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Pilot murder rap

By Joe Gerrard

A PILOT up in court accused of bludgeoning his estranged wife to death with a saucepan days after flying from Mallorca to Britain has been found guilty.

Andrew McIntosh, 54, was found to have beat wife Patricia to death after he arrived at their marital home in Knightcote, Warwickshire.

Warwick Crown Court heard he had gone there to confront the 56-year-old over the issue of her not wanting to lower the asking price of the home.

He drove home and drank a bottle of wine there after the killing. Patricia McIntosh was found dead at the scene by concerned friends, police said.

The defendant, on standby at the time for the TUI airline, claimed he 'lost control' in a bid to argue diminished responsibility for the killing.

Prosecutors argued before the court that he had acted out of rage, anger and frustration



JAILED FOR LIFE: Andrew McIntosh (inset) flew from Palma days before the killing.

when he decided to go and confront her.

The court heard McIntosh had been on leave from work with stress before he returned to TUI in September last year.

He flew from Palma to Birmingham 11 days before the killing and he was on standby

to fly on November 14 and 15, the latter the day of the murder.

McIntosh admitted while being cross-examined by prosecutors that he had shown no remorse for the killing during a police interview. His sentencing hearing is set to take place today (Thursday).

Landlords up in arms

A MALLORCA holiday rental association chief has said landlords are unhappy with plans put forward by island authorities to mark out tourist business areas.

Joan Estarellas, the President of Habtur, said owners of tourist rental properties did not understand why proposed restrictions on


business activity were so harsh.

The president added Mallorca risked losing out to other holiday destinations which in turn would damage the island's economy.

Estarellas said data showed demand was higher for holiday rentals than hotel rooms.



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Name of the game

NEW data from the National Statistics Institute has revealed there are more than 800 children named after media figures or screen characters in Spain, including 135 Rihannas, 159 Neymars, and 516 (Princess) Leias.

Flight mare

CABIN crews for Ryanair in Spain, Portugal, Belgium and Italy warned in a statement they will go on strike this summer unless the low-cost carrier accepts their demands over working conditions by June 30.

Vagi-what?

OPPOSITION political parties in Lepe, Huelva, have demanded that posters advertising a 'vaginal acrobat' show at a brothel in nearby Alamoonte be torn down after they appeared next to publicity for a local water park.

Brit fraudsters held

By Matt Ford

A FATHER and son who fraudulently claimed almost €1.2 million in VAT rebates before fleeing to Spain have been captured at a Benidorm villa.

Former builder Brian Colwell, 76, and his chartered surveyor son Jamie, 51, used the cash to fund luxury lifestyles, but have now been brought to justice after being sentenced in their absence at Bournemouth Crown Court earlier this year.

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) said, during the January trial, that the pair were behind a scam with Jamie's former girlfriend, Briony James, 45, in which they falsely claimed to have forked out more than €16 million constructing properties between 2009 and 2015.

Colwell Jr, who was the 'ring-leader,' set up bogus firms in Dorset before recouping €1.1 million in VAT payments for new houses which were never built.

He used some of the cash to rent an expensive home on the exclusive Sandbanks peninsula,



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LIVING THE HIGH LIFE: From left, Jamie Colwell, Brian Colwell and Briony James used the money to fund lavish lifestyles.

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also blowing money on designer clothes, high-end cars including a Porsche 911, and a speedboat.

His father was installed as director of the two companies and enjoyed 'good living' in a four-bedroom rented property in Hares Green, Bournemouth, HMRC told the court.

Judge Jonathan Fuller QC added: "All the money obtained went to fund the lifestyles and living costs of those involved.

"Particularly in the case of the Colwells it was extravagant, high-end sports cars and the like.

"No documentation exists sup-

porting any legitimate activity at all, their sole purpose was to facilitate the fraud."

Colwell Jr was jailed for five years three months, while Colwell Sr was handed a two-year eight-month term, but they failed to present themselves for the sentencing, sparking a manhunt.

Former dressage competitor James, of Bouverie Avenue South, Salisbury, was jailed for 20 months over her role in the plot after splashing the proceeds on stabling, saddles and vet bills for her four horses.

A probe into the trio's activi-

ties revealed that the companies' office was Colwell Sr's bedroom, where investigators found fake invoices stuffed into carrier bags.

But after Colwell Jr and James admitted a VAT fraud charge and Colwell Sr pleaded guilty to acquiring criminal property, the two men vanished.

It is now known the younger used a light aircraft to reach northern France, with the elder joining him after catching a ferry from Portsmouth to Caen, from where they drove into Spain.

They were eventually held on a European arrest warrant and will face additional breach of bail charges in the wake of their extradition to the UK.

Richard Wilkinson, of HMRC's fraud investigation service, said: "The Colwells thought they could evade prison and use their criminal cash to fund a new life on the Costa Blanca.

"We will pursue those criminals who blatantly steal from the public services we all rely on, and look to recover the proceeds of their crimes."

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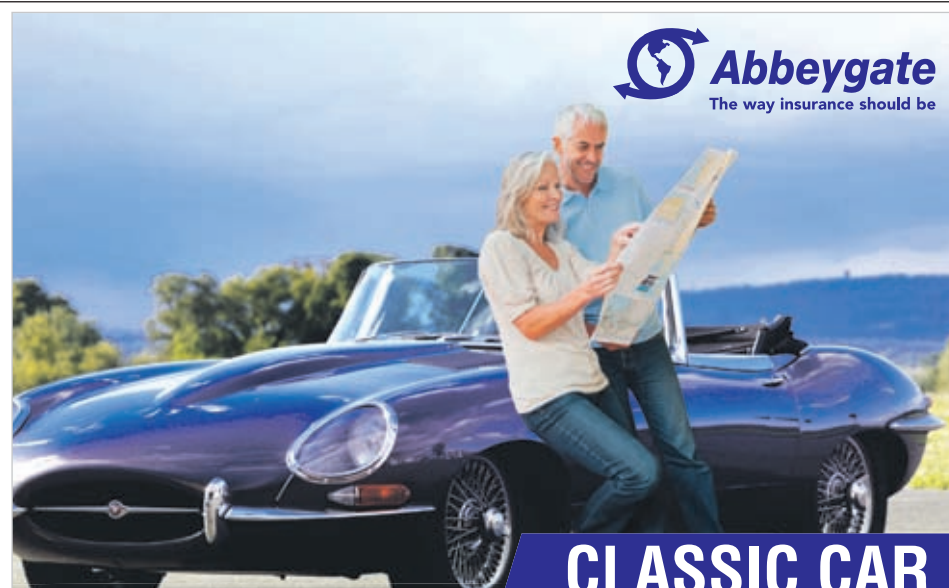
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Emergency landing

A JET2.COM aircraft bound for Mallorca was diverted shortly after taking off from Manchester airport when a passenger fell ill onboard. The plane was just south of Brighton when the incident happened and made an emergency landing at Stanstead airport so the passenger could be treated by medics, a company official said.

Rap backlash

FAMILY members and defenders of Valtonyc - a rapper from Mallorca who Spanish authorities have placed an arrest warrant on for speaking out against the state - have spoken at Strasburg's European Parliament. They said Spain is currently suffering "a democratic reversal" in an act to defend human rights in the European Union.

Abuse case

A MAN will face a 12-year prison sentence when he sits before Palma judges on charges of sexual aggression of a child next week. The alleged events happened in July 2016 in a family home in the Lluçmajor municipality and the victim has reportedly since suffered from anxiety and fear.

Trek on

MALLORCA lawmakers have reportedly amended a law making it more difficult for governments to forcefully expropriate trekking trails, but it has also granted walkers less rights over existing paths. The leftist Podemos party-led reform was feared by Sierra de Tramuntana landowners who said the changes counter private property interests.

Drag gags

A GROUP of crossdressing men have been contracted by Felantix Town Hall to head up a campaign to teach people the importance of recycling and keeping the streets clean. The folklore group feature in a series of gags posted on social media which use comedy to encourage civic behavior.

Decent homes

THE Platform for Mortgage Victims in Mallorca has demonstrated in front of parliament demanding dignified dwellings in the form of the Balearic Islands' first housing laws. The group said the new regulations - soon to be voted on - are an important legal step and will help protect families from being 'tricked' by financial entities.

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 16

World beater



A GRAND TOUR:
Sevilla's Plaza
de España.

IT'S known to split opinions among locals.

But whether over-the-top or a magnificent example of Spanish architecture, Andalusian capital Sevilla's Plaza de España remains a sure-fire tourist hit.

And the grandiose square has just been ranked the world's second-best landmark in TripAdvisor's annual Travellers' Choice Awards, beaten only by Cambodia's sprawling temple Angkor Wat.

Built for the Ibero-American Exposition World's Fair in 1929, the bombastic 50,000 square-metre plaza is the size of five football pitches.

It is the most celebrated example of a style dubbed regionalist architecture, which combines the Renaissance Revival and Moorish Neo-Mudejar Revival styles.

Designed by Aníbal González, the complex was designed to showcase Spain's industrial and technological strengths.

Located inside the impressive Maria Luisa Park, the plaza is surrounded by a huge semi-circular building fronted by a 500-metre canal and, love it or hate it, it remains a must-see on any visit to the regional capital.

Now housing government offices and museums, the sweeping building has also featured in Hollywood blockbusters including Lawrence of Arabia and Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones.

Ebola scare

POLICE will grill residents of a Mallorca apartment where a container marked 'Ebola' was found.

The bottle, labelled 'Filoviriade Ebola virus ARN,' contained dark red liquid.

A resident found it in his building's entrance on Archiduque Luis Salvador street and alerted emergency services, sources reported.

Specialists donned in protective suits took the unidentified specimen to the nearby Son Espases hospital.

It was frozen and sent to Madrid's Na-

tional Microbiology Centre for testing. Sources there later confirmed the substance was not Ebola.

Local Police said it was likely to be a sick prank because the container did not have a barcode attached.

Police are reportedly planning to interview local residents to identify a suspect.

Ebola killed 11,310 people in West Africa between 2014 and 2016 and a Spaniard, Manuel Garcia Viejo died from the disease.

Thousands in fines

AUTHORITIES in Mallorca have slapped 'pirate' taxi firms operating at Palma airport with fines totalling almost €40,000 since the start of a crackdown less than a month ago.

A total of 86 violations of taxi rules were recorded during the beginning of the tourist season this year, compared to 48 during last summer. 'Pirate' drivers are those operating without licences or contracts.

The amount in fines handed out in a three-week period this year

was equivalent to half of all those slapped on companies in 2017, according to Balearic Government data.

A single firm was handed a €23,263 penalty for illegally offering its services to passengers arriving in Son Sant Joan airport.

Jaume Mateu, the authority's transport spokesperson, said May tended to be a busy month for those policing the firms due to more travellers arriving who had not arranged hotel transfers.

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MADE IN VALENCIA? Aiello de Malferit and (inset) a label for Kola-coca liqueur, which the distillery still makes today.

Taking a pop!

A RURAL Spanish village has laid claim to inventing soft drink Coca Cola.

The American beverage is widely reported to have been concocted as a medicine by pharmacist John Pemberton in the late 19th century, before he sold the recipe and trading rights to business tycoon and company founder Asa Griggs Candler.

But 79-year-old Juan Juan Mico, who owns the Ayelo distillery in Aiello de Malferit, Valencia, believes he owns a notebook containing the original secret recipe to Kola-coca.

And the council of the village, which has a population of 4,706 and lies around 40 minutes inland from the Costa Blanca, has just written to the giant multinational asking for permission to make the connection public, although the evidence is far from concrete.

"Everything points to this being the case," argues Mayor Jose Luis Pinter. "Our aim is to get Coca-Cola to acknowledge the project so that the town will get recognition. We're not seeking anything more than that."

According to residents, local entrepreneurs Enrique Ortiz, Ricardo Sanz

and Bautista Aparici opened the distillery 138 years ago, with the municipality already on the map for its liqueurs and American vines, which continue to be cultivated in the area and sold to La Rioja and other wine-producing regions.

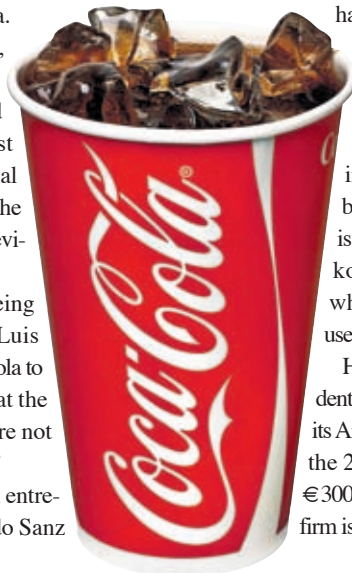
An 1892 document signed by Maria Cristina of Austria, regent of Spain, named the distillery as a royal supplier, allowing it to use the official crest.

Señor Aparici was in charge of sales, travelling internationally with a suitcase of samples, and rumour

has it that he visited Philadelphia in 1885, a year before Pemberton began marketing Coca-Cola in his home city of Atlanta, Georgia.

Juan - who bought the distillery in 1971 - says the only difference between Kola-coca and Coca-Cola is that in the former, coca leaves and kola nuts were mixed with soda, while in the latter fresh water was used.

He, and many of the village's residents, believe that the brand was sold to its American rival during the first half of the 20th century for around €180 to €300, a pittance of what the €60 billion firm is worth today.



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Following Lidl's announcement that it would stop using plastic bags by the end of this year, should all supermarkets follow suit?

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FLYING LOW: The man (inset) walked into Palma airport's arrivals.

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STREET TALK

A strip in the right direction?

Holiday hotspots including Magaluf, Marbella and Barcelona have introduced new laws which will see tourists fined up to €750 for roaming the streets topless, clad in swimwear, or otherwise semi-naked. But do holidaymakers and residents agree sun-seekers should cover up away from the beach?

Lennart Osterdihl, 59, on holiday from Sweden with 42-year-old son, Matias

"I'M not a strict guy but I think they should cover up. Sleeveless shirts are fine, but anything less is not proper," Lennart said. But son Matias had a different view: "When it's hot it is nice to have the option to strip off." Both disagreed with the fine: "It's too much, a telling off would work better. I jumped a red light in Australia once and the officer who caught me made me drive up and down the road 10 times. It definitely worked, he was huge!"

Bar workers Matias Vasquez, 28, born in Norway to Chilean parents and colleague Cristina Dimitrova, 34, from Bulgaria

"It does not matter if they are shirtless. It's like when women breastfeed in public, it's absolutely natural." Cristina: "You can do what you want at home but it's disgusting to show your body on the streets. Matias just likes looking at the pretty women," she joked. "It's not true. It's fine for both sexes," he replies.

Tina Bakke-Gusjass, 30, holidaying from Norway with partner and two children

"On the beach it is OK but not in shops. "Sometimes you see people shirtless when buying food and it is not hygienic. A €750 fine is a bit heavy though. Police should just tell them to dress properly."

Bas Dekker, 24, on holiday with girlfriend Melissa, 22, from the Netherlands

"In a country as hot as Spain it is normal to wear less clothes.

"But it depends on the behaviour. If you are drunk and making lots of noise while shirtless it becomes a problem."

Ulf Sundberg, 60, holidaying from Sweden with wife Dures from Sweden

"It's common sense to dress properly in public. "You have to think about others and teach your children you can't just do what you whatever you like. People have to respect each other."

Isabel, 55, a traffic warden from Malaga

"Stripping off is what the beach is for! "I usually put a dress on when going into the centre, it's just more elegant! Fines are the best way to get humans to stick to laws unfortunately. I'm a traffic warden, I know what I'm talking about. If we were all a bit more civic, we might not need them."

A LITTLE RESPECT: Ulf.



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SUN'S OUT, GUNS OUT: Bas.



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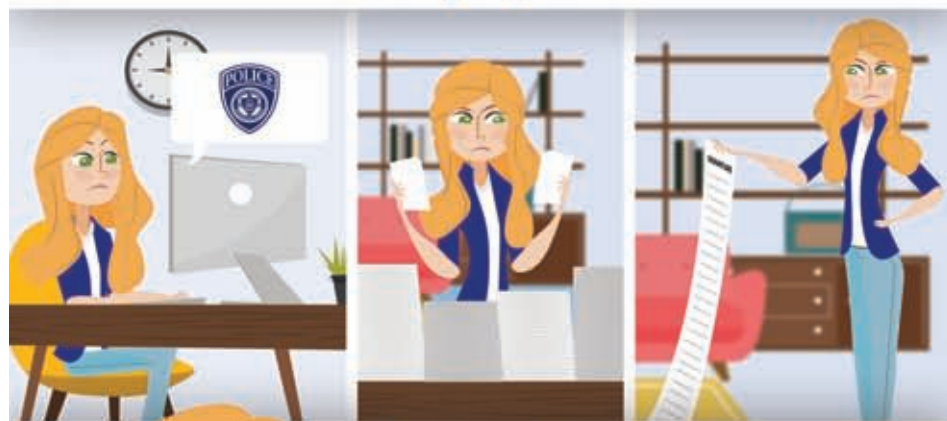


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Toff life

SHE'S known for her hectic social life.

But Lottie Moss, 20, took a breather as she sizzled in a striped bikini for a day by the pool in Ibiza.

The sister of super-model Kate looked totally relaxed as she stretched out on a sun lounger, after recently insisting she had no interest in fame or reality TV.



Photo credit ITV2

For your rise only

HE recently confirmed his return for a fifth James Bond movie after signing a rumoured €115 million deal.

And British actor Daniel Craig, 50, looked to be in character as he hit the set to film a beer commercial at the Parador Cardona Hotel near Barcelona.

Danny Boyle is lined up to direct the 25th 007 flick, but Daniel's return was unexpected as he revealed three years ago that he would rather 'slit his wrists' than make another.



BOND MORE TIME: Daniel Craig will again play the spy.

T-rextasy

HOLLYWOOD star Chris Pratt wowed the crowd in Madrid as he stepped out for the Spanish premiere of Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom in Madrid.

The 38-year-old leading man look at ease as he posed alongside co-star Bryce Dallas Howard, flashing a broad smile and peace signs at fans.

It comes after the pair reunited for the sequel to Jurassic World, which was a hugely successful reboot of the Jurassic Park movie series.



ROAR-SOME: Chris Pratt.

Hot property

SHE'S landed in Mallorca ahead of presenting the summer's steamiest show.

And Caroline Flack, 38, was clearly over the moon to be back in Spain as she posted a series of teaser snaps and videos on social media.

The star wrote 'guess where I am' over a moving shot of rolling Spanish countryside taken through a car window.

BACK ON THE ISLAND: Caroline Flack.

And she followed it up with a picture of three bags of jamon-flavoured Ruffles crisps lined up on her pillow, captioned: 'When you get to the island and he has three packs of Ruffles waiting for you.'

The suggestive mention of 'he' could suggest she is to be joined by fiancée and former Apprentice contestant Andrew Brady, 27.

The pair got engaged in the wake of a whirlwind romance which saw him pop the question in April, just three months after they are believed to have got together.

Brazil's Ron bags double

HE'S the former Barcelona and Brazil star who made his name as one of the most technically-gifted footballers in the world.

But World Cup winner Ronaldinho, 38, has been forced to take a step backwards after denying he is about to marry two women at the same time, or even one of them.

The retired midfielder, who quit the beautiful game earlier this year, is rumoured to be living with 'fiancees' Priscilla Coelho and Beatriz Souza at his €5.7 million Rio de Janeiro mansion.

But he has never publically confirmed his re-



Photo credit Facebook

HERE COME THE BRIDES?: From left, Priscilla, Ronaldinho and Beatriz.

lationship with either of them, despite them accompanying him to events, and has moved to scotch claims he is marrying them in August.

"The whole world is calling me... I'm not going to get married, it is the biggest lie," he told a Brazilian sport channel.

Polygamy is illegal in Brazil, according to reports.

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NEWS EXTRA

Sneaky support

MES per Mallorca official Josep Ferrà accused the Ciudadanos party of offering "hidden support" to the ruling Popular Party by not backing a Socialist party-led motion against President Mariano Rajoy.

Animal aid

THE Commission for the Defense of Animal Rights will reportedly soon offer free legal advice, named SOJMA, for those reporting cases of suspected pet abuse thanks to volunteer collaboration.

Celiac plea

THE Balearic Celiac Association has reportedly asked the Islands' government to subsidise non-gluten foods and fund better training to help healthcare professionals diagnose the illness.

Palma jams

PALMA has the sixth busiest roads in Spain according to the INRIX Global Traffic Scorecard, a problem which Mallorca's roads minister reportedly blames on the 'economic recovery'.

Camper hotel

SPANISH shoe firm Camper is due to build its first hotel on the island in front of the Gomila plaza, fulfilling a goal the company has held since 2002, media reports.

Wine up

MALLORCA wine making - which entered a golden age during 19th century British occupation - is undergoing a revival after viticulture projects started 15 years ago begin to bear fruit, media reports.

BRITISH holidaymakers have joined a protest against street prostitutes in Magaluf.

The early morning rally was organised by a group of local, mainly expatriate-owned, businesses operating on the Punta Ballena party strip, and demonstrators were heard chanting 'go home' and 'you're not welcome' at women.

Passing revellers joined in the march, while others filmed the police-approved action on their phones, as one entrepreneur said: "We are fed up with a group of undesirables spoiling our activity season after season."

It comes in the wake of a fresh wave of trouble in the resort, with the mostly African women

Sex trade mutiny

accused of robbing drunk tourists after enticing them with promises of cheap sex.

And it is believed that their pimps often target 'rich-looking' foreigners as they head back to their hotels.

One alleged incident saw a group of prostitutes use tasers to

stun their victim, while a German party-goer told police that a €4,000 gold chain was ripped from his neck.

Half a dozen clubs, acting as fronts for brothels, have recently been closed down as police attempt to crack down on the problems.

The raids followed residents'

complaints about 'nocturnal' noise, leading to the discovery of condom-filled hidden rooms with beds and bidets behind walls.

The Guardia Civil said in a statement that the demonstration was 'within the rules' and that no arrests were made, with similar events reportedly planned throughout the summer high season.

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OUR VIEW**Corruption crisis leaves Spain bereft of stability**

AFTER digging his heels in for longer than anyone thought possible, the Spanish Prime Minister has surely now eroded any semblance of credibility.

Dogged by corruption, the ruling in which 29 officials and associates of Mariano Rajoy's ruling People's Party (PP) were found guilty in the Gürtel kickbacks scandal spells out that the leader's groundbreaking testimony in the case was questionable.

The time for excuses is over, and the PP's silence at a time when the country's stability is threatened by the Catalan independence crisis deafening.

Whether Rajoy survives tomorrow's vote of confidence or not, it is time the country sought an alternative government.

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Celebrations full of bull

THE shocking video clip of a bull writhing in a Valencian street during a traditional celebration has shocked many in the country.

But the battle against the use of live animals in Spanish fiestas has been running for centuries, and some progress has been made with the practice already banned in some areas.

And anyone still in favour should check out director Jaime Alekos' 2017 documentary Tauromaquia, which recorded bull-fights from the animal's perspective. It is a brutal insight into the terror and humiliation these poor creatures experience.

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Judges 'will pay' - lawyer

A LAWYER acting on behalf of Mallorca nightlife mogul Bartolome Cursach has said in court that judges probing his client would 'pay' for what they have done.

Vicente Campaner, a defence lawyer for the businessman, made the comments while testifying in a trial on his alleged intimidation of three witnesses connected with the case of his client.

"They are going to pay for everything they have done. Not all judges and prosecutors in Spain will prevent it," he said in the Palma court.

One of the witnesses claiming he received threats from Campaner was a former employee of Cursach who claimed he received threatening messages from him.

Campaner denied being intimidating and claimed witnesses had lied in their testimonies. The trial continues.

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Hotel blaze probe

by Matt Ford

A BRITISH holidaymaker has spoken of how she feared for her life after a Magaluf hotel prank by four fellow Britons went horribly wrong.

Mum-of-two Kristina Emma, 28, from Newcastle Upon Tyne, said that she is "very very lucky to be alive" after fleeing her room at the BH Mallorca wearing a bikini when four drunken revellers allegedly set fire to the floor below.

Writing on Facebook, she added: 'I've never ran [sic] so fast in my life. My room is directly above this fire! Asleep in bed! Woke up to my room filled with smoke and flames and windows banging.'

And in an interview with UK media she said: "When I woke up and I opened my

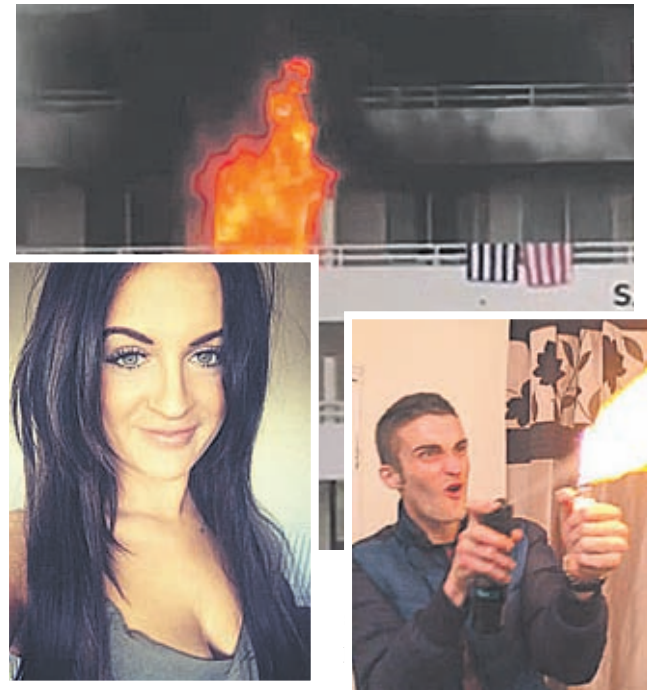
eyes the room was black with smoke and I thought the fire was in my room.

"I started screaming. By then the flames were so high they were up above my balcony. I've never ran so fast.

"The ground was so hot I thought the floor is going to fall through. I thought it was going to cave in. I feared for my life - I thought that was it."

It comes after Georgia James and Lauren Smith, both 19, and 21 year olds James Brown and Brandon McCahill had their passports confiscated and were ordered to pay a €30,000 fine after reportedly sparking the blaze with an aerosol and cigarette lighter while trying to set fire to a sleeping friend's feet.

But it is believed they ignited a mattress, leading to the evacuation of more than



'LUCKY TO BE ALIVE': Kristina Emma.

'JUST BEEN A LAD': Brandon McCahill.

Footage of McCahill using a lighter and aerosol as a makeshift flamethrower emerged online in the wake of the drama, but dad Lee McCahill, 47, defended his son as he said: "He's just been a lad.

"It's something that's got out of hand. More than likely something he's done when he's drunk too much.

A probe is reportedly ongoing before a decision is made on whether the quartet will face criminal charges.

Footy star's balls hailed

A PROFESSIONAL footballer has been hailed after he rushed to help holidaymakers trapped in their rooms by the BH Mallorca hotel fire.

Mikey Doyle, 26, plays for Scottish Championship outfit Greenock Morton and pulled two people to safety before insisting it was 'no big deal.'

The defender from Glasgow was in a room on the other side of the complex when the blaze broke out, and said: "We were sitting on our balcony having a drink and we heard girls screaming that there was a fire.

"We could see that a fire had started opposite our block. The fire was in the bedroom and it looked like the boys in the living room hadn't even noticed. So we just got up and ran."

He added: "I got there first and I just thought I had to get these boys out. I dragged one of them out and Anthony dragged someone else out. One of the boys was crying about his suitcase and his passport. So I went back in."

He later posted a selfie captioned: 'Pre season will be easy after this.'



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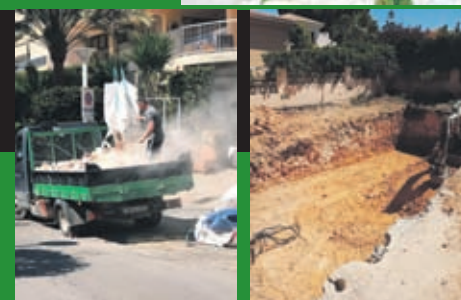


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Commentary by Moneycorp

THE pound was boosted by the potential certainty arising from the imminent government White Paper on Brexit, but then met with new variables as rumours of a second independence referendum in Scotland and another UK general election before the end of the year surfaced.

April's employment data showed total earnings were up by an annual 2.6% and basic wages - excluding bonuses - rose by 2.9%. Public sector borrowing in Britain was less than forecast for April; there was an unexpected slowing in factory orders but better-than-expected UK retail sales forecast for May.

The headline rate of UK consumer price index inflation came in at 2.4%, a tick below forecast and down by the same amount on the month. In a statement to Parliament this week, Governor Mark Carney dismissed any chance of an imminent rise in interest rates, and refused to make any clear predictions, preferring to stick to

the facts at hand.

Inflation in the 19 countries sharing the euro currency was unchanged at 1.2% in April. While ECB policy makers debate whether to phase out their monetary stimulus package, their target of close to 2% is proving rather elusive. Germany also announced unchanged inflation rates of 1.6% (CPI) and 1.4% (HICP).

The Euro struggled against all other major currencies last week in the wake of Italy's borrowing costs jumping and stocks sliding. Wednesday's preliminary purchasing managers' index readings from the €Z were all below forecast and contributed to the picture of slowing growth.

The drama surrounding a potential trade war with China doesn't seem to be harming the greenback. There was a 0.3% rise in retail sales, not a dramatic number but enough to keep the dollar flying high.

The provisional PMIs from the States looked alright; all were higher on the month

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and above forecast. But the minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee were not as gung-ho as investors had expected. Maybe the Fed is less keen on aggressive tightening than everybody had thought.

Canada's employment figures for April came as a surprise to the market; the loss of jobs and the 30,000 shift from temporary to full-time employment looked implausible. Comments from President Trump's economic adviser Larry Kudlow earlier that Nafta

was 'still cooking' did give a hand to the Canadian dollar, however. The expectation is that a deal in principle could be reached this month, and both the certainty and any positive negotiations could aid the Loonie further.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Board agreed there was not a 'strong case' for a near-term adjustment in monetary policy.

The RBA last cut rates to 1.5% in August 2016; this is the longest period without change in modern history. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin inadvertently gave a boost to the currencies down under after saying that the plans for protectionist trade tariffs are currently on hold, and that China has agreed to the same approach.

Close trade ties between China and Australia meant that the Aussie dollar benefited from the news, and in a less-significant but still positive way, also helped the New Zealand dollar.

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Naked hippy occupies Becker's €15m mansion

by **Matt Ford**

BANKRUPT former tennis star, Boris Becker's €15 million Mallorca mansion has been taken over by a nudist hippy squatter.

Bearded free spirit, George Berres, from Germany, says he plans to 'save' the empty property near the rural village of Arta after pruning weeds and collecting litter with friends also thought to be staying there.

But the 44-year-old only discovered the identity of its owner after German media descended on the idyllic retreat last week.

The former carpenter told reporters that he would leave peacefully if the police asked him to. Three-time Wimbledon champion and ex-world number one Becker, 50, is believed to have 'abandoned' the villa, called Son Coll, after being declared insolvent by a London court last year.

He owed a large sum of money to a private banking firm, and his request to pay the debt by remortgaging the 3,000 square metre Mallorca estate was knocked back.

The BBC pundit bought the mansion in 1995 and it briefly appeared on the market in 2007 before almost being auctioned off in 2012 when he forked out €400,000 to pay a local gardening company.

And in 2014 he reportedly managed to



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BREAK-IN POINT: Guru George Berres says he'll move off the estate if the police ask him to.

avoid it being sold off for a second time after he raised €470,000 to settle with a local building firm which sued him for unpaid maintenance work including carpentry, electricity, plumbing, and a new basketball court.

Bohemian Berres, who has lived on the island since 2014, has previously squatted in a number of empty houses and spent time in a caravan.

He said he has "big projects" in mind, adding that the residence "could be a place for meetings, we would like to plant vegetables, offer seminars about renewable energy and other things that interest people."

Speaking to a local German paper, he earlier spoke of an organisation dubbed 'intergalactic relief and rescue commando' which aims to occupy and regenerate empty properties.

"We do not occupy houses, we save them, we do not make claims to property, we are concerned with nothing other than to live in a rent-free home and give something back to the house," he added.

And on Facebook he wrote in his mother tongue: 'I am not real. I am everything and nothing. This has big advantages. Every day is different.'

A PayPal account he links to urges internet users to 'send money to Jesus,' but the balance is currently zero.

Becker himself took to Twitter to deny owning the villa as he wrote: "Just to be clear: I don't own any finca on the beautiful island of Mallorca! Amused by the 'story' myself!"

But the German legend is thought to retain the deeds via a third party, according to reports.

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Shunning of the bulls

Thousands march in giant cruelty protest

by Joe Gerrard & Matt Ford

THOUSANDS of anti-bullfighting campaigners have taken to the streets of Madrid to protest against animal cruelty at Spanish festivals. In the Puerta del Sol square they threw red powder into the air to symbolise what they regard as unnecessary and cruel bloodshed, with more than 20,000 bulls and cows killed during bullfights and other celebrations each year.

Organised by activist group Tauromaquia Es Violencia (Bullfighting Is Violence) and backed by more than 170 animal rights associations, around 40,000 people are estimated to have turned out for the march.

Spokesperson Laura Gonzalo claimed bullfighting is an outdated practice as she said: "We are demonstrating because society wants to change.



CREDIT: Partido Animalista, via Twitter

'BULLFIGHTING IS VIOLENCE': Campaigners threw red powder to symbolise bloodshed.

"We demand courage from politicians, we want them to start listening to us and to take steps to abolish bullfighting."

Juan Carlos Monedero, the co-founder of the far left Podemos party, also voiced

his support and said bullfighting could no longer be considered a part of Spanish culture.

"We do not tolerate someone who mistreats a dog, why do we tolerate someone mistreating a bull?" he said.

It comes after distressing footage online of a Spanish fighting bull collapsing in the street sparked outrage.

The disturbing clip shows the animal unable to support its own weight after being released during the traditional 'Bous al Carrer' bull-running celebration in Villareal, Valencia. In the video, it struggles for a few steps before falling to the floor, where it repeatedly slams its horns into the tarmac as it writhes in apparent pain. Onlookers then pull it to its knees by the tail but it quickly slumps to the ground again. The issue of bullfighting in Spain has become increasingly divisive over the years. Those in favour argue it is a part of Spanish culture and a way of life for those involved. But campaigners say the sport is nothing more than cruelty towards defenceless animals.

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By Matt Ford

A FORMER treasurer of Spain's ruling People's Party (PP) called his 33-year prison sentence 'political' after he was jailed without bail.

Luis Barcenas, 60, who previously worked closely with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, was also fined €44 million after being found guilty of fraud, accepting bribes and money laundering.

But the former official told Spanish media he intends to appeal the charges.

And the party itself must pay €240,000 after judges at the country's highest criminal court ruled that it profited from an underhand kick-

Dirty cash scandal



JAILED: Luis Barcenas, left, Francisco Correa and Pablo Crespo.

Correa was sentenced to 51 years, while his close ally Pablo Crespo, 58, received 37 years and six months, although both men were already behind bars.

For their roles in the corrupt network Barcenas' wife Rosalia Iglesias will serve 15 years and Correa's ex-wife, Carmen Rodriguez Quijano 14 years and eight months.

Investigators believe that the jailing of Iglesias could spark further confessions about the party's internal finances from Barcenas.

Rajoy last year became the first serving Spanish leader to testify in a criminal trial when he was called to give evidence after serving as the PP's vice-secretary general at the time.

He denied wrongdoing and claimed his role did not

include party finances, before denying the existence of a slush fund used to pay illegal bonuses to senior officials.

But in a 1,687 page ruling, the court found 29 of 37 defendants guilty of crimes ranging from forgery and embezzlement to influence peddling.

It said Correa had designed 'an effective system of institutional corruption by manipulating the awarding of central, regional and local government contracts through his close and lasting relationship with influential [PP] members.'

The PP has confirmed it will appeal against its fine, and said in a statement: 'No member of the current leadership or past leaderships has been charged in relation to this case.'

backs-for-contracts scheme.

Dubbed the Gurtel case - after the German word for belt, correa in Spanish - the enquiry was triggered by businessman Francisco Correa, 62, who was probed for paying bribes to party officials between 1999 and 2006 in order to win public contracts.

Crisis of confidence

LAWMAKERS in Spain's parliament are set to discuss and decide on the fate of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy in a debate and vote of confidence today (Thursday) and tomorrow respectively.

The moves, triggered by the left-leaning opposition Partido Socialista (PSOE) come as Rajoy's conservative People's Party (PP) continued to reel from the fallout of the Gurtel case.

The ruling led to the introduction of a motion of no confidence, in the Spanish Parliament's Congress of Deputies on Friday.

PSOE leader Pedro Sanchez said if the no confidence motion passed and the PSOE ousted the PP his party would seek stability before calling national elections.

UNDER FIRE:
Mariano Rajoy will learn his fate tomorrow.

"The question that the 350 deputies have to ask is very simple: if after the sentence of the Gurtel plot, Mariano Rajoy can continue to be prime minister, yes or no," Sanchez said.

The PSOE's version of the no confidence motion would see Sanchez made prime minister thereby unseating Rajoy.

Sanchez's party currently has 84 seats in the 350-seat Congress of Deputies, Spain's lower house of parliament.

The motion will need the backing of 176 lawmakers to succeed, with the far left Podemos party's 47 members having said they will support it.

The popular centrist Ciudadanos has supported the minority PP government in parliamentary votes, but its leader Albert Rivera said it would walk away from the pact after calling for early elections.



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DOUBTS: Sergei and Yulia Skripal (inset) were allegedly poisoned in Salisbury.

Russian officials' Skripal scepticism

THE Kremlin has said it has 'no grounds' to trust a statement issued by the daughter of a former Russian spy allegedly poisoned in Britain. Government spokesperson Dmitry Poskov's comments come as Yulia Skripal made her first media appearance since leaving hospital. London accused Russia of masterminding the alleged Salisbury nerve agent attack while Moscow has denied involvement.

Downed plane probe

INVESTIGATORS looking into the shooting down of flight MH-17 over Ukraine in 2014 have claimed the missile used came from Russia's armed forces. Wilbert Paulissen, the head of a Dutch crime squad probing the crash, alleged vehicles carrying the missile belonged to Russia's 53rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade, with Moscow denying involvement.

No fines for gas firm

A STATE-LINKED Russian gas company has said it is 'satisfied' with a European Union (EU) decision not to fine it following

a seven-year antitrust probe. Gazprom's Deputy Chief Executive Alexander Medvedev said the ruling was the 'most reasonable' outcome for the European gas market and added the company would comply with regulations.

Rabbi faces exile

A LEADING member of the Jewish faith could be deported from Russia following a failed attempt to overturn a verdict in the country's courts. Asher Krichevsky, the chief rabbi of Siberia and Omsk, previously appealed against a decision to revoke his residency permit in connection with a national security case.

Behind closed doors

TWO Russian billionaires have reportedly attended a closed meeting at a Washington DC-based think tank. Mikhail Fridman and Pyotr Aven were guests at a round table discussion held at the Atlantic Council. Garry Kasparov, former chess champion and Russian dissident, criticised organisers for not opening the event to the public.

Duly noted

RUSSIA'S Central Bank has unveiled a new design for the 100-ruble (€1.38) note to mark the country's hosting of this year's FIFA World Cup. The blue and green bill (pictured) shows a football with a map of Russia on one side and a young boy admiring Soviet goalkeeper Lev Yashin on the other. A total of 20 million bills are due to enter circulation.



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STAT OF WEEK**€34bn** The amount of structural funds - used to reduce regional disparities in income and wealth - Spain is set to receive from the European Commission between 2021 and 2027, after Brussels this week approved a 5 per cent hike.**Online giant cops sexy nurse knock**

A SPANISH union has urged online retailer Amazon to stop selling 'sexy nurse' outfits and medically-themed sex toys.

Satse, a syndicate acting on behalf of the nursing sector, has written to the e-commerce giant to express its outrage over its marketing of 'tightly-fitting costumes featuring plunging necklines and short skirts.'

According to an official statement, it believes the racy ensembles promote a 'sexist image of female nurses and a resort to stereotypes,' and is demanding all such products be removed from sale immediately.

Brits abroad tip the scales

BRITISH holidaymakers over-tip by almost €10 a day, according to a new study.

And the excessive gratuities - typically amounting to €134 over a 14-day break - are being blamed on a failure to master local etiquette.

Among 3,000 sun-seekers quizzed by UK price comparison website *comparethemarket.com*, which carried out the research, more than one third admitted to lacking confidence when it comes to tipping abroad.

But while one quarter generously over-tipped on purpose, more than

by *Matt Ford*

one in 10 revealed they had been confronted by an irate local in the wake of a blunder.

Chris King, a travel expert at the online portal, said: "Heading on holiday should be a real highlight for everyone in need of a well-deserved break.

"However, it seems millions of Brits are frequently getting themselves tied up in currency conundrums and it's costing them their sanity."

He added: "We hope our latest

fact-checking tool will help out Brits abroad so they can check out the do's and don'ts before they jet off - saving their blushes in the process."

The website has created a series of tools and guides to help tourists tip the right amount after researchers found that four in 10 claimed it adds stress to their trip.

Less than a third of Britons knew you should leave a 10 per cent tip in Turkish restaurants, with only 16 per cent aware the same amount should be handed over to taxi drivers in South Africa.

Spanish brands sink in top 100

JUST two Spanish brands are included in this year's 100 most valuable companies in the world.

Galicia-based fashion retailer Zara, valued at €26.9 billion, fell eight places to number 42, while telecommunications specialist Movistar, which owns O2, dropped to number 53 despite increasing its value to €22.8 billion.

The top three brands, according to the annual report by British PR company WPP, are internet giant Google, which topped the ranking with a value of €259.1 billion, tech firm Apple (€257.9 billion) and online retailer Amazon (€207.6 billion).

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Soaring room prices check out for hotels

SUITE DEAL: Granada saw the biggest hike of 19.7 per cent.

THE average nightly price of hotel rooms in Spain continues to soar, reaching €94 in the first quarter of 2018.

This represents a year-on-year increase of 5.6 per cent, according to the latest Hotel Price Radar report by global hotel solutions provider HRS.

Andalucian city Granada has seen the biggest hike, with prices having shot up by

19.7 per cent, while in Alicante they rose by 8 per cent.

But in Barcelona and the El Arenal neighbourhood of Palma de Mallorca the cost of a room plunged by 1 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively.

Swiss city Zurich remains Europe's priciest destination with an average price of €170 per night, while London is second with €165.

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Banks for nothing**

MORE than half of Spaniards do not understand 'basic financial concepts' including inflation and compound interest rates, with 63 per cent believing that a current account is the best way to save money, according to new Bank of Spain data.

Tax to grind

FORMER Real Madrid president Lorenzo Sanz, 74, will return to court on June 27 after admitting that he defrauded the Spanish tax office out of almost €6 million in unpaid income tax in 2008 and 2009.

Wage fail

THE European Commission has in its 2018 list of recommendations to Spain slammed the widespread overuse of temporary employment contracts, which is 'among the highest in the EU' and 'hinders growth with lower salaries.'

Delayed budget passed

EMBATTLED Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's conservative Popular Party has had its new national budget narrowly passed by Spanish Parliament.

It comes after five Basque nationalist lawmakers made a last-minute U-turn, breaking an earlier vow to withdraw their support while the government remains in control of Cataluña.

The Basque Nationalist Party (PNV) said in a statement it had 'decided, out of a sense of responsibility, to vote yes to the budget,' which will take effect in June after passing through the Senate, where Rajoy's party holds an absolute majority.

Its approval was viewed as a crucial test of strength for the minority government to survive until the next scheduled general election in 2020.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,797.00	17.80	1.00	25,312.43
Associated British Foods	2,715.00	-31.00	-1.13	21,454.37
Admiral Group	1,998.75	21.25	1.07	5,592.25
Ashtead Group	2,330.00	-4.00	-0.17	11,377.58
Antofagasta	1,064.50	10.00	0.95	10,464.87
Aviva	532.00	3.20	0.61	21,399.31
AstraZeneca	5,450.00	-28.00	-0.51	68,751.78
BAE Systems	640.00	-3.20	-0.50	20,611.95
Barclays	204.50	-1.70	-0.82	35,120.04
British American Tobacco	3,851.50	-17.50	-0.45	87,158.81
Barratt Developments	558.00	-2.80	-0.50	5,617.60
Berkeley Group Holdings	4,207.50	-61.50	-1.44	5,638.60
British Land Co	688.00	2.20	0.32	6,669.66
BHP Billiton	1,732.00	36.80	2.17	36,200.91
Bunzl	2,336.50	37.50	1.63	7,642.99
BP	555.00	-0.10	-0.02	112,992.39
Burberry Group	1,987.50	-17.50	-0.87	8,240.11
BT Group	211.10	1.15	0.55	20,156.35
Coca-Cola HBC	2,676.00	3.00	0.11	9,683.67
Carnival	4,915.00	-20.00	-0.41	10,073.15
Centrica	145.05	0.40	0.28	8,107.69
Compass Group	1,585.00	-45.00	-2.76	25,488.37
Croda International	4,747.50	-32.50	-0.68	6,284.64
CRH	2,869.00	132.00	4.82	23,042.40
DCC	7,237.50	0.00	0.00	6,495.36
Diageo	2,749.50	-13.00	-0.47	67,551.48
Direct Line Insurance Group	374.40	1.80	0.48	5,097.13
Evrax	494.10	15.70	3.28	6,883.88
Experian	1,847.50	-12.50	-0.67	17,128.85
easyJet	1,730.00	-1.00	-0.06	6,822.05
Ferguson	5,840.00	24.00	0.41	14,301.64
Fresnillo	1,299.50	2.00	0.15	9,568.56
G4S	274.00	-7.10	-2.53	4,243.61
Glencore	378.50	1.00	0.26	54,323.57
GlaxoSmithKline	1,502.60	2.60	0.17	74,101.90
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,940.25	-29.25	-1.49	9,242.10
Halma	1,366.50	0.00	0.00	5,132.75
HSBC Holdings	734.00	1.20	0.16	146,522.23
International Consoltd Airs Gr	692.50	-8.70	-1.24	13,990.48
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,595.00	-292.00	-5.98	9,243.68
3i Group	985.75	3.95	0.40	9,586.99
Imperial Brands	2,782.00	27.00	0.98	26,332.68
Informa	781.60	-2.13	-0.27	6,272.33
Intertek Group	5,435.00	0.00	0.00	8,634.53
ITV	167.25	-0.70	-0.42	6,692.24
Just Eat	847.00	2.40	0.28	5,750.42
Johnson Matthey	3,507.00	87.00	2.54	6,715.61
Kingfisher	304.00	-3.10	-1.01	6,380.14
Land Securities Group	967.00	15.00	1.58	7,005.31
Legal & General Group	279.50	1.90	0.68	16,577.44

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.25	0.58	0.88	47,412.97
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,574.00	30.00	0.66	15,621.13
Micro Focus International	1,320.00	-29.50	-2.19	5,787.12
Medilnic International	679.10	45.90	7.25	4,538.47
Marks & Spencer Group	307.25	-3.45	-1.11	4,940.91
Mondi	2,100.00	18.00	0.86	7,671.66
Melrose	220.40	-20.40	-8.47	11,337.55
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	246.00	-0.20	-0.08	5,776.60
National Grid	880.00	0.00	0.00	29,530.86
NMC Health	3,613.00	-199.00	-5.22	7,818.59
Next	5,840.00	-22.00	-0.38	8,232.90
Old Mutual Group	218.55	-28.05	-11.37	12,070.51
Paddy Power Betfair	7,850.00	-1,230.00	-13.55	7,496.02
Prudential	1,885.00	-5.50	-0.29	48,478.84
Persimmon	2,850.00	9.00	0.32	8,729.02
Pearson	897.00	-9.80	-1.08	7,035.39
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,002.50	-25.50	-0.42	42,139.73
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	289.00	-0.70	-0.24	34,900.54
Royal Dutch Shell	2,582.50	23.50	0.92	119,433.60
RELX	1,643.50	-1.50	-0.09	17,154.73
Rio Tinto	4,240.00	-23.50	-0.55	56,417.95
Royal Mail	541.20	10.80	2.04	5,454.00
Rolls-Royce Group	857.50	14.10	1.67	15,797.55
Randgold Resources	5,871.00	113.00	1.96	5,469.53
RSA Insurance Group	670.00	6.20	0.93	6,840.26
Rentokil Initial	310.00	-32.10	-9.38	6,258.12
Sainsbury (J)	261.50	-56.40	-17.74	6,996.66
Schroders	3,539.00	169.00	5.01	7,567.23
Sage Group (The)	675.00	-5.60	-0.82	7,261.48
Segro	640.00	-10.00	-1.54	6,496.01
Shire	4,075.25	-58.25	-1.41	37,495.63
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,900.00	-208.00	-6.69	7,115.92
Sky	1,365.50	19.50	1.45	23,120.78
Standard Life Aberdeen	360.00	0.10	0.03	10,636.40
Smith (DS)	547.30	-12.10	-2.16	5,961.45
Smiths Group	1,716.00	-4.00	-0.23	6,775.36
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	530.00	17.00	3.31	7,199.05
Smith & Nephew	1,355.00	-4.00	-0.29	11,779.07
SSE	1,375.00	-46.50	-3.27	14,369.71
Standard Chartered	762.50	11.40	1.52	24,915.44
St James's Place	1,228.75	20.75	1.72	6,402.44
Severn Trent	2,050.00	-38.00	-1.82	4,810.14
Tesco	247.00	1.20	0.49	24,028.32
TUI AG	1,728.50	0.00	0.00	10,155.92
Taylor Wimpey	204.00	1.20	0.59	6,572.66
Unilever	4,175.00	-7.50	-0.18	51,038.41
United Utilities Group	816.00	0.60	0.07	5,415.56
Vodafone Group	195.10	0.06	0.03	51,981.14
WPP Group	1,287.50	10.00	0.78	16,088.31
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APPLE	188,580	+0.23%	0,430	926,896,72
BOEING CO	360,090	+0.30%	1,090	209,874,80
CATERPILLAR	155,850	-1.17%	-1,850	93,286,14
CHEVRON	122,19	-3.49%	-4,42	233,643,52
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,260	-0.71%	-0,310	208,357,61
COCA-COLA	42,40	+0.19%	0,08	180,423,13
DOWDUPONT	65,71	-1.01%	-0,67	152,545,31
EXXON MOBIL	78,71	-1.94%	-1,56	333,499,14
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,6300	+0.21%	0,0300	127,153,35
GOLDMAN SACHS	235,01	-0.46%	-1,09	88,778,86
HOME DEPOT	186,8500	-0.16%	-0,3000	215,643,44
IBM	143,64	-0.30%	-0,43	131,902,87
INTEL CORP	55,4400	+1.26%	0,6900	258,793,92
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	110,6600	-0.51%	-0,5700	377,010,95
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	121,4700	-0.64%	-0,7800	325,854,40
MC DONALD'S CORP	163,2100	+0.50%	0,8200	128,184,14
MERCK AND CO. NEW	59,09	-0.07%	-0,04	159,010,41
MICROSOFT	98,360	+0.05%	0,050	757,505,64
NIKE	72,25	+0.10%	0,07	92,751,58
PFIZER	35,6800	-0.59%	-0,2100	208,741,94
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	74,310	+0.73%	0,540	186,922,75
TRAVELERS CIES	131,03	+0.29%	0,38	35,431,26
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	127,03	-0.29%	-0,37	101,719,56
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	244,95	+0.91%	2,22	235,526,89
VERIZON COMMS	48,52	-0.25%	-0,12	200,603,58
VISA	131,28	-0.46%	-0,61	234,576,89
WAL-MART STORES	82,4600	-0.47%	-0,3900	243,579,48
WALT DISNEY CO	102,2000	+0.09%	0,0900	152,510,35

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CLOSING PRICES MAY 28

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Shoe Carnival, Inc.	\$ 31.80	5.46 ▲ 20.73%
Melinta Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 6.25	0.95 ▲ 17.92%
ArQule, Inc.	\$ 5.15	0.62 ▲ 13.69%
Quality Systems, Inc.	\$ 16.99	1.94 ▲ 12.89%
Zai Lab Limited	\$ 24.69	2.50 ▲ 11.27%
OrthoPediatrics Corp.	\$ 21.53	2.08 ▲ 10.69%
Yangtze River Port and Logistics Limited	\$ 7.6075	0.6975 ▲ 10.09%
Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 5.95	0.525 ▲ 9.68%
Agilysys, Inc.	\$ 13.88	1.22 ▲ 9.64%
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 17.02	1.46 ▲ 9.38%
Aeglea BioTherapeutics, Inc.	\$ 10.62	0.90 ▲ 9.26%
Most Declined		
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	\$ 24.425	4.525 ▼ 15.63%
Universal Stainless & Alloy Products, Inc.	\$ 24.53	3.49 ▼ 12.46%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 7.85	1.01 ▼ 11.40%
Accuray Incorporated	\$ 4.40	0.55 ▼ 11.11%
Legacy Reserves LP	\$ 9.34	1.095 ▼ 10.49%
Affimed N.V.	\$ 2.20	0.25 ▼ 10.20%
Mammoth Energy Services, Inc.	\$ 31.15	2.71 ▼ 8.00%
Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc.	\$ 26.57	2.14 ▼ 7.45%
Vital Therapies, Inc.	\$ 5.70	0.45 ▼ 7.32%
Novelion Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 4.07	0.31 ▼ 7.08%
Mitcham Industries, Inc.	\$ 3.70	0.27 ▼ 6.80%

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Are British police giving up on crime?

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OTHERS THINK IT



WHAT on earth is going on with the British police force?

They continually gripe about being undermanned and ill equipped. They moan about being so weighed down with work they have been forced to downgrade 'risk assessment' of crimes to a ridiculous level and are constantly moaning that they simply 'can't cope' with the latest crime figures. As legitimate as these claims may be, our precious plod does seem to find the time to, dance around maypoles, thread their boots with rainbow laces and appear in a whole host of police reality programmes!

Well, whereas laces and prancing about may not be very time consuming, I can assure you reality programmes most certainly are. There are 11 cop shows running at the moment, from Cops in the Sky to the most recent, which concerns seizing criminal's assets (scraping the barrel comes to mind!).

Well I've done a number of reality programmes (including a few I would rather forget!), and I can assure you they take forever. Every five minutes you see on the screen can take hours to shoot. The retakes alone can be unbelievably time consuming. How can these 'overworked' rushed-off-their-feet officers of the



COP OUT: The BBC's *Traffic Cops* and (inset) a reveller grinds on a police officer during the Notting Hill Carnival.



law possibly find the time to be 'reality stars'?

Another thing these shows are inclined to do is eat into the respect the public should hold for its upholders of law and order. Any aura of mystique or invincibility is stripped away by these programmes, which often show the utter contempt a

small number of individuals have for the upholders of law and order.

With the wide publicity television creates, public order and criminal acts are then copied by other members of toerag society, who would normally be wary of the unknown out-

come their actions could bring.

One of the worst displays of contempt for the law I have ever seen was the disgraceful episode of the man at the Notting Hill Gate carnival who simulated a sex act on a WPC. Instead of arresting him there and then, the officer tried vainly to squirm away from him, looking for all the world like some embarrassed giggling young schoolgirl.

The whole unsavoury incident was captured on camera and received about a million hits on social media. No doubt this creep is still strutting around revelling in his new-found notoriety.

Mind you the fact that he was of ethnic origin meant they were probably too frightened to arrest him anyway (it's a culture thing ennit!?).

No, I'm sorry but respect for the law is obtained by solving crime and putting away the bad guys, not strutting around like jumped up, ego tripping American TV robocops. Let's all get back to the true reality. The fact that glamourising the police doesn't do one iota toward rooting out criminals. Posing on telly and signing autographs simply doesn't hack it. It's time the powers that be put a complete ban on all cop reality shows. Let's restrict their TV appearances to announcements of successful conclusions to crime investigations. Now THAT'S the way to earn respect!

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



Swipe left or right for love

Terence Kennedy deciphers the online dating world for those who dare

A LARGE and hairy friend recently tried his luck with an online dating site. The first time they actually met he discovered that his soulmate lady-friend was an equally large and hairy man.

In a world where online dating now generates an astonishing €3 billion, 20 per cent of people admit they found their life partners online. As perhaps did another 20 per cent, but they're too embarrassed to say so.

Online dating has revolutionised the age-old process of finding a mate. At least in the 40 per cent of the world which doesn't believe in arranged marriages and yes, that statistic surprised me too. But as an Indian marriage broker I once interviewed explained so succinctly: 'Westerners fall in love then marry. We marry and love follows.'

There's a whole raft of jargon which means nothing to those of us whose dating dates back to a bygone era of dance-hall fumbles or simple serendipity.



FINDING LOVE: 'There's an app for that'.

'Swiping left or right,' for instance, will strike a chord with pretty much everyone below 40: it's the hallowed process of initially accepting or rejecting a potential mate in hugely-popular dating apps like Tinder, Grindr or Bumble. Tinder is the world's biggest dating app boasting 20 billion matches,

Grindr is geared largely towards gay and bisexual men, and Bumble is female-focused, 'where women make the first move.' So there.

Dating agencies have actually thrived in the West since the 1960s, but with more singles in the world now than ever before, it took the evolution of social media to

rocket it ever upwards.

It's not without its pitfalls, and not just the risk of falling for another large and hairy man. Apparently 53 per cent of users lie in their online dating profiles, more men are searching than women, and the desirability of female candidates peaks at the age of 26 where men peak at 48.

A fifth of women surveyed on one site confessed to using (much!) younger photos of themselves, and two-fifths of men admitted to lying about their jobs.

And yes, let's not beat about the bush, so to speak: lots of folks use online dating sites to find casual sex. A third of those women surveyed actually did the deed on their first online dating encounter.

I particularly relish what happened to one of the earliest online dating founders, a couple who laboured together long and hard to set up their site and then staged a trial run of the new system. It matched her with someone else, and she left him.

Love actually

NEARLY one-fifth of older internet users surveyed (60+) said they have looked for love online. Love. Lust doesn't count.

There are some do's and don'ts for those who haven't yet dabbled online. To list a few:

Be precise. Use good grammar. Don't boast. Keep the fibs to a minimum. Use a recent photo. Only give a mobile number. Tell someone where you are on first dates, and for heaven's sake stay off your phone during the actual encounter to avoid the impression that you're looking for someone better.

Be very, very aware of those euphemisms lurking in even the most attractive profiles.

'Forty-ish' probably means 49, 'fun' means annoying, 'outgoing' could well be loud and embarrassing, and 'emotionally secure' means medication is involved.

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Playing with fire a crackling tradition

LETTERS FROM CANARIES

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Advertising Feature

I WAS sitting in my office calmly discussing the collection of community management fees, the next thing I know I am embroiled in an International Art Fraud of massive proportions. It is strange how events take on a life of their own!

It all started last August when I was approached by an eminent art gallery in London, knowing we did a lot of work in Spain, seeking help to recover either payment of €500,000 give or take a few or, better still, could we recover various works of art sitting in a southern Spain art gallery - no names mentioned.

Of course visions of a fabulous fee crossed my eyes until I started to uncover a web of fraudulent art sales across northern and eastern Europe, Scandinavia and USA.

Works of art were being sold at least three times each, fraudulently certificated, payment arranged and the art never delivered. The perpetrators, living the life of luxury in eastern Europe, Scandinavia and Spain, in particular, seeming to sell magnificent sculpture at knock down prices.

As this soon became a matter for the international police authorities it was a shame that I could not use my skill of collection to gain a fee.

No excuse to not pay community fees

It did however reinforce my experience of how easy it can sometimes be to relieve people of their hard earned money if it looks like a bargain can be had. It is no coincidence that the old adage that 'if it looks too good to be true - it is too good to be true' is so true.

I suppose it still does not help our communities collect overdue fees easily from those still stubbornly refusing to pay, for whatever reason, but it certainly was an interesting diversion from the usual arguments for non-payment. It did strengthen my resolve to reach compromises, settlements and the like from our usual suspects, even if only to make up the now non-existent fee I was getting starry eyed about from the London gallery.

In fact my stubbornness paid off this week, when a reluctant owner tried to use the new General Data



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Protection Regulation (GDPR) as an excuse, stating that the Community could not pass any private in-

formation to any third party without his permission. In fact he smugly warned the Administrator and LPL that we would all be committing a criminal offence in so doing. I soon educated him as to the interpretation of the regulation which certainly is not a charter for anyone to abrogate their responsibilities for payment.

More unfortunately it does highlight the fact that there are still some owners on communities that want to find any excuse not to pay their fees, but still feel comfortable enjoying the benefits and facilities offered by the Community.

Worse still the debt has built up over many years because of the reluctance by the Community to do anything about it. As time goes by addresses change, finances change and many debtors can become complacent and even bullish in re-

fusing to pay, looking for any excuse to try and support their position.

If it is helpful to anyone the GDPR states various reasons why third parties can use information if in the public interest, in the exercise of official authority, legitimate interests of those authorised to hold the data, so long as it does not infringe the rights or protection of the subject and/or lawful exemption.

In other words: so long as there is proven and legitimate reasons for a third party to use information there will not be a problem. As long as the third party proves that they are compliant within the various statutes and authorisations - LPL, as an example, being FCA authorised and regulated.

As usual there is tremendous hype that surrounds any new piece of legislation whether coming out of Europe or from the UK. It will settle down, but there is no reason for any awkward customer to use the GDPR as a legitimate excuse for non payment... debtors beware!

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Shall we Split from being told how to think?



**TV COUCH
CRITIC**

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

DID you catch the final episode of BBC1's drama *The Split* on Tuesday night? To summarise, Nicola Walker played Hannah Stern, a London-based divorce lawyer wanting to break the money hungry image of her contemporaries and practise with decency and honesty... haven't we been here before?

If you remember the cliché breakfast, power jacket and too high heels of episode one, you are probably a bigger fan than most, but there were some brilliantly written pieces too, Stephen Tompkinson and Meera Syal splitting for example.

Writer Abi Morgan did try and cover some challenging topics, the football ace and the glamour model who argued over a pre-nup, but for me the 'this is mid-week TV' language got in the way. I apologise in advance for what comes next, but



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CONTROVERSIAL: *The Battle for Britain's Heroes*.

would anyone actually describe a pre-nup as something written by the head for when the heart has forgotten that it once loved - you are a glamour model love, ditch the bloke in shorts, shove the pre-nup down his socks and go find a guy who wants to be with you for better or worse.

The series ended with a run of events most of us could see coming a mile away and a wedding. Not sure about a second series, maybe move it to Sunday and stop playing it safe?

Maybe Hannah could hook up with the footballer and show him ex-

actly where that pre-nup should be shoved or maybe we should just accept that Tuesday, Wednesday and half of Thursday's TV is safe, lovely and wrapped up in a nice cup of tea and an iced bun?

Sticking with Tuesday's TV, if you want to make your blood boil search

out Channel 4's *The Battle for Britain's Heroes*, which aired on Tuesday this week. Afua Hirsch is our guide for this troll back through Britain's history to find fault. Afua is a writer and journalist. If you have heard of her (I hadn't) she recently had a spat with Piers Morgan about her own, personal views, about Winston Churchill. If there was ever a good way to publicise your own show Afua, a

here, but suggesting Churchill, Nelson and others should not be celebrated as British heroes probably crosses a line for most of us. You can see the show on Channel 4 Catch Up, but please have some rosehip tea somewhere close if you do.

Looking ahead, *ITV Racing Live* has coverage of The Derby from Epsom on Saturday afternoon. It's a classic.

I want to close with two look backs; firstly, Cornelia Frances died this week in Australia. Best known for her part in *Home & Away*, this Liver Bird also had parts in *Sons & Daughters*, *The Young Doctors* and was the host of the Aussie version of *The Weakest Link*. Thanks Cornelia.

Second, if you made it through the final *Peter Kay's Car Share* BBC1 Sunday, without crying, well done.

A little bit like Benidorm I can't quite believe the show has finished. Unlike Benidorm, *Car Share* can still command an audience in the millions, brilliant work Peter and Sian.

Happy Viewing.



NOT SMITTEN: *The Split*.

spat with Piers will do just nicely.

Now, I'm risking people saying I'm swaying into Leapy territory

Good luck with it all!

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHEN Twitter recently asked me to update my terms of service, I did what any responsible grumpy old git would do - I accepted the new terms without reading them so I could get back to the next hand of poker. But when Facebook, Ryanair, Uber, PayPal, Linea Directa and basically every company I had an app for, or that I did stuff with, all started notifying me, with similar urgent language, I began to grow suspicious. And I wasn't alone.

My Mrs expressed her annoyance, and I am sure I am not the only one that wants to know: WHY? While a call for better data protection, in the light of Cambridge Analytica, is a good, albeit naïve guess (did you really think any sites would fix their shady practices THAT quickly?), the answer traces back to a decision made two years ago by the European Union.

In April 2016, after four years of debate, the European Parliament voted to approve a law called 'General Data Protection Regulation.' The law went into effect on May 25, 2018, hence why you've been flooded with notifications. Organisations that are non-compliant risk fines of up to 4 per cent of their annual

global turnover, or up to €20 million.

All of the reforms going into effect are designed to help us punters gain a greater level of control over our data, while offering more transparency through data collection. Here in layman's terms are a few that caught my eye:

1. Obtaining consent - the terms of consent must be clear. This means they can't stuff your terms and conditions with complex language designed to confuse their users. Consent must be easily given and freely withdrawn at any time.

2. Timely Breach Notification - if a security breach occurs, they have 72 hours to report the data breach to both their customers and any data controllers if their company is large enough to require a GDPR data controller. Failure to report breaches within this timeframe will lead to fines.

3. Right to be Forgotten - also known as the right to data deletion, once the original purpose or use of their customer's data has been realised, their customers have the right to request that they totally erase their personal data.

OK, so by now you have got bored with reading all this stuff as I have and will just sign it all anyway. Oh and by the way, included in all this you will be giving all your email suppliers - AOL, Yahoo, Gmail etc permission to read all your emails! Good luck with it all!

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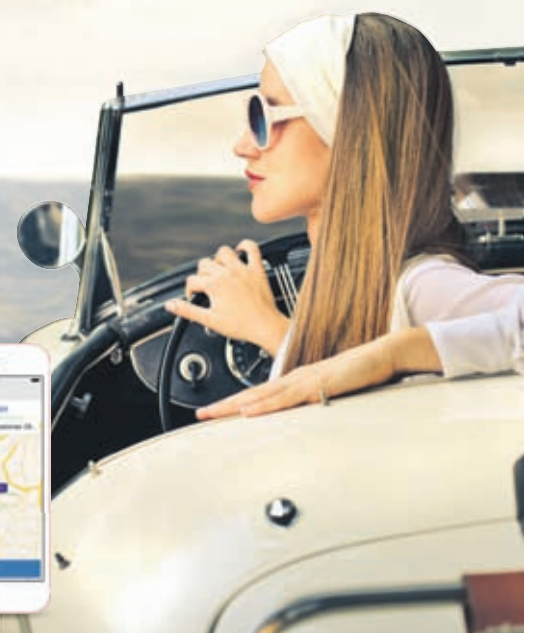
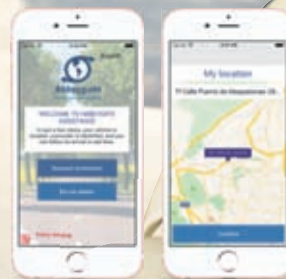
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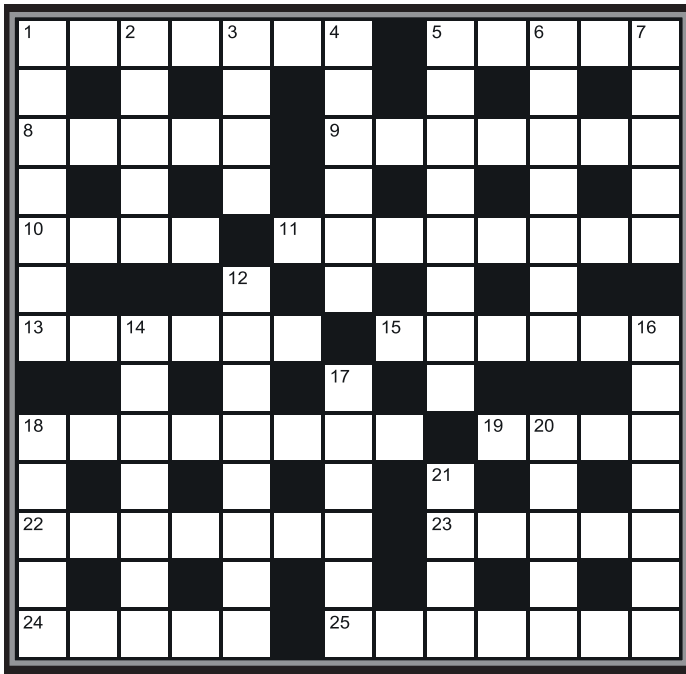
Cryptic

Across

- 1 More than one knave travels another way (7)
- 5 Brew some magic up pal (5)
- 8 Took a picture that included an animal (5)
- 9 A bird has swallowed her cigar (7)
- 10 The Spanish girl grows trees (4)
- 11 Unequalled lord? Not so much (8)
- 13 Discover star, zany jungle character (6)
- 15 Magnificent bird leaves US sporting occasion (6)
- 18 Players on holiday get shipwrecked (8)
- 19 Stir up dust in horse farm (4)
- 22 Regan gets a couple of rings about Herb (7)
- 23 Stand up for a wage increase (5)
- 24 Saltpetre is awfully inert (5)
- 25 Dicky sent son some poems (7)

Down

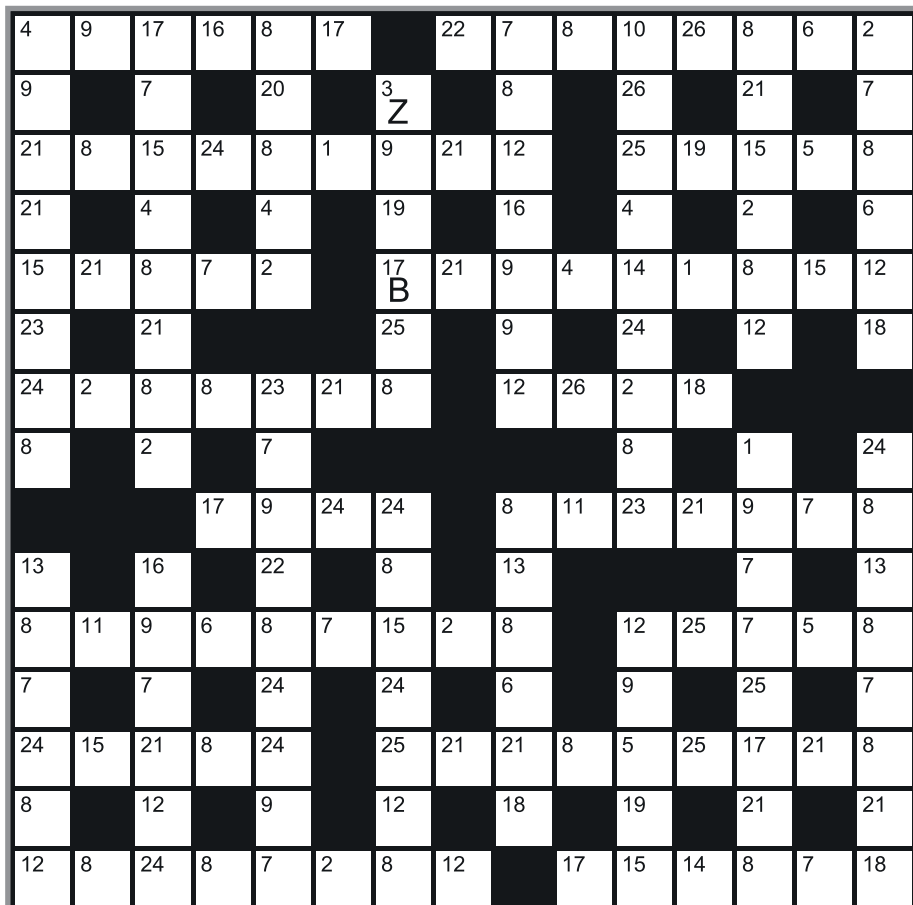
- 1 Extremely forceful, possibly not evil (7)
- 2 Kingdom in actual miles (5)
- 3 Correct some submitted items (4)
- 4 Football clubs' score is wrong (6)
- 5 Get rid of listening equipment concealed in sock (5,3)
- 6 Peer got alternative charge (7)
- 7 Singers in a special Tosca



- production (5)
- 12 Shell motor at full speed (8)
- 14 Admire characters in wire spectacles (7)
- 16 Persistently annoys burrowing creatures (7)
- 17 Celebrated fine morning round American (6)
- 18 Bird with new or old coin (5)
- 20 Commonplace tea ceremony (5)
- 21 Give notice of conflict over new leader (4)

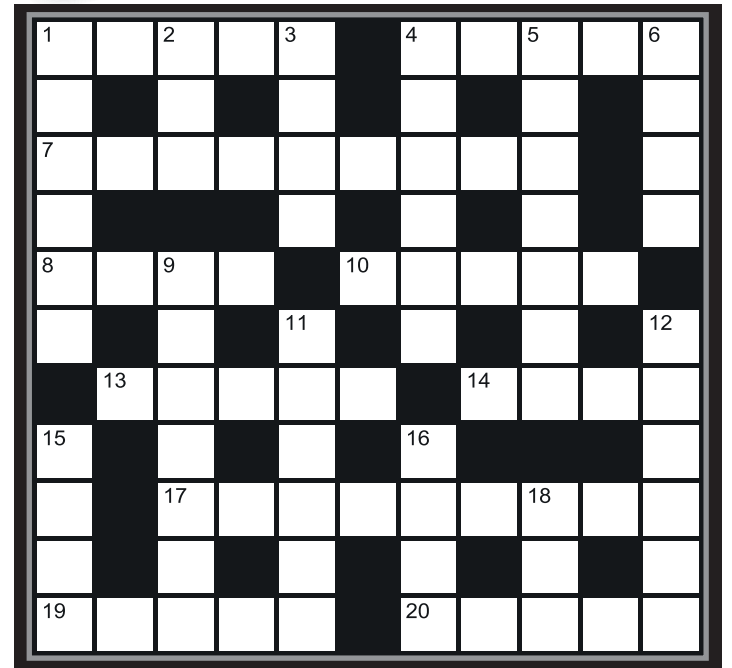
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 3 represents Z and 17 represents B, so fill in Z every time the figure 3 appears and B every time the figure 17 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

- 1 Teetotal (5)
- 4 Reject with contempt (5)
- 7 Stately (9)
- 8 Design on metal, glass, etc by eating out the lines with an acid (4)
- 10 Uninterested because of frequent exposure or indulgence (5)
- 13 Enthusiastic (5)
- 14 Capital of Norway (4)
- 17 Exactly alike (9)
- 19 Sugary (5)
- 20 Small and of little importance (5)

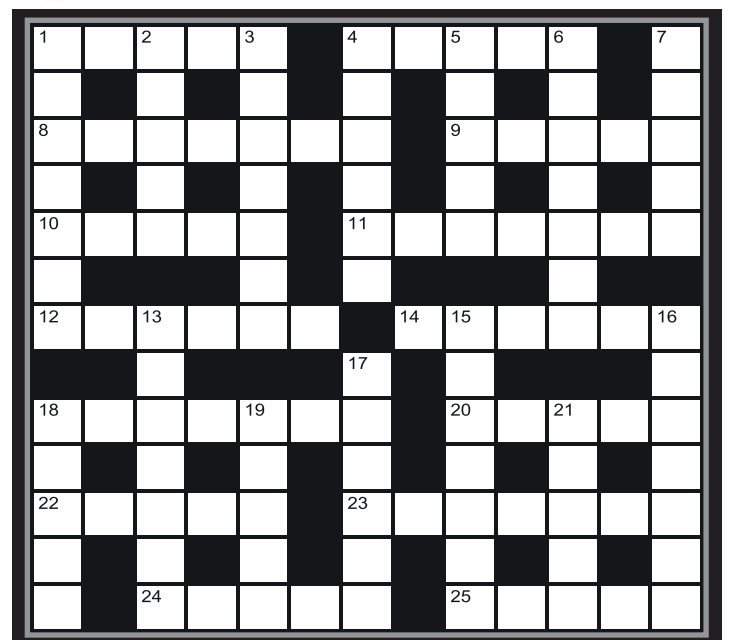
Down

- 1 Wet through and through (6)

- 2/18 Lion or tiger for example (3,3)
- 3 Irrecoverable state of devastation and destruction (4)
- 4 Any member of a ship's crew (6)
- 5 Disrobe (7)
- 6 To or at no great distance (4)
- 9 Wine cup used in the Christian Eucharist (7)
- 11 Win a victory over (6)
- 12 Rapid simultaneous discharge of firearms (6)
- 15 Utter obscenities or profanities (4)
- 16 Bring to a standstill (4)
- 18 See 2

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Cuerdas (gruesas) (5)
- 4 Cap (hat) (5)
- 8 Advantage (7)
- 9 Afilado (5)
- 10 Fright (sudden fear) (5)
- 11 Alguien (7)
- 12 Detener (6)
- 14 Penknife (6)
- 18 Kiosk (7)
- 20 Ascenso (5)
- 22 Choose (5)
- 23 Platillos (para tazas) (7)
- 24 Jungle (5)
- 25 Support (backing) (5)

Down

- 1 Magazine (journal) (7)
- 2 Pineapples (5)
- 3 Estaciones (partes del año) (7)
- 4 To record (6)
- 5 Oxidado (5)
- 6 Poppy (7)
- 7 Pañal (5)
- 13 Pasas (7)
- 15 Width (7)
- 16 Bush (shrub) (7)
- 17 Poetry (6)
- 18 Reina (5)
- 19 Robar (5)
- 21 Unharméd (5)

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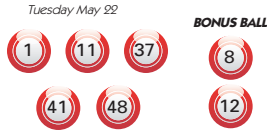
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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

You are in a romantic mood but something is missing from the picture. It's not that you're feeling the need to have more than one string to your bow, it is more that you are tired of using the same old arrows. So, what is out there to fire your imagination? Something really new will not miss the mark with you.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Someone who has been unhelpful in the past suddenly steps forward. Could you have been wrong about them? Probably not. Keep a clear mind when with them. Saturn influences you to be more organised before a bout of indecision strikes.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

This is a brilliant week for money and business. Mars is influencing you to be more up-front and practical in your approach. You may feel changes coming on that you would rather deny. Burying your head in the sand is not an option. Take the bull by the horns and you could be surprised at your success.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

The influence of Venus and Jupiter brings you the influence and status that you deserve. It's not that you haven't worked towards it but now you start to see the benefits. There is an urge to improve your appearance and surroundings to fit in with the 'new you'.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

You will see the lighter side of life this week when you discover that someone is holding a torch for you. You are flattered and vaguely interested. Your combination of intelligence and humour make you a delightful companion.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

During the past few weeks you may have gained a different perspective on life. Your need for a close attachment and harmony in your life should not be underestimated or denied in the name of practicality.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

There is much to be tackled this week, but you are wary of making full-on decisions. Taking things one step at a time is the best policy because it gives you space to consider the options. There is a restlessness about you that is hard to pinpoint. Perhaps you are feeling positive but have to hold fire because of others.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

To be truly happy you need to build on your partnerships. Keep these in balance and everything else will fall into place. Life has taught you some rather harsh lessons recently. The upshot of that is you now feel more in control and more secure.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Energy levels go up and down and you seek to ration yours by not going all-out physically. It is still possible to be quite dynamic while planning. Indeed, your clear vision impresses a colleague. If you are due for promotion then some good news is likely. Blow your own trumpet rather than wait for others to do it for you.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

There is an all-consuming need to see some reward for all your efforts. There will be those who will tell you that you need to push harder for success. Perhaps you need to be with more like-minded people. Certainly being with the wrong colleagues can bring your spirits down.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

The changes affecting you for the past few weeks continue but you are now getting better at managing their direction. Someone wanting you to take a logical action should not be allowed to push you forward. When to act will be clear to you.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

When needed you are sure to be positive this week. On a project, 'striking while the iron is hot' springs to mind. There is much fun to hand but it must be 'work first' at the moment. Some opportunities do not come twice and you need to be aware of them when they present themselves. Spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



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

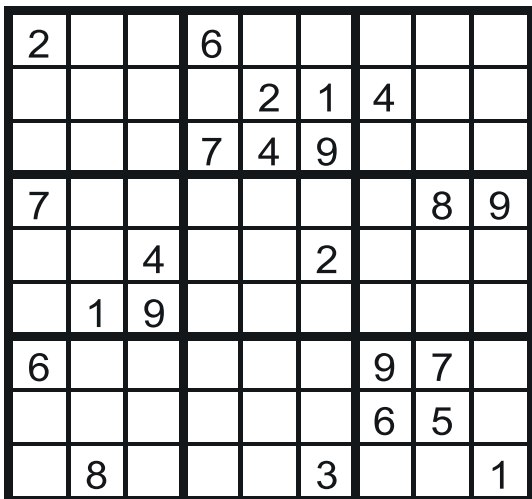
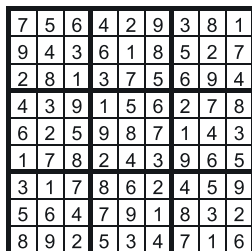
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Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- Nada más, 5 Press, 8 Nouns, 9 Repetir, 10 Catorce, 11 Sonar, 12 Contra, 14 Onions, 17 Atrás, 19 Arrears, 21 Afeitar, 22 Necks, 24 Apodo, 25 Amapola.

Down:

- Nun, 2 Doubt, 3 Mostrar, 4 Screen, 5 Pipes, 6 Estanco, 7 Surprises, 10 Cucharada, 13 Noruego, 15 Naranja, 16 Patria, 18 Sitio, 20 Ancho, 23 Sea.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- Chorizo, 5 Guess, 8 Thief, 9 Desires, 10 Fielder, 11 Olive, 12 Arable, 14 Spared, 17 Goats, 19 Coaster, 21 Avarice, 22 Stall, 24 Stale, 25 Tidiest.

Down:

- Cut, 2 Opine, 3 Infidel, 4 Orders, 5 Gusto, 6 Earlier, 7 Suspender, 10 Franglais, 13 Alabama, 15 Praised, 16 Accent, 18 Smiter, 20 Trade, 23 Let.

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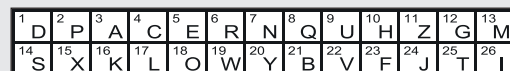
Across:

- Atlas, 3 Tepid, 6/18 Air gun, 8 Lenient, 9 Octet, 10 Bees, 13 Dank, 14 Begin, 17 Ominous, 19 Sweet, 20 Soggy.

Down:

- Ajar, 2 Silver, 3 Tank, 4 Preceding, 5 Detest, 7 Reconcile, 11 Odious, 12 Versus, 15 Colt, 16 Envoy.

CODE BREAKER



KAKURO



QUIZ: KEEPING IT SIMPLE

- According to the famous children's nursery rhyme, 'Simple Simon went a-fishing for to catch a...' what?
- Charles III, also known as Charles the Simple or Charles the Straightforward, a member of the Carolingian dynasty, was the king of which country from 898 until 922?
- 'Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated' is a famous quote by which Chinese philosopher?
- Name any two of Simply Red's four UK Top Five hit singles?
- Released in March 2001, Pure and Simple was the debut single for which band put together in the first ITV Popstars series?
- Released in October 1991, Simply the Best was the first greatest hits compilation by which famous American singer?
- 'Simple's is a catchphrase that has been used in an advertising campaign since 2009 for which price comparison website?

- SMTP is an internet standard for electronic mail (email) transmission. What does SMTP stand for?
- The current line-up of which Scottish rock band, formed in Glasgow in 1977, is Jim Kerr, Charlie Burchill, Ged Grimes, Sarah Brown, Gordy Goude, Cherisse Osei and Catherine AD?
- Which American brothers wrote, edited, produced and directed the 1984 American neo-noir crime film Blood Simple?

Not a lot of people know that... Fort Simple was an American fort built in Topeka, Kansas, as a result of Major General Sterling Price's Missouri Raid in the late summer and autumn of 1864. Topeka had become the permanent capital of the State of Kansas in 1861, but no fortifications had been built to protect the city from guerrilla bands that roamed eastern Kansas.

Answers:

- WHALE
- WEST FRANCIA (accept FRANCE) he was also King of Lotharingia from 911 until 919-23
- CONFUCIUS
- Any two from: HOLDING BACK THE YEARS, IF YOU DON'T KNOW ME BY NOW (1988), FAIRGROUND (1985) and ANGEL (1986)
- HEAR SAY
- TINA TURNER
- COMPARE THE MARKET (accept COMPARE THE MARKET)
- SIMPLE MAIL TRANSFER
- PROTOCOL
- SIMPLE MINDS
- JOEL AND ETHAN COEN (COEN BROTHERS)

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Death in Benidorm may be due to Man of War

ON Monday May 21 my friends and I were sitting on Levante Beach, Benidorm when we noticed an incident.

An elderly man was brought ashore where lifeguards started to perform CPR, they worked so hard to save him for approximately 40 minutes, even after the ambulances arrived, but sadly it turned out to be in vain as he was eventually pronounced dead.

My heart went out to his wife who was present at the time. The Spanish lady was comforted by fellow bathers and eventually escorted from the beach with the female doctor who had arrived to tend to her husband.

I don't know if the man got in trouble whilst swimming in the water or had a heart attack but the coincidence was that we briefly left the beach to take refreshments after such a sad scene and on our return the red flag and the white one underneath it showing a jellyfish symbol were being flown.

We spoke to one of the lifeguards and everybody had been told to stay out of the water as jelly

Estepona flowers put Marbella into the shade

I MUST congratulate the mayor of Estepona Jose Maria Garcia for putting on an amazing array of flowers and plants when entering the town from every direction and in the town.

Together with all the sculptures and pedestrian streets with pots of geranium plants and beautiful promenade, the town has been transformed to a real alternative tourist spot to Marbella.

This has also encouraged a large amount of outside investment benefiting the town tremendously.

I think the current mayor of Marbella Angeles Muñoz should take a visit to Estepona to see what has happened and maybe she should



Credit: Turista Inglesa Wikimedia

ESTEPONA: Garden of the Costa del Sol.

invest similar funds to her town which is beginning to look a bit shabby.

Paul Wilkinson, Nueva Andalucia, Marbella

fish had been spotted.

Whether or not this was just coincidence or it had something to do with the man's death I don't know.

Robert Sanders, Benidorm

Good point

DEAR Leapy, I read your latest article with interest.

One thing that never seems to get a mention is that Ramadan generally starts just before GCSE exams start. Hardly fair on pupils is it, to be sent to school on an empty stomach and be expected to produce your best in an exam.

As far as I know the Catholic Church does not expect youngsters (or pensioners, come to that) to fast during Lent. Just a thought.

Keep up the good work.

Valerie, Spain

Lucky escape

AT approximately 5pm on Monday May 21 a motorcyclist lost control and crashed along the road, close to the Mascarat Dental Clinic. Fortunately, next door to the dental clinic is the Altea Medical Centre which opened in May of last year.

Two of the nurses who were on duty in the clinic, rushed to the scene to assess and give emergency treatment to the rider. He was very badly injured and needed oxygen which was proved by the medical team.

The police arrived within a short time in order to close the road and secure the area. When the 112 ambulance arrived, the paramedics praised the Altea Medical Centre for saving the rider's life.

If it were not for the fast thinking nurses responding so efficiently and rapidly, and the fact that the accident took place directly outside the Centre, the final result could have been much worse.

Barry White, Altea

Not forgotten

LEAPY, just a quick email after reading your latest tale in EWN. I wanted to tell you that you may have gone but are certainly NOT forgotten. I was listening to the Ken Bruce Show on the radio and one of the questions was... what kind of arrows did Leapy Lee sing about. Strangely I was reading your article at the time. Keeping the faith.

Stew, Kent

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Thousands call for an end to bullfighting

Anyone who says "it's part of Spanish culture" should understand that slavery was part of Western culture for centuries, it doesn't make it morally acceptable.

Ian Grant

Not allowing women to vote, cock fighting, badger baiting, slavery etc etc were all part of various cultures over time, but it was no reason to keep them. Killing bulls for fun and entertainment needs to be banned.

Darren Leighton

Ryanair tops list of cheapest airlines

Yes always found it the cheapest! But alas also the most affected airline by French air strikes!!!!!! Been caught out three times!!!!!!

Pam Jeffs

Regularly fly with them to Alicante and some of the high season flights are Hen/Stag party vomit fests that make you sorry to be alive. I want to hate Ryanair but they do exactly what you'd expect for that price point. Look at it as a coach trip, have low expectations and be surprised when they

Comments from EWN online

meet the dizzying heights of barely adequate.

Martin Dwyer

Marbella to vote on laws banning rowdy tourists

Yep. Fine them! Nothing wrong with getting merry and having a good time... however drunks trashing the streets at 4am and waking up the locals is something else. Everyone likes a drink, nobody likes a drunk...

Zara Mária

The police need to be more present to give out the fines. I saw a shirtless Brit male on Friday being refused entry into El Corte Ingles. He made a fool of himself by standing up on a wall and started jeering and shouting in at the security man.

Yvonne Kennedy Kinch

Bikini clad tourist lands in Mallorca airport

If it's an instant fine for walking the streets in Magaluf and Palma in beach gear, why allow it at the airport!! Put him back on the plane!

Steve Pugh

Send him home Spain and the Islands don't need this sort of tourist.

Trisha Rodgers

Flight attendant breaks into dance

Could do with more entertainment on flights, brilliant.

Susan Eaton

Great to see a bit of humour and 'non robotic' customer service! Watch this space, his boss will see it and start charging passengers for it!!

Steve Cracknell

He was happy that there were no loud drunken Brits on board?

Trish Martin

Looking fabulous

IF your green eyes clash with your new hair colour and outfit for the weekend, don't fret!

The thought may never have crossed your mind - or your eyes - before, but you can buy coloured contact lenses to make sure that all colours work in harmony from top to toe.

Coloured contact lenses which have no prescription are known as cosmetic lenses and they come in many different colours and styles. Before you choose which pair to go for, have a think about what the event is and what look you want to achieve.

If you are simply seeking a subtle tone difference you can opt for a lens which complements the natural colour of your eyes. With such lenses, you can transform from a dark blue to a light blue, or from brown to hazel.

For a more dramatic transformation, go for opaque coloured lenses. These will hide your natural eye colour and give you the freedom to go wild and really draw attention to yourself. These fancy dress contact lenses will mean you can sparkle with rainbow eyes for pride or create the vampire look for a fancy dress party.

Remember that you need to look after both the lenses and your eyes. Even if you go for biweekly or monthly lenses, they must still be removed and disinfected on a daily basis.

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Making your face light up

THE great thing about makeup highlighters is that you can look radiant and glow without it seeming as though you've any make-up on at all.

To begin with, imagine a line running from the middle of your ear towards your lips and another running from the top of your ear to the outer corner of your eye. You will apply the highlighter between these two invisible lines. Simply take a make-up brush and sweep the highlighting powder on before blending this in.

Then disguise any complexion or dark circles under your eyes by gently working into your skin an illuminating concealer. Follow this by blending some highlighter just under your eyebrows to achieve defined, bold eyebrows.

If you want your nose to look slightly slimmer then add a subtle highlight down its bridge, putting some extra on the tip of your nose to give it an instant lift.

These subtle additions can be complemented with some



RADIANT: Subtly lift the features of your face by applying a make-up highlighter.

gentle eyeliner and a lip gloss to gently lift the whole face.

Remember, this advice is not one-size-fits-all. Some people prefer a more subtle ra-

diant look, whilst others more stronger dominant features across the face. Only you will know the techniques which suit you best.

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**Eat Well
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by Andrew Harding



Thai green chicken curry



THIS week another Thai dish, for the purists among you this is my recipe and not a traditional Thai one.

I do have some issues with people who want their food as authentic as possible, because authenticity is not always as it would appear.

To give two examples, chilli peppers originated in Central America so should not feature in Indian, Thai and other Oriental cooking, but they do. You cannot get much more British than Fish and Chips, but the potatoes only became a worldwide staple after the Spanish conquered Peru in 1536.

The Spanish brought them to Europe after the conquest and their popularity grew after that. They became such a staple in Ireland, the Great Potato Famine of the 1840's killed one million people, a further million emigrated. Italian purists complain about pineapple on pizza, probably due to the fact it comes out of a tin, not because of its Brazilian origins. Personally, I think it is an abomination, but if someone wants to

put pineapple on their pizza and not mine, why should I be concerned?

Fusion food is a relatively new phenomenon and I don't have a problem with it either, provided it tastes and looks good. Certain combinations of ingredients should, in my view, be avoided. Olive oil has no place in any cuisine other than Southern European, but it can be used in Mexican at a push.

A couple of weeks ago my column contained a recipe for Thai Red Chicken Curry this week it is for:

Thai green chicken curry with coriander

Serves 4

- 1 tin coconut milk
- 1 bunch coriander leaves, whole and washed
- 2 whole onions, chopped

- 6 whole garlic cloves, chopped
- 3 whole chicken breast halves without skin, cubed
- 2 tablespoons oil; vegetable, sunflower or rapeseed NOT olive

- 1 packet Thai Green Curry Paste
- 2 chicken stock cubes, crumbled
- 1 whole aubergine, cubed
- 3 whole green pepper, chopped
- Red chilli peppers, optional
- Root ginger, optional
- 1 teaspoon sesame seed oil

1. Blend coconut milk with the coriander and put to one side.

2. Fry onions, garlic and chicken in the oil for two or three minutes until chicken sealed on all sides.

3. Add curry paste, fry for two more minutes and pour in the coconut milk/coriander mix.

4. Bring to a gentle simmer and add the stock cubes, aubergine, red and green peppers.

Add the optional finely chopped ginger and chilli peppers to taste.

Simmer for 15 minutes until the aubergine is soft, add sesame seed oil.

6. Serve with rice or noodles.

Tip: A repetition of similar hints from the Thai Red Chicken Curry Recipe but use red chillis not too finely chopped to make identification and removal easier for those who do not like hot

curries.

Tip: Avoid touching eyes after slicing chillis or ideally wear rubber gloves.

Opera season continues

AS part of the opera and ballet season at the Teatre Principal de Palma, there will be three performances of Norma by the Italian composer, Vincenzo Bellini.

This is a tragedy in the true sense of opera and combines elements of traditional Greek tragedy, the Celtic cult of nature and the remorse of Shakespeare's Lady Macbeth.

It is a stark yet monumental production which benefits from additional audio visual projections and specially designed costumes.

The cast is made up by a number of well-respected singers, supported by members



NORMA: A scene from this dramatic opera.

of the choir of the Teatro Principal whilst the music will be played by the Orquestra Simfonica Illes Balears under the direction of Andres Salado.

The opera will be presented

next Wednesday and Friday (June 8) at 8pm and June 10 at 6pm with tickets available from the theatre box office costing from €10 to €65 or online at www.teatreprincipal.com.

More than mash on offer

THE town of Sa Pobla is celebrating its famous potato harvest at the annual night potato fair this Friday and Saturday.

Much-prized across Mallorca as well as Germany, Holland and Sweden, the humble tuber is celebrated in the town and there will be

90 different potato-based dishes on offer in bars, cafes and restaurants taking part in the festival. There will be a cooking demonstration by chef, Miquel Calent, music and all of the shops in the area will stay open later than usual.

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Apace in the sun!

Brits lead surge in foreign buyers

By Matt Ford

BRITISH buyers have shrugged off Brexit fears to lead a new surge of property sales to foreigners in Spain. It comes as the first quarter of 2018 saw the most deals completed since 2014.

New data from the national Land Registry shows that sales shot up by 13.4 per cent from January to the end of March, with revenue rising to the highest quarterly total since late 2008.

And the number of overseas buyers rocketed by 13.2 per cent, according to the latest report by Spanish property registrars. British shoppers headed the ranking

as they accounted for 14 per cent of foreign sales, with German and French nationals each representing 8 per cent.

Belgians were responsible for 7 per cent of overseas purchases, Swedes and Italians 6 per cent, Chinese 4 per cent and Russians 3 per cent.

Demand from Bulgaria increased the most after sales soared by 16 per cent, with Morocco and the Ukraine also demonstrating sharp growth.

But the number of buyers from Switzerland plummeted by 15 per cent, and those from France 10 per cent. Mark Stucklin of Spanish Property Insight said that the Swiss plunge is not

significant since the country only serves up around 150 sales per quarter.

"A small change in buyer numbers can deliver a high percentage change and we can't read too much into one quarterly decline, though generally speaking sales are about 10 per cent down from 2016 when the Swiss Franc was incredibly strong against the Euro," he added.

But he believes the French nosedive could be of importance and blames the Catalan independence crisis for the slump.

"France has traditionally been the second biggest market, and a decline of 10 per

cent is noteworthy," he said. "I suspect the answer has something to do with the constitutional crisis in Catalonia, a Spanish region that borders with France, where the French have long been the biggest group of foreign buyers, with 43 per cent of the foreign market for second homes, according to the Association of Spanish Notaries."

The expert does not expect British expatriate strongholds to be affected, though, with the outlook generally positive since the figures do not map out where foreign buyers are concentrated.

"It is likely that all regions have seen an increase in buyers from abroad, with the possible exception of Cataluña," he concluded.

ON THE SPEND: The first quarter of 2018 was the busiest in a decade for overseas sales.





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Pushing the boat out

NO MAN'S FORT is the largest of the three up for sale with a price tag of €5.7 million. It houses 22 rooms and suites which can sleep up to 44 guests and there is room for more than 200 people for events.

It also features its own onsite pub, the Lord Nelson, as well as a cabaret club, roof top fire pits and several tunnels currently used to play laser tag. Owners Solent Forts said it was Britain's most secluded alternative venue.

"With floor to ceiling windows for an unrivalled panoramic view of the fierce beauty and dramatic seascape, this really is the venue that pushes the boat out," they said.



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PILLOWS IN A POD: The jaw-dropping design.

Hotel of the future

SPAIN is in the running to be the location for "the world's most futuristic looking hotel."

Its modular design will feature 42 multi-floored suites in 19-metre-tall luxury triangular pods.

Canada's WSP group engineers are working on the spaceship-like Tetra hotel with design pioneers from Innovation Imperative architecture group.

WSP has also worked on London's highest skyscraper - the Shard - and



Chelsea's Stamford bridge stadium.

The Canadian firm hopes for the space-age structures to be located in geographically stunning locations in keeping with their sustainable, carbon-neutral compositions.

Sites in Cape Verde, Norway, Canada, New Zealand, Portugal, Andorra, Hungary and the UK are also competing for the other-worldly hotel.



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RARE CHANCE: The one-time President's getaway is up for grabs.

Presidential living

A PROPERTY which belonged to ex-president of the Spanish government is now on sale for €13 million.

The villa, built in 1997, is located in the Son Vida neighbourhood of Mallorca. The then president - Adolfo Suarez, who died in 2014 - used the retreat for holidaying until it was sold in 2000.

The buyer totally refurbished the house before selling it to the current owner.

It has eight bedrooms, one of which was Suarez's mega private suite boasting its own living space, two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Several wings divide the ground floor which links the different living rooms, library, dining room, kitchen, serviced apartment and two garages.

A central patio sits at the centre of the hexagonal house.

And the pool area is surrounded by Mediterranean gardens.

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Bugs begin to bite before summer

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NOW is the time to take precautions to protect the garden's ecology.

It is always wonderful to garden in spring, but before the start of summer the bugs begin to bite.

The garden paradise you created starts to look a bit frayed. Aphids proliferate and suck on the sap of your flower buds, snails seek out plants in the garden that you water, wasps become active to make venturing into the garden a risk, caterpillars munch on the leaves of your prized plants, bugs snip off your valued seedlings at ground level, it can all become a bit disappointing after the lush healthy growth in early spring.

Yet this is a part of the garden's ecology. Not all bugs and insects are detrimental, so do not go rushing off to find the insecticide to



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NATURAL CONTROL: Lunch is served for the helpful ladybird.

rid the garden of bugs. It may do more harm than good. Part of the ecology of a garden is that insects like aphids proliferate, but this is followed by ladybirds and other beneficial insects also

increasing in number to obtain a natural control of the pests.

Many insecticides will kill the beneficial insects resulting in the need to constantly use insecticides to keep pest

insects under control.

The best approach is to use mild natural methods locally to control the pests. Insects, such as aphids, can be eliminated where they present a problem on your

favourite plants. Simply spraying water can dislodge aphids, but add soap or make a garlic spray and you can rid your plants completely with minimal cost or danger to yourself or the environment as they are not toxic.

This method will minimise damage to the beneficial insects as you can just eliminate the aphids on the plants you wish to protect and let nature take care of the ones on other plants.

Wasps form part of the ecology to control many other insects such as caterpillars and beetle larvae and also play a part in the pollination of many plants. That they sting makes them a danger, so managing them to reduce their danger is important.

Lures to specifically trap wasps are very useful to eliminate them in places where there are too many without harming the other beneficial insects.

The approach to eliminate all of the insects everywhere in a garden is well-known to adversely affect the ecology and bring about more plagues of damaging insects and deficiencies of beneficial insects that ultimately is more of a problem.

Much as we may be afraid of many pests, it is best to learn about their function in a garden. I use the approach to control pests only on the most important plants using non-toxic methods.

I let caterpillars of butterflies feed on plants so that I have the beauty of butterflies in the garden. I do this even with my roses, as the caterpillars are only there for a short season and the plants recover well.

Overall the garden benefits. It can be worth the sacrifice of some plants not always looking perfect if the garden has a healthier natural ecology.

YOU may think that you're doing your bit for the environment, but if you haven't yet adopted the Three R's strategy into your household waste routine, then take heed to the following three steps of advice.

The first step to reduce your waste has two parts. Firstly, only buy items that create the least amount of waste. For example, buy fewer plastic-wrapped products

and chose larger versions rather than small multi-packs.

The second part of this step is to physically reduce the waste produced. Compact down your waste simply by standing on it. This also means you'll have less bin runs to do as your bin will fill up less quickly.

Reuse your goods or products, either for the same use or for something imaginative and different. For example, you can reuse your water bottle to store water for your plants. Also, get into the habit of using a shopping cart or use a bag-for-life.

For your waste to be recycled it is essential that you

separate your different waste products. Use different bins or boxes to hold your plastic, paper, glass, organic and non-organic waste, for example. Then simply drop these into

the appropriate waste disposal container on the street. And don't forget to always appropriately dispose of other items such as batteries, vegetable oils and electronic devices.

Reduce, reuse and recycle



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Divorce and your dog

DIVORCE is a sad fact of life. These human problems can cause stress to dogs. A dog is a social animal bonded to a family routine and a way of life. It relies on us for its mental, physical and emotional welfare.

When it comes to difficulties in relationships, the family pet is often the last to be considered. Couples shouting and arguing with each other will affect the dog (and also the cat). Our blacker moods and tantrums can create nervous behaviour in dogs.

If I am called to a home where there is a dog howling, barking, being destructive, digging, house soiling or showing any signs of anxiety-related behaviour, where it is apparent that the dog has an inability to cope with life, I always ask if there has been a death, separation or a divorce.

Any of these could have



triggered the problems which are a typical expression of canine anxiety. Another extreme behaviour pattern is for a dog to go to the bottom of the garden, as far away from the home as possible. It could stay close to walls. This often happens when a dog's instinct tells it that it is dying. In the wild, dogs leave their packs

and go away to die.

If there is no known medical problem and a separation has taken place, then these behaviour patterns can also be considered an expression of extreme canine anxiety.

Dogs are creatures of habit, functioning to our timetable of wake-up, meals, play, bed, etc. When faced

with the upheaval that accompanies divorce, some dogs find it harder to accept a change of routine than others. This is especially so for the older dog, which more often than not may go rapidly downhill.

We have made the dog into a social animal. It is also a sensitive and silent watcher,

TORN: Dogs can become stressed as a result of family strife.

able to pick up our vibes, react to changes in its schedule or environment or changes in atmosphere caused by arguments within the family.

Marching out in anger and slamming doors will cause stress in a dog. The dog hears the shouting and feels the aggression and this can be frightening. Some owners

aware of this will put their dog outside the room when they argue.

This can be another form of punishment for the dog. Sometimes a dog can have a positive influence. Divorce can cause behavioural changes in a child, from bursts of angry rebellion to periods of deep brooding silence. Dogs play a beneficial role, since a child can make the dog his best friend to be hugged, to be cried with, and to be told any secret, knowing his best friend will neither pass judgement nor tell anyone.

When a couple separate or divorce, my advice is to keep the children and dog (or dogs) together. Sharing a dog between two households rarely works, as this causes stress to the couple, the child and the dog. It is the couple's responsibility to decide what is best for it now.

Fox sake

VEGANISM is the practice of abstaining from consuming some or all animal products. Many vegans extend the philosophy to other areas of their lives, including imposing the di-

et on their own pets.

This issue came to a head recently with the publication of pictures of an emaciated looking pet, by an apparent animal rights activist in Barcelona. But

what does it mean to impose a vegan diet on an animal, and is it a healthy choice for the animal?

Owners of vegan pets insist that this diet is particularly suited to animals that suffer from certain allergies, diseases and pathologies, such as digestive and cardiovascular problems, obesity, leishmania (in dogs) and the prevention of crystals (in cats).

However, critics of the pet diet state that for many pets the meat aspect of their diet is crucial to their well-being. They argue that pets should eat what they eat in the natural world and make the point that some pets, such as cats, will have problems digesting plants and processing non-meat substitutes, actually causing them health problems.

The jury still seems to be out on this. What is clear however is that you are responsible to care for and nourish your pet to ensure that it is - and appears - healthy and happy. If you can't do this, maybe keeping pets isn't for you.



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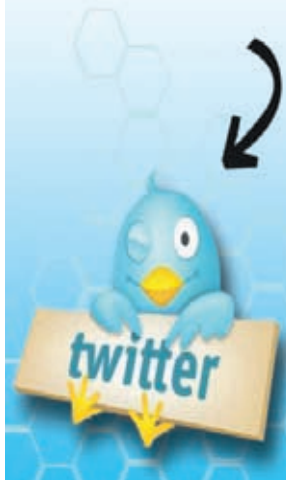
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Spain disappoints in Volvo Ocean Race

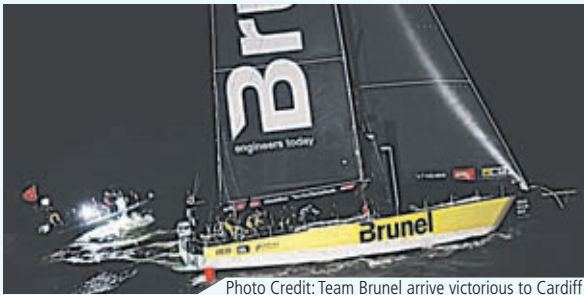


Photo Credit: Team Brunel arrive victorious to Cardiff

OCEAN RACE: Visits the UK for the first time.

THE eight-day race from Newport to Cardiff on Leg 9 finished last Tuesday with Brunel Sailing taking first place.

This was the first time that the Volvo Ocean Race had visited the UK in 12 years and with double points on offer, Brunel found themselves jumping into third place.

The Spanish MAPFRE team which has been in the

lead from the very start finished in a disappointing fifth place which meant that the Dongfeng team which came in fourth managed to take the overall lead by just one point.

With Dongfeng on 60, MAPFRE on 59 and Team Brunel on 57, it seems likely that those three will be battling for the overall title with just two more legs to go.

'Romantic' small cruiser docks

ONE of the world's most luxurious small cruisers will dock in Almeria tomorrow, Friday.

Winstar cruises' MS Star Pride will arrive at the Almeria's Levante quay after its voyage from Palma de Mallorca, according to the Bahia Almeriport foundation.

It will stay for 12 hours before continuing its journey to Malaga.

The vessel which flies the Bahamas flag makes voyagers feel like true sailors, the



Photo Credit: Facebook/Windstar Cruising

ELEGANT: the MS Star Pride glides through the sea.

foundation said.

The 212-passenger boat has an essence of spectacular 'romanticism' and sports an elegant but informal atmosphere, according to Bahia Almeriport.

New 50 metre motor yacht launched

by John Smith

LAST Saturday 300 invited guests witnessed the launch of the 50-metre Mega Yacht M/Y Blake as it slid down the slipway at the Viareggio shipyard.

Manufacturer, Benetti was proud to announce the 11th slipway launch since 1999, the longest GRP hull and aluminium superstructure yacht ever built by the company and the shipyard is the only one in Italy equipped to handle this type of launch ceremony, for superyachts over 40 metres in length.

As well as local dignitaries, customers, employees and friends who were invited to the ceremony, a large crowd of curi-

ous onlookers enjoyed the spectacle as the vessel splashed into the water from the specially constructed slipway.

M/Y Blake has a distinctive interior layout, featuring exceptional livability, designed in partnership with London-based firm, Bannenberg and Rowell Design.

Her remarkable habitability, impressive range (4,000 nautical miles at 11 knots) and low level of noise and vibration make the yacht ideal for spending long periods on board in total comfort.

The guest area on the lower deck occupies a surface area of 310 square metres and offers four cabins. In addition, the lounge on the upper deck can be transformed into another



Credit: Benetti/Sculati

LAUNCHED: The M/Y Blake as it hit the water for the first time.

VIP cabin.

The sun deck has a large area for socialising and the spacious owner's apartment is forward on the main deck.

The stern garage can house a 6.3-metre tender, while in the bow there are two jet skis and a rescue boat compartment. The

aft swim platform is a beach club with a stern door that opens up to form a spacious terrace at water level.

The two Caterpillar C32 Acert engines each produce 1,193 kW, delivering a cruising speed of about 14 knots and a top speed of 15.5 knots.

Dead in the water

IN last week's edition of *Euro Weekly News* (1716), it was reported that a missing boat owner had been found by the Algerian coastguard, but the story has now taken a bizarre twist.

A number of searches took place by air and sea for the owner of the yacht, *Virgin of the Sea II*, after he had been reported missing by his family.

His safe discovery was welcomed

and he then proceeded to sail back towards Mallorcan waters but when a yacht was reported as drifting in the waters between Ibiza and Mallorca, officers from the Guardia Civil where astonished to determine that it was the same vessel that had previously gone missing.

When they boarded the drifting yacht, they discovered the naked body of the owner who had died

from a heavy blow to the head and towed the yacht to the nearest port so that an autopsy could be carried out.

At this stage, the authorities do not know whether this was an accident caused by a fall, possibly after being struck by the boom or if foul play was involved.

Whilst the results of the autopsy are awaited, officers are investigating the situation.

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The heaviest ever car is the Rolls-Royce Phantom Limelight, weighing in at an incredible 6,052 lbs.

MINI proves that it pays to share

MINI is launching a new app called MINI Sharing, where owners can give friends and family permission to open and start their car via a smartphone.

As part of a pilot project in Madrid, this personal form of car sharing is now being tested under everyday conditions.

The peer-to-peer sharing

trial is designed for a fleet of up to 500 vehicles, and owners of current MINI models produced since March 2018 will be invited to participate.

Vehicles will be equipped or retrofitted with a MINI Sharing Module, enabling access and the starting of the engine via a smartphone.

The trial will be an important marker to establish

whether the scheme can be rolled out globally by BMW Group, as part of its digital mobility services strategy.

With its increased commitment to the D-ACES (Design, Autonomous, Connected, Electrified and Services) topics, the company is playing a leading role in innovation.

Sebastian Mackensen, MI-



Credit: www.mini.es

SMART MOVE: MINI hopes to roll out the sharing model worldwide.

NI senior vice president, said:

"With MINI Sharing, we enable our customers in Spain to participate in the sharing economy. This new technology fits perfectly with our desirable cars and our innovative customer demographic."

The initiative allows the vehicle owner to share their

MINI with up to 10 people of their choosing, with availability highlighted in the app's inbuilt calendar function.

Guest drivers can use the app to make a reservation request and after the owner has given their consent, the location and directions to the vehicle are displayed on their phone.

Using a Bluetooth connection, the smartphone then becomes the car key, opening doors and starting the engine.

The MINI Sharing App records all the travel data required for billing, and drivers can transfer payments to the owner via PayPal based on a flat rate of €0.30 per kilometre.

ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

Kia Stonic

IT is hard to think of a better blend of power and practicality than the Audi Avant RS4, a sporty estate model which can transport a chest of drawers while showing you what G-force you are experiencing!

Elegantly styled and beautifully built, the Avant RS4 can lay claim to being the best estate car in its class, embracing everyday domestic or business

use with near-supercar performance.

The RS4's heart is a superb 2.9-litre six-cylinder petrol unit with twin turbochargers delivering a hefty 444hp. The 0-100kph time is just 4.1 seconds, top speed limited to 250kph (155mph). Fuel economy is 11.3kpl (32.1mpg) combined and emissions 200g/km.

Power delivery is via a smooth eight-speed tiptronic gearbox, with permanent



KIA STONIC: Nippy performance, accurate steering and agile manners.

four-wheel drive.

The RS4 Avant is laden with too much equipment to even shortlist, and prices start at €70,573 (£62,175). There are plenty of options too - my test model included larger alloy wheels, leather interior with heated front and rear seats, carbon inlays, upgraded technology features including a G-force indicator and a Dynamic Package which boosts top speed to 174 mph. All that took the price to €79,233 (£69,810).

The exterior of the Avant RS4 has subtle styling which still shows enough potent as-

pects to ensure its performance pedigree is evident - the vast air intakes and huge twin exhaust outlets for instance.

Underway, it feels eagerly fast and flexible, with a sporty undertone to refined urban driving and relaxing motorway cruising. Handling is beyond reproach, well-planted on twisty roads yet in city driving modes quiet and docile.

The premium cabin is superbly crafted with controls thoughtfully designed and located. Seating five adults with ease, the Avant has one of the

largest boots in the sector, 505 litres, and with seats folded offers 1,500 litres of space. The tailgate is powered and has a low lip for easy loading.

This Audi has rivals, most notably from other German marques, but the RS 4 Avant's blend of blistering power and practicality, plus Audi's indefinable ultra-cool image puts it at the head of the pack.

Model tested is UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



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ENGLAND'S Justin Rose claimed his ninth PGA Tour title with a three-shot win at the Fort Worth Invitational, in Texas. He carded a six under-par closing round of 64 to finish with a 20 under total.

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Champions League Final

Bale shows Real class

GARETH BALE scored one of European football's great goals as Real Madrid beat Liverpool 3-1 to win their third successive Champions League title.

Jurgen Klopp's side suffered a huge blow with only half an hour played, as star player Mohamed Salah collided with Sergio Ramos and got his arm caught underneath him as they fell to ground.

The incident led to Salah being stretchered off with a dislocated shoulder and he is now a doubt for the World Cup with Egypt.

Liverpool keeper Loris Karius endured a game from one of his worst nightmares, gifting Karim Benzema the opening goal shortly after half time with a rushed pass out of hand.

The Reds recovered from the calamity to equalise through Sadio Mane, before Bale came off the bench to



Credit: GarethBale11/Twitter

WONDER STRIKE: Gareth Bale's stunning goal set up Real Madrid's win.

score a spectacular overhead kick and put Real 2-1 up after 64 minutes.

There was to be no comeback from a shell-shocked Liverpool this time, and Karius' misery was complete when he fumbled Bale's spec-

ulative 30-yard shot into the net in what should have been a routine save.

The result sealed Real's record 13th win in the competition, and their fourth in five seasons to give coach Zinedine Zidane his third triumph

in three years.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has now lost his third successive final since arriving at Anfield, having suffered defeats in the League Cup and Europa League finals of 2016.

French Open Tennis

Norrie aims for slam

CAMERON NORRIE has gone into his first French Open full of confidence after breaking into the world's top 100 rankings.

The 22-year-old Briton reached the semi-finals of this week's Lyon Open, beating world number 10 and second seed John Isner along the way.

"I am at Roland Garros for the first time since the juniors and it was a little overwhelming just to see all the people there," said Norrie.

"It was completely packed and that's before the matches

start. It's a great feeling to be around here."

Norrie reached the last four in Lyon without dropping a set but could not get past Gilles Simon, who was then edged out by Dominic Thiem in the final.

The British number three turned professional only 12

months ago after skipping his final year of studies in Texas, and was a Wimbledon wildcard last year.

However, this will be the first time that Norrie's ranking has earned him an automatic place at a major, and he showed good potential on the surface in the

Davis Cup in February.

Norrie and Davis Cup teammate Kyle Edmund combined to win their first doubles title at the Estoril Open in Portugal earlier this month.

"I think I have the game, the attitude and professionalism to get to the top," said Norrie.



Credit: BritishTennis/Twitter

ON THE RISE: Cameron Norrie is a bright prospect for British tennis.

Transfer rumours

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

Manchester United are ready to make a €228 million move for Real Madrid's Gareth Bale, after the player's anger at not starting the Champions League final. (*Independent*)

Liverpool are to step up their search for a new goalkeeper with Roma's Brazil international Alisson and Jan Oblak of Atletico Madrid and Slovenia, among the main targets. (*Sun*)

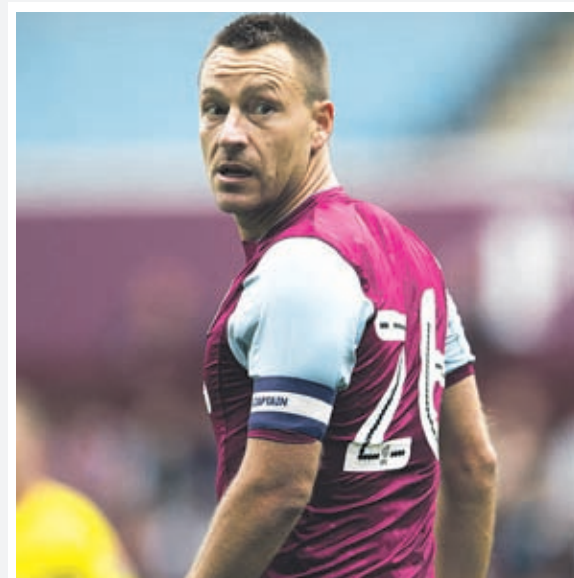
Barcelona are eyeing up a deal for Sevilla and France defender Clement Lenglet, who would provide back up for both Gerard Pique and Samuel Umtiti. (*Daily Mail*)

Brighton have agreed a deal to sign Deportivo La Coruna striker Florin Andone for an undisclosed fee on a five-year contract. (*BBC*)

Manchester City are ready to bid for Kylian Mbappe if financial fair play sanctions force Paris St-Germain to call off the permanent signing of the 19-year-old loanee from Monaco. (*Times*)

Chelsea might need to double their €4 million salary offer if they want ex-Napoli boss Maurizio Sarri to replace fellow Italian Antonio Conte as manager at Stamford Bridge. (*BBC*)

Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has advised Florentino Perez not to bring Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois to the Bernabeu, and will continue to back Keylor Navas. (*Caught Offside*)



GONE TERRY: John is to leave Aston Villa.

Aston Villa defender John Terry, 37, will leave the club this summer after Steve Bruce's side lost Saturday's Championship play-off final. (*Telegraph*)

Lionel Messi has given his approval for Barcelona to move for Ajax youngster Justin Kluivert, if they fail to land Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann. (*Sky Sports*)

Former **Arsenal** boss Arsene Wenger is considering a return to Japan to resume his managerial career. (*Daily Mail*)

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