pm Superstore	6:55pm Heartbeat	5:00pm The Professionals	3:00pm Sky Sports News
10:00pm A&E Live	10:00pm Fast Five	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	6:05pm The Chases: Celebrity Special	4:00pm Indian Premier League
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:00pm FYI Daily	9:00pm Midsomer Murders	7:05pm Cash Cowboys	8:30pm Sky Sports Tonight
11:30pm ITV News London			8:05pm Pawn Stars	9:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
			8:30pm Pawn Stars	10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight at Ten
			9:00pm Road Racing Series	
			10:00pm A View to a Kill	
			11:05pm FYI Daily	
			11:10pm A View to a Kill	
			12:45am Out for Justice	

WEDNESDAY - 23 MAY

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

7:00am Breakfast	9:00am Nightmare Pets SOS	4:30am This is BBC Four	9:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	5:45am House Doctor
10:15am Ill Gotten Gains	9:30am Britain in Bloom	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	10:00am Frasier	6:10am The Great Artists
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:30pm The Culture Show	10:30am Frasier	6:35am Wildlife SOS
12:00pm Neighbourhood Blues	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	9:00pm Caribbean with Simon Reeve	11:00am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA	7:00am Milkshake!
12:45pm Close Calls: On Camera	12:30pm The Daily Politics	10:00pm Big Sky, Big Dreams, Big Art: Made in the USA	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	10:15am The Wright Stuff
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	2:00pm Perfection	11:00pm Black and British: A Forgotten History	1:00pm Channel 4 News	11:00pm Info not available
2:00pm BBC News	2:45pm Going Back, Giving Back	12:00am Fighting for King and Empire: Britain's Caribbean Heroes	1:05pm Coast v Country	1:10pm 5 News
2:30pm Regional News	3:30pm Ray Mears Goes Walkabout	1:00am Clydebuilt: The Ships That Made the Commonwealth	2:05pm Posh Pawn	1:15pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
2:45pm Doctors	4:30pm Victorian Farm	2:00am The Greatest Tomb on Earth: Secrets of Ancient China	3:10pm Countdown	2:15pm Home and Away
3:15pm The Doctor Blake Mysteries	5:30pm Street Auction	3:00am Caribbean with Simon Reeve	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:45pm Neighbours
4:15pm Escape to the Country	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip	4:00am Big Sky, Big Dreams, Big Art: Made in the USA	5:00pm The £100k Dro	3:15pm To be Announced
4:45pm The Chelsea Flower Show	7:00pm Eggheads Repeats		6:00pm Four in a Bed	4:15pm My Mother's Secret
5:30pm Hardball	7:30pm Great British Railway Journeys		6:30pm Buy it Now	6:00pm 5 News
6:15pm Pointless	8:00pm Back to the Land with Kate Humble		7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News	9:00pm The RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show		7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Home and Away
7:30pm Regional News	10:00pm Love in the Countryside		8:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm 5 News
8:00pm The Chelsea Flower Show	11:00pm Detectorists		8:30pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Police Interceptors
9:00pm Watchdog Live	11:30pm Newsnight		8:55pm The Political Slot	9:00pm GPs: Behind Closed Doors
10:00pm Info not available	12:10am Weather		9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	10:00pm Rich House, Poor House
11:00pm BBC News	12:15am Atlanta		10:00pm 24 Hours in A and E	11:00pm The Sex Business: Working the Streets
11:30pm Regional News			11:00pm Carry on Brussels	12:00am Hummingbird
11:40pm Weather			12:00am Gogglebox	2:00am Super Casino
				4:10am GPs: Behind



9:30am Lorraine	7:20am Totally Bonkers	3:30am Teleshopping	4:00am Teleshopping	6:00am Sky Sports News
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	8:10am Guinness World Records	7:00am Classic	7:00am The Chase	7:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am This Morning	8:55am Emmerdale	7:25am Classic	7:50am Pawn Stars	Bitesize
1:30pm Loose Women	9:55am You've Been Framed!	7:55am Heartbeat	8:10am Pawn Stars	7:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	10:25am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	9:00am The Royal	8:30am Ironside	Bitesize
2:55pm ITV News London	11:20am The Bachelor	10:00am Judge Judy	9:30am Quincy, M.E.	8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
3:00pm Judge Rinder's Crime Stories	1:15pm Emmerdale	10:30am Judge Judy	10:30am Minder	9:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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10:00pm A&E Live	11:30pm ITV News London	6:25pm George and Mildred	9:00pm Endeavour	10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	11:45pm The NHS Heroes Awards	11:00pm The Street	11:00pm The Street	10:00pm Sky Sports at Ten
11:30pm ITV News London		12:05am Payback	12:20am The Street	
		1:10am The Americans	1:35am A Touch of Frost	
		2:10am Lethal Weapon		
		3:00am Minder		
		3:55am ITV4 Nightscreen		

Choose to go smooth

WHETHER for aesthetics, comfort or hygiene, it is increasingly common for men to shave off more than just their beard.

And whether you chose to go smooth from top-to-toe or just in more select areas, such as your chest, back or legs, it would be wise to take note of these words of wisdom so you don't look like you've just been chased by Jack the Ripper.

The easiest, fastest and cheapest way to shave is a razor blade. However, this instrument can damage delicate skin in certain parts of the body so be sure to buy one of good quality.

Before you shave, jump in the shower to moisten your skin first. Use warm water and lather with shaving foam, bath soap or even body cream. Never shave your body dry.

To avoid any pain when shaving, always shave in the direction in which the hair grows. Once finished,

take a cold shower as this will help to close over and tighten your pores. Finally, moisturise all over.

Of course, if taking a razor further south than your chin sends shivers down your spine, then an effective alternative is to use hair removal cream.

And, of course, if you want to say goodbye to all that hair forever, you can opt to have laser or pulsed light treatment. This will allow you to have that smooth all-over feel.

BODY GROOMING: Don't be careless when going hairless.



Number one for Brits

RECENT figures from the UK's Office of National Statistics confirm that Spain is the top choice for British pensioners looking for a new life in Europe.

There were no surprises among the main reasons given, which included some Spanish delights such as the sun, sea, sand and... healthy Mediterranean diet.

Other reasons included the outdoor lifestyle and access to leisure facilities, including the many golf courses and swimming pools.

There are just under 300,000 British citizens registered as living in Spain, a staggering 37 per cent of the total three-quarters of a million Brits who live in EU member countries. And of this figure living in Spain, 41 per cent are over the age of 65.

Of course, the true figure could actually be much higher as not all Brits who live here go to the trouble of registering with their local authority.

If you're lucky enough to live in Spain, but unlucky enough to need the support of Spain's healthcare



THE GOLDEN YEARS: Most Brits abroad in Europe choose to live in Spain.

services, then never fear. Spain has a high-quality health service which, for Brits, is free at the point of delivery.

And with the availability of rea-

sonably cheap accommodation which is suitable for British pensioners, there's really nothing to stop you from saying 'Hasta Luego' to Blighty.

Specialist treatment

QUIRONSALUD Valencia hospital has recently welcomed Dr Manuel Bernal Sprekelsen to its medical team.

Dr Sprekelsen is an internationally renowned specialist in endoscopic surgery of the nose and sinuses as well in the treatment of cancer of the larynx.

He has spent most of his professional career as the head of department at Hospital Clinic of Barcelona, as well as the Medical University of Valencia.

The specialist transoral microsurgery treatment offered by Dr Sprekelsen is the first-choice treatment for early laryngeal cancer as it offers a more than 90 per cent survival rate after five years.

It is as successful as external partial surgery and radiation therapy.



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'I have been very lucky'

EWN chats with a member of The Beatles' inner circle

EXCLUSIVE

By Joe Gerrard

THE childhood best friend of Beatles guitarist George Harrison and leading member of the band's team has spoken to Euro Weekly News about his time in music.

Tony Bramwell, 72, was speaking ahead of planned appearances on the Costa del Sol as a special celebrity guest in the Festival of Legends tomorrow and on Saturday.

He said in an exclusive interview with Euro Weekly News ahead of the shows he was looking forward to visiting Spain.

"I do these Beatles tribute shows all over the world. I was in Spain at the end of last year for Chris King's (of the Festival of Legends) concerts in December," he said.

"Me and George went to the Canary Islands on holiday together in



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'VERY LUCKY': Tony Bramwell (right and inset) in the studio with the band.

1963. The Beatles did a few small tours in Spain around 1965 and I went to Sevilla in 1967 to make a film about the city's feria for their

film company." Bramwell was with The Beatles from their early days gigging in Liverpool. He began his career with

them working on promotional videos for I Feel Fine, Help!, Day Tripper and others before heading up the band's Apple Films company in 1968.

"I have been very lucky," he said. "George was my best friend when we were kids. I still go on the road with Paul occasionally and I sat him last week, he's doing well," he said.

Bramwell went on to work with a number of other artists after The Beatles split up in 1970. He joined Roxy Music on a tour to Barcelona.

"Bryan Ferry got taken seriously ill. He was stuck in an ambulance on the way back to England so we had five days in Barcelona just enjoying ourselves," he said.

Tony Bramwell will be at the Estepona Auditorium Felipe VI from 9pm Friday and the Benalmadena Municipal Auditorium from 8pm. Tickets are €15 from the box office available at 609 488 572

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Eat Well to Live Well
by Andrew Harding



SINCE we are in Spain I thought it was time I shared some Spanish tapas recipes with you.

The definition of tapas is: 'small Spanish savoury dishes, typically served with drinks at a bar.' Cooking tapas is very labour intensive and is more suited to places where food can be cooked in bulk and served in a large number of small portions. This would normally preclude tapas at home for a dinner party or a family meal, but it can be done, here's how: Delicatessen bought alioli, gazpacho, bread, chorizo, Iberian ham, canned anchovies, olives and Manchego cheese can be served with wine while the following are cooking:

• Spanish omelette (tortilla Española)

Serves 8

- 500 grams potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 whole onion, peeled and sliced
- 6 eggs, beaten
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and black pepper, ground

1. Microwave potatoes for 12 minutes until soft. Roast at 200 Celsius fan oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) for 30 minutes with 1/2 the olive oil until golden. Allow to cool.

Spanish tapas

2. Fry onions in pan with rest of oil until golden, then add eggs and seasoning.
3. Keep flipping omelette until cooked through, then serve in slices.
4. Serve.

This next recipe also needs potatoes, so they can be cooked at the same time.

• Spicy potatoes (patatas bravas)

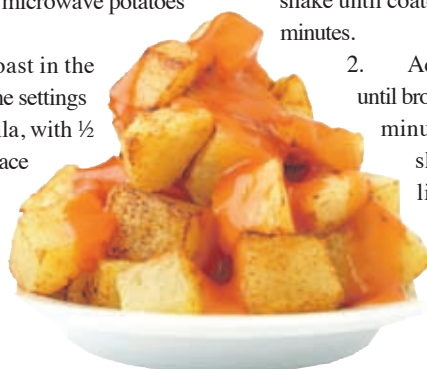
Serves 8

- 1 kg of potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small onion, grated
- 3 whole garlic clove, peeled and crushed
- 2 tablespoons sherry
- 1 can tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons dried chilli flakes
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley chopped
- 1 whole bay leaf

1. Peel and microwave potatoes for 12 minutes.

2. Then roast in the oven using same settings as for the tortilla, with 1/2 the olive oil. Place to one side.

SPICY: Patatas bravas.



3. Use the rest of the oil to gently fry the onion and garlic until transparent.
4. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to simmer.
5. Remove bay leaf and blend.
6. Pour over potatoes and serve.

• Garlic Chicken (pollo al ajillo)

Serves 8

- sea salt to taste
- black peppercorns ground, to taste
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1.5 Kg chicken breast, no skin, no bone and cubed
- 100 ml olive oil
- 10 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cups sherry

1. Put salt, pepper, paprika and flour in a large plastic bag, add chicken and shake until coated, place in fridge for 30 minutes.

2. Add oil to pan, fry chicken until browned, add garlic, fry for 2 minutes, add bay leaves and sherry, put in oven proof lidded dish and place in 200 Celsius fan-oven (220 Celsius non-fan oven) and cook for 20 minutes, then serve.

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Look across the water for property

ON the doorstep of Europe, only 14km across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, Morocco attracts the highest number of international tourists of any African nation.

The city is modernising at pace and flights from Britain to the bohemian city of Marrakesh are full again (there are 93 flights a week, up from 52 in 2012).

Shiny shopping malls are emerging, roads have been refurbished, and the fringes of the charmingly chaotic souk are beginning to be gentrified with boutiques.

With villa values having fallen 8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2017 and transaction volumes increasing, it could well be the time to buy there.

International tourism to Morocco rose 10 per cent year on year in 2017 to €12.9 million, and the country gets the most foreign direct investment in Africa.

Hotels expanding their influence in Morocco include the Four Seasons, Fairmont, the Hilton, the Marriott, and Banyan Tree.

The first Oberoi hotel is arriving in Marrakesh this year, and an 80-room Ritz-Carlton will be opening its doors in the city in 2019.

The city also houses 13 of Morocco's 44 golf courses and is pitching itself as an affordable golfing alternative to Spain and Portugal.

For those who want to be in the heart of ancient Marrakesh, it is a good time to buy a riad property.

There was a fire-sale of properties after the global downturn, as many French owners sold up, so it is a buy-



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MOROCCAN MARVEL: A stylish riad home in Marrakesh.

er's market.

This year, 80 riad-style 'sale and leaseback' homes will launch in the city, priced from €300,000.

For those with a little more disposable income, an investment of €400,000 or more will get buyers a riad that is already an established bed and breakfast business.



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LOVE NEST: The show has become a TV hit.

Love Island is back with a bang

THE location of 2018's 'Love Island' villa has been confirmed and it will be a revamped version of last year's venue in Mallorca.

The luxury property is in Sant Lorenc des Cardassar and the show is set to kick off on Monday June 4.

Contestants this year will be able to enjoy a super-sized hot tub and a bath big enough for two in the most lavish surroundings yet.

There will also be an infinity pool looking out onto the lush countryside, an outdoor kitchen with firepit, gym and terrace.

Mallorca is also the home of the notorious party destination Magaluf, which has previously played host to reality TV show 'The Magaluf Weekender.'

The largest of the Balaeric islands, Mallorca is the 'sister' island to Ibiza and Menorca and flying time from the UK is around two and a half hours.

The island is known for its beach resorts and is a popular destination for British tourists.

Those with deep pockets do have the opportunity to stay in the Love Island's luxury villa, but it will set you back €3,000 for a week's stay.

Vukile snaps up retail centre for €80 million

VUKILE PROPERTY FUND has cemented its presence in the Spanish retail market with the purchase of Habaneras Shopping Centre in Torrevieja.

The €80.6 million acquisition was made through Vukile's 98.7 per cent owned real estate investment trust (REIT) subsidiary, Castellana Properties.

It is a move that boosts the total value of Vukile's Spanish portfolio via Castellana to almost €400 million.

The easily accessible open-air shopping centre is in the popular coastal city of Torrevieja, in the south-eastern province of Alicante on the Costa Blanca.

Vukile entered the Spanish retail property market in July 2017 when it acquired 11 Spanish retail parks for €193 million via Castellana.

It then went on to purchase another two retail parks in December last year for €70 million.

Laurence Rapp, the Chief Executive of Vukile, said "We entered the Spanish market less than a year ago and have made swift progress in growing an investment of scale and



SHOPPING AROUND: Vukile continues to expand its retail portfolio in Spain.

substance in Spain.

"Our Spanish retail property exposure is now nearing €400 million and comprises quality assets located in territories with good growth metrics."

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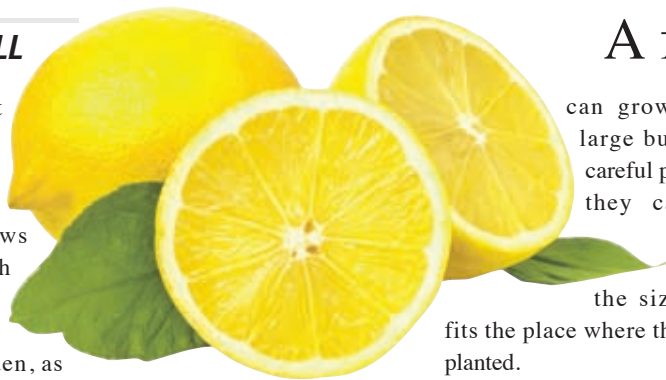
Caring for the lemon tree for its fragrant scent

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ONE of the greatest assets to any garden in the Mediterranean is the lemon tree.

The climate allows them to flourish with little care. They are emblematic of the Mediterranean garden, as traditionally, most gardens would have a lemon tree. The secret to their success is: if you care for the soil around them they will thrive with minimal watering.

I love to walk around the garden just to smell the lemon and other citrus blossoms of mid-spring. My two lemon trees still have an abundance of lemons in spring, even though we pick them regularly and have given so many away to visitors, but they are also in full flower making it a pleasure to spend time seeking out the best lemons still on the tree.



One lemon tree is next to a window of the house so opening the windows allows the natural perfume to permeate the house. The other larger one is by the vegetable garden as a feature with the fruit ripening on the tree for more than six months, making them easy to pick when needed in the kitchen along with the rest of the harvest.

The strong evergreen leaves add an intensity of lush greenery to a garden area that contrasts wonderfully with the yellow fruits.

Left unattended the trees

can grow very large but with careful pruning they can be kept to the size that fits the place where they are planted.

They can even be grown in pots and containers on balconies and terraces with a good potting mix, frequent pruning and regular watering. Dwarf varieties are available that help to grow them when space is limited. The lemon tree needs regular soil moisture to thrive so to minimise the need for watering, good soil preparation is necessary.

Existing trees which need a lot of watering can have the amount required greatly reduced by applying a generous layer of mulch on the soil under the tree from the trunk to the outer extremes

of the leaf canopy.

A good compost and straw mixture works wonders as it provides nutrients and bulk.

Some compost which provides nitrogen will greatly assist to keep the tree bright green and flourishing, although in containers it should be used sparingly but regularly to not gain too much growth.

If planting a new tree in a garden make sure that a lot of compost is added to the soil and mixed into the existing soil before planting. The area prepared with compost can be as large as two metres in diameter to allow for the tree's future growth.

A large prepared area will allow the roots to spread out faster into the soil.

The roots of a new tree that has been grown in a pot should be spread out so they are not tangled before plant-

ing.

Give them a good watering after planting and apply an organic mulch to at least a metre

out from the new tree to conserve water and maintain soil temperatures cooler in summer and warmer in winter.



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Avoiding cat fights

IF you have a cat you will know that they simply hate to be bathed. Any attempt to do so might lead to a real cat fight at home. This leads any cat owner to the question of how to clean your dirty muggins after a night out on the prowl.

Cats are actually very clean animals. With their rough tongue, they can spend up to more than four hours a day licking and preening every corner of their fur to remove dirt and entangled hair.

In addition to their personal grooming, a good option is to use dry shampoo. You simply brush the foam into the cat's fur to give it a good clean.

Household baby wipes are another alternative. Simply rub them over your cat as though you were stroking it. This way, your cat can actually come to enjoy this interaction.

Don't forget to pay attention to your cat's eyes, ears and mouth.



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The car will be limited to 250kph with 18-inch forged wheels as standard, but an optional performance pack includes 19-inch rims, adjustable sports suspension and a top speed of 264kph.

Acceleration figures have not been announced, but it should reach 100kph considerably quicker than the standard

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Motoring to Monaco



THE first ever Tour Monaco Historique rumbled into the principality last week after an epic run from Brooklands in Surrey.

Timed to coincide with the famous bi-annual Monaco F1 Historic GP the event ran over a week and visited some of the best hotels and restaurants that France has to offer.

Restricted to invited guests only, and only for those using classic cars, a very interesting group arrived at Brooklands for a welcome dinner with canapés and plenty of French Champagne as something of a scene-setter for the coming week.

Most participants were members of The Classic Car Club of Andalucía and the whole escapade was organised by CCCA President Ian Giles and his wife, Carol. One of these members, Kerry Michael MBE, was to compete in his first F1 race using a rare and beautiful Emeryson from 1961.

Another CCCA member, former McLaren F1 driver Mark Blundell, was along for the fun and to drive a McLaren M19 F1 car from 1970 in a special demonstration around the tight and twisting GP circuit.

Another CCCA member, David Price, a current World Sports Car series team manager was around and a number of other members were there spectating and supporting the CCCA competitors.

Back to the run itself, some beautiful cars arrived at the Brooklands start including Dragons Den and TV personality, Theo Paphitis with wife Debbie in a stunning Mercedes 190SL. F1 ace, Mark Blundell, had wife Deborah along to navigate in a totally original 1980's Porsche 911 Turbo. Kerry Michael had his good lady Lynda reading the maps in a fabulous Prince Charles spec As-



ton Martin convertible. Also starting was an immaculate and original Porsche 928 S, a brace of V12 E-types, a Ferrari Spyder, red of course, a rare Sunbeam Tiger V8 and others.

Also arranged for participants was a team of three mechanics with Mercedes vans and trailers. These carried two spare cars 'just in case' which were a very low mileage Ferrari 550 and a Mercedes SL63. The only casualty was the lovely white 1960 Mercedes 190SL which had a brake cylinder problem and so was quickly swapped in Busnes for the SL63. Quite a contrast!

The crews set off from Brooklands, flagged off by another CCCA member, Tony Young, and headed for Folkestone and the Channel Tunnel.

Once in France a short country route was enjoyed by all with a night stop at the fa-

mous Chateau Beaulieu in Busnes.

Day two saw crews heading for the Champagne region and a stop at Chateau de Fere where a cocktail party and black-tie dinner was put on to celebrate the 60th birthday of Debbie Paphitis. Eight of her friends were flown in especially for the evening as a surprise for her and, needless to say, something of a party ensued...!

Day three and the spectacular town of Beaune was next. Another dinner and a party here too before day four, a run over the Alps, through Switzerland and on to the Royal Palace in Evian, reputed to be one of the seven best hotels in France. Fabulous views over the lake and lake-view rooms for everyone was a real treat, as was the amazing dinner that was organised.



White Mercedes 190SL.

days on-board two luxury yachts in the harbour to enjoy the Grand Prix but more of that next time.

And talking of next time? Maybe next year will see a run from the UK to Spain to enjoy the Picos de Europa, Asturias and the Pyrenees before landing in Barcelona for the Grand Prix. Maybe...

Ian Giles
MOTORING

The penultimate day saw the group arrive at the equally famous 'La Bonne Etape' near Sisteron after enjoying a super drive over the Route of Napoleon. Dinner was again just fabulous and copious quantities of Chateau Margaux was a fitting reward for the days efforts.

This amazing event was a huge success and organiser, Ian Giles, was delighted. On arrival in Monaco, the crews all 'rested' for five



Further information on Classic Car Club of Andalucía events can be found on the Club's website www.cccandalucia.com. Membership of this vibrant club is open to anyone owning a genuine classic car here in Spain. *Saca tu coche clásico del garaje y diviértete con él.*

BRITAIN'S Simon Yates stormed to a superb win on stage nine of the Giro d'Italia on Monday. Meanwhile, his twin brother Adam Yates claimed third place on the second stage of the Tour of California.

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La Liga Preview

Barca lose unbeaten streak

BARCELONA'S dream of lasting the whole La Liga season unbeaten ended in their penultimate game, as they were beaten 5-4 by lowly Levante in a high octane match.

Amazingly, their hosts stormed into a 5-1 lead with Emmanuel Boateng scoring a hat-trick, along with two Enis Bardhi strikes.

Barca's Philippe Coutinho scored a hat-trick of his own and Luis Suarez netted a penalty to set up a tense finale.

But having rested Lionel Messi, manager Ernesto Valverde suffered his first league loss with the team, which fell to its first defeat in 44 games.

The result makes next Sunday's final game against Real Sociedad something of an anti-climax for Barca, except to make sure captain, Andres Iniesta gets a fitting send off.



BARCA BUTCHERED: The nine goal thriller ended Barca's incredible unbeaten run.

esta gets a fitting send off.

Gareth Bale scored twice to boost his chances of starting in the Champions League final as Real Madrid thrashed Celta Vigo 6-0 at the Bernabeu.

The rout, in Real's last home game of the season, means they can still overtake Atletico Madrid into second place.

Atletico Madrid warmed up

for the Europa League final on Wednesday with a 1-0 win at Getafe.

Diego Simeone's men took the three points thanks to Koke's eighth minute strike, and means they only need a draw at home to Eibar this weekend to finish as runners up.

Elsewhere, Villarreal cemented their Europa League

position of fifth with a 4-2 win over relegated Deportivo La Coruna, and can look forward to hosting Real Madrid on Saturday without pressure.

Real Betis earned a hard fought 2-2 draw at home against Sevilla, which was also enough to keep them at bay for sixth position and Europa League football next season.

Premier League preview

Liverpool secure fourth place in style

MOHAMED SALAH broke the Premier League scoring record for a 38 game season as Liverpool qualified for the Champions League in an eventful final day of the campaign.

Salah's 32nd goal took him past Alan Shearer, Cristiano Ronaldo and Luis Suarez in the history books, as Liverpool steamrollered Brighton 4-0 at Anfield.

A thumping Dejan Lovren header was followed by a first goal for the Reds for both Dominic Solanke and Andrew Robertson.

The result sealed fourth position in the league for Liverpool, and a crucial place in Europe's showpiece club competition next season.

Third-placed Tottenham stayed above the Reds with an incredible 5-4 victory over Leicester in what could be their final game at Wembley before moving back to the revamped White Hart Lane.

Mauricio Pochettino's side fell behind three times, but a brace each for Erik Lamela and Harry Kane - the latter of whom reached 30 goals for the season - inspired them to a dramatic win.

Kane's England team-mate Jamie Vardy scored two of Leicester's four goals, but it was the Spurs target man who had the final say with a curling effort from the edge of the box.

Chelsea's late bid to qualify for Champions League football

combusted in a 3-0 defeat to Newcastle.

Ayoze Perez scored twice after Dwight Gayle's opener to ensure Rafael Benitez's side finished a respectable 10th in the table.

Needing Southampton to lose to Manchester City and an improbable 10-goal swing to avoid relegation, Swansea slipped to a 2-1 defeat against Stoke and will play Championship football next season.

A sublime injury-time lob from Gabriel Jesus secured Man City's 32nd win of the campaign against Southampton, and the club reached the incredible and unprecedented 100 point mark in the process.

Arsene Wenger ended his 22-year Arsenal reign with a 1-0 win at Huddersfield, courtesy of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's first-half strike.

The Frenchman was given a rousing reception by both sets of fans in a carnival atmosphere, and Huddersfield boss, David Wagner made a special presentation to him before kick-off.

Another to say his goodbyes was Michael Carrick, who bade farewell to Manchester United by helping set up the goal that delivered a 1-0 win for Manchester United over Watford.

The veteran midfielder, who is retiring this summer, sent a superb long pass to Juan Mata behind the defence, who squared to Marcus Rashford for a tap in.

SPANISH LA LIGA 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • Barcelona	90	37	27	9	1	98	29
2 • Atlético	78	37	23	9	5	56	20
3 • Real Madrid	75	37	22	9	6	92	42
4 • Valencia	70	37	21	7	9	63	37
5 • Villarreal	60	37	18	6	13	55	48
6 • Betis	60	37	18	6	13	58	58
7 • Sevilla	55	37	16	7	14	48	58
8 • Getafe	52	37	14	10	13	41	33
9 • Eibar	50	37	14	8	15	42	48
10 • R. Sociedad	49	37	14	7	16	66	58
11 • Girona	48	37	13	9	15	48	58
12 • Alavés	47	37	15	2	20	40	49
13 • Celta	46	37	12	10	15	55	58
14 • Espanyol	46	37	11	13	13	35	42
15 • Levante	46	37	11	13	13	42	54
16 • Athletic	43	37	10	13	14	41	48
17 • Leganés	40	37	11	7	19	31	49
18 • Deportivo	29	37	6	11	20	37	74
19 • Las Palmas	22	37	5	7	25	23	72
20 • Málaga	20	37	5	5	27	24	60

Champions L.

Europa L.

Relegation

PREMIER LEAGUE 2017/18 TABLE

TEAM	Pts	Pl	W	D	L	F	A
1 • M. City	100	38	32	4	2	106	27
2 • M. United	81	38	25	6	7	68	28
3 • Tottenham H.	77	38	23	8	7	74	36
4 • Liverpool	75	38	21	12	5	84	38
5 • Chelsea	70	38	21	7	10	62	38
6 • Arsenal	63	38	19	6	13	74	51
7 • Burnley	54	38	14	12	12	36	39
8 • Everton	49	38	13	10	15	44	58
9 • Leicester City	47	38	12	11	15	56	60
10 • Newcastle United	44	38	12	8	18	39	47
11 • Crystal Palace	44	38	11	11	16	45	55
12 • Bournemouth	44	38	11	11	16	45	61
13 • West Ham Utd.	42	38	10	12	16	48	68
14 • Watford	41	38	11	8	19	44	64
15 • Brighton	40	38	9	13	16	34	54
16 • Huddersfield Town	37	38	9	10	19	28	58
17 • Southampton	36	38	7	15	16	37	56
18 • Swansea City	33	38	8	9	21	28	56
19 • Stoke City	33	38	7	12	19	35	68
20 • West Bromwich	31	38	6	13	19	31	56

Zverev beats Thiem to win Madrid title

WORLD number three Alexander Zverev won his third Masters title by beating Dominic Thiem in the final of the Madrid Open.

The 21-year-old German, who did not drop a set in the tournament, broke early in both sets to win 6-4 6-4.

Austrian world number seven Thiem, who reached the final last year, had defeated Rafael

Nadal on his way to the decider.

However, Zverev was in control of the match from the start with a classy display of shot-making, as Thiem struggled to make his mark.

The German, who did not face a break point all tournament, confidently saw out the victory in what he will see as perfect preparation for the French Open, which starts on May 27.

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