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Tensions rise

Sex workers spark outrage

by Joe Gerrard

HOLIDAYMAKERS and locals in Magaluf have continued to see tensions increase in the area popular with tourists following the arrest of five British expatriates in connection with anti-prostitution protests.

Demonstrations there come as reports in British and Spanish media this week have featured stories alleging pick pocketing from sex workers and members of the gangs who control them.

Bodies representing hotels and other tourist businesses have also said they fear the image of the destination is being tarnished by the rise in crime.

Local authorities have called for more to be done to tackle such issues including increasing police numbers.



CREDIT: Twitter

Reports in the press have highlighted accounts of tourists being targeted in pick pocketing attempts and muggings.

The claims, based on sources within bars and nightclubs in Magaluf, centre on African women trafficked into Mallorca and forced to work as prostitutes to

pay off gangs by the thousands.

Bar owners told British media they feared the area may become

too dangerous for tourists due to the rise in gang activity.

A woman working as a prostitute told the press they were not there to fight with tourists and residents and they did not want to cause problems.

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SPAIN'S environmental health board has warned of the 'very high' risk of a cockroach plague after an unusually wet spring set up perfect conditions to trigger an insect breeding explosion in the summer heat.

In a fizz

US soft drinks giant Coca Cola has moved to quash claims that its most iconic fizzy pop brand was invented in a rural Valencian village, insisting in a statement 'this Spanish story comes up every few years.'

Gig picture

A LANDMARK Spanish unfair dismissal case has ruled that a driver for online food delivery company Deliveroo should not have been treated as a self-employed contractor, with a Valencia judge concluding 'there exists an employment relationship between the two parties.'

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH gangster who went on the run through Spain has taunted investigators by shooting a video guide showing how to flee the country.

Convicted drug dealer Sam Walker, 35, who has racked up more than 100 crimes, is wanted after skipping a court appearance for driving without a licence.

His rap list includes jail terms for offences ranging from possession of counterfeit cash to threatening police officers, while he once hit the headlines over alleged threats to Chelsea footballer Ross Barkley.

He was previously a member of a mob selling heroin and crack cocaine in his native Liverpool.

And he has now reached Sierra Leone in West Africa after clocking up more than 7,000 kilometres on his epic escape from justice.

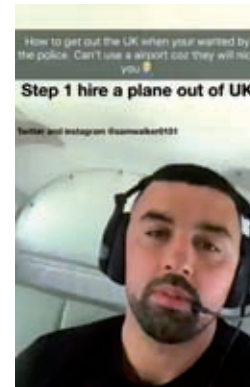
He posted a clip shortly after arriving to capital Freetown, where he claims to have met the country's Vice President Mohammed Juldeh Jalloh, in which he said: "Better luck trying to catch me when I

'Step one, hire a plane'

Gangster posts guide on how to flee UK



CON THE RUN: Sam Walker fled more than 7,000 kilometres to Sierra Leone.



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go out of the country next time, Merseyside Police."

A police official later pointed out that he is in fact wanted by detectives in Cheshire.

The footage is titled 'How to get out of UK when your [sic] wanted by police. Can't use an airport coz they will nick you.'

It shows Walker flying to Belgium in a private plane before taking a 'little 14-hour boat trip' to Morocco, between which he is believed to have flown to Portugal and

hitch-hiked through southern Spain.

He then embarks on a three-day drive across the Sahara Desert, Mauritania and Senegal before taking another boat to Freetown from Guinea.

Walker claims to be in Sierra Leone, where his grandfather was born, to help distribute charity donations sent from the UK.

He insisted: "I was in a Catch-22. I had to fulfil my promise to the people in the

slums, knowing full well that when am caught I will get the maximum sentence of four months in jail plus two months for missing my court date.

"But to me the people were more important. The court date could wait. Sometimes in life you have to do the wrong thing in the eyes of the law in order to do the right thing."

He also claims to have spent thousands on installing fresh water pipes in the city's slums after seeing "men, women and children dying."

He added: "I have not just woke up and changed overnight. I am still the same person and still do what I do."

"I know when I come back to the UK I will be arrested at the airport and put straight in jail."

"I can deal with that knowing that I have fulfilled my promise to the people in the slums by giving them a container full of toys, clothes and food and given them fresh, clean water so no man, woman or child ever has to risk their lives by drinking dirty sewage water again."

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MES demands Madrid money

THE MES per Mallorca party is demanding €6.2 million from the national government for damages to property caused by floods in late 2016 and early 2017. Bel Busquets, MES official and vice-president of the government said the Balearics and especially Mallorca, hit worst by the storm, have been 'abandoned' by Madrid.

Double death

THE mother of a man arrested for the events surrounding the death of a 13-year-old girl in Vilanova I la Geltru has died from a heart attack after spending several days hospitalised in a serious condition. And on Wednesday an autopsy confirmed the girl had died from asphyxiation, media reports.

Risque moves

POLICE are investigating after a video went viral on Facebook showing women dancing provocatively on top of a car boot on Palma's maritime road. The infraction will be handed to the driver who committed a swathe of road traffic crimes including driving while people were sat on his vehicle, according to media.

Jail attacks

MALLORCA'S prison had the joint highest rate of assaults on staff in the country last year, alongside a Sevilla psychiatric ward, according to government statistics. There were 305 assaults in total nationally with 92 in Andalucia, making it the worst region in the country for assaults, not all of which caused injury.

'Gun' mugger

AN 18-year-old has been arrested on suspicion of mugging an underaged victim using a fake pistol for intimidation, according to a police statement. The suspect has been charged for intimidated robbery for the events which happened during the Manacor spring festival when the victim walked along the Antoni Maura way.

Exit planned

MILITANTS from Mallorca's separatist left have met to draw up a road map for the islands' independence from Spain. The separatists have agreed to meet on July 7 to definitively approve the document and its amendments which outlines the exit strategy to be followed in the coming years, media reports.

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 17



Adios, PM!

OUSTED: Former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy in Spanish parliament.

SOCIALIST leader Pedro Sanchez is Spain's new Prime Minister after Mariano Rajoy was kicked out of office. It comes in the wake of a landmark no-confidence vote after Rajoy's conservative People's Party was found guilty of accepting kickbacks in exchange for lucrative public contracts. Madrid's highest criminal court convicted 29 officials over their involvement in the scandal, with former treasurer Luis Barcenas jailed for 33 years and fined €44 million. And the fallout - which saw the credibility of Rajoy's own testimony in the enquiry disputed - proved one scandal too far for the leader once dubbed the great survivor of Spanish politics. He had been in office since 2011 and weathered a string of corruption probes, but was unable to withstand political anger after opposition parties united to seal his fate. After the vote, Rajoy, 63, approached 46-year-old Sanchez in the parliamentary chamber and shook the incoming leader's hand. "It has been an honour to be the prime minister of Spain," he earlier told MPs. "It has been an honour to leave a better Spain than the one I found. I hope that my successor will be able to say the same when his time comes." See page 16.

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€3.2m island sold

MENORCA'S Colom island has been sold for €3.2 million after negotiations with multiple property owners were successful.

Spain's Merulo Investments bagged the islet after a prolonged bidding battle with a French businessman also after the land, according to media.

A total of 16 land holders were eventually persuaded by the Spanish firm's offer which also allows them continued use of the haven until October this year.

Colom had been on sale for three

decades and its market price peaked at €5.2 million in 2016 compared to this year's €3.71 million ticket price.

Illa den Colom, in Catalan, is 200 metres off the northeast coast of Menorca and features two beautiful beaches.

It forms a part of the Albufera des Grau natural park which limits reforms which can be made.

The sellers inherited the enclave from Antonio Roca Varez who bought it in 1904 for 7,850 pesetas.

Rapper in Belgium

A MUSICIAN from Mallorca who fled Spain after being given a deadline to enter prison is in Belgium, his lawyer has said.

Josep Miguel Arenas, also known as Valtonlyc, is reportedly set to hand himself over to authorities in the country.

Spain issued national and international arrest warrants for the artist after he failed to enter prison voluntarily before May 24.

Arenas was previously found

guilty of slandering the monarchy and glorifying terrorism in his song lyrics. He failed to get the three and a half year prison sentenced overturned in an appeal.

Gonzalo Boye, the rapper's lawyer, told a Spanish news programme he believed Belgian authorities would not approve his extradition back to his home country.

The rapper's legal team have also lodged an appeal with the European Court of Human Rights.

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STONE IMMACULATE:
 Rob Macdonald at work in Barcelona and (inset) an impression of the final sculpture.

Carved in stone

A BRITISH expatriate artist has been commissioned to create a memorial to remember heroes of Spain's civil war.

At least 45 men from across the world were killed when their ship, the Ciudad de Barcelona, was torpedoed by a submarine off the Catalan coast.

They were among 300 International Brigadistas on their way to join the Republican fight against General Franco's fascist Nationalist army.

More than 120 of the soldiers were pulled from the sea by fishermen from the nearby town of Malgrat de Mar, but many sank with the vessel.

Witnesses said that they sang left-wing anthem The Internationale as they went down, while at least 23 others were later killed in the war.

"It was late afternoon," Welsh survivor Alun Menai Williams, who wrote the book 'From the Rhondda to the Ebro,' told UK media. "I was leaning on the ship's rail taking in my first view of Spain and its shoreline, some one and a half miles in the distance, when there came one hell of an almighty bang. "The ship shook, tried to get airborne, before settling down at a crazy angle."

American Jack Freeman added: "It was a pretty

dirty business... some fellows were killed while they were asleep, some were trapped below decks."

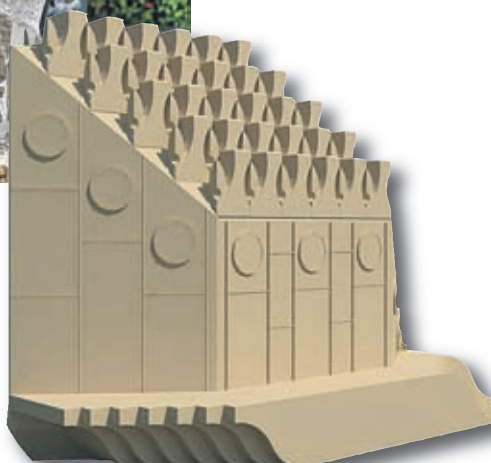
General Franco banned talk of the attack in its aftermath, but Robert Macdonald, originally from Rugby, Warwickshire, has decided to sculpt a monument in their honour.

The Barcelona-based stonemason is carving Solidarity Park from locally-sourced limestone, which when complete will include 60 half-metre tall figures representing the brigadistas set atop an abstract ship and stone map of the world.

Macdonald says the figures symbolise "the unity of the struggle of the Brigadiers, but each will have individual carved features thus expressing the diversity of us all."

He hopes the project - a collaboration with students, historians, local people and the families and friends of the fallen - will encourage people to consider the treatment of foreigners, immigrants and refugees.

More than €13,500 of the €20,000 estimated cost has already been raised by crowdfunding, with the final work to be displayed in a Malgrat de Mar park.



POLL OF THE WEEK

Do you think Spain will be better off under its new government?

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STREET TALK

Taking no bull

THOUSANDS protested against celebrations involving bulls in Madrid last week after shocking footage of a suffering animal emerged online. But what do holidaymakers and residents think about Spain's controversial tradition?

Andy Maddocks, 54, from Bournemouth

"Civilised people shouldn't kill things for fun. It's just cruel, the animal suffers. It should be banned."

Shaun Cahill, 84, lives in Spain, returns to Dublin every six weeks to 'cut the lawn'

"Yes, it needs to be banned. It is a blood-thirsty sport, the Spanish people have moved on. Let's not forget the Spanish have the best football in the world to get their hit. In bull-fighting people take their anger out on nature, instead of on other humans in a competitive setting."

"People need aggression. That is why we have Gaelic football in Ireland. On the whole, the Spanish are huge animal lovers. Everyone's got a dog here!"

Domingo Ramirez Mora, 62, from Malaga

"It should not be banned! Bull-fighting is an art and a national celebration. To those who think it is cruel, I would say there is a lot of cruelty in the world which goes unspoken. So why focus it all on bull-fighting? And for me, it isn't cruel anyway."

Eric and Jenny Ankers, both 67, on holiday from Cornwall with grandchildren

"It is not something I can support. What

gets me is that the bull-fighters play with the animal. It's not nice. At least in the famous Pamplona bull-running festival the creatures get their own back! It is a rich man's hobby anyway, it is not cheap to keep the bulls. They are brought up on big farms with dedicated cowboy-type trainers." Wife Jenny said: "It is their heritage - it is up to them! But I do think the Spanish are coming around to the modern way of thinking."

Jean Simpson, 74, on holiday from Edinburgh

It should be banned, 100 per cent! I went to a bull-fight in Torremolinos once, because of the tradition. The animal is kept in the dark before being released into the ring where it is blinded by the sunlight and stabbed to death by men who then call themselves brave!

The bull has no chance. But how to stop it? Change takes so long to happen in this world!

And don't get me started on the Pam-

plona bull runs. You wouldn't jump in the sea and play with the sharks, would you? So why do it with bulls? Just ridiculous."

John, 84, Jean's husband

"The women only go because they fancy the brave and handsome 'toreros.' They are quite brave though!"

Those bulls like killing humans, otherwise there would be no spectacle and it would be a total disaster! I prefer the way it's done in Portugal really. The bull's horns are wrapped up, a group of men jump on it, count to 10, jump off and run for their lives, much fairer!"



MATA-GLORY: Domingo.



BIT OF BULLY: Eric and Jenny.



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What a cock-up

SHE'S among the most beautiful actresses in the world. But Spanish star Penelope Cruz, 44, set jaws dropping for a different reason after her smutty slip-up on Italian TV went viral on social media.

Chatting about her cooking skills and culinary speciality at a charity event, the actress mispronounced 'cacio,' the Italian for cheese as 'cazzo,' a slang word for penis.

HARD VIEWING:
Penelope Cruz.

Oaten about

SHE'S the ex-Emmerdale star who recently found herself at the centre of a love triangle.

But Gemma Oaten, 34, appeared carefree as she put on a racy display with her new squeeze, actor Stuart Earp, 30, on a beach in Salou, near Barcelona.

The pair met while starring together in a pantomime version of the Wizard of Oz, and got together while he was allegedly engaged to another woman.

Kerryann Clive, 23, said at the time that she only dumped him after pictures emerged of her boyfriend together with the soap star.

But after fiercely denying the claims, the

Hull-born beauty sizzled after slipping into a colourful bikini as she frolicked in the shallows.

She later donned a coral red cover-up dress as the love birds wrapped their arms around each other.

Gemma was previously living with film producer Scott Walker but they split after a year together.

PANTO-MINE:
Gemma Oaten.

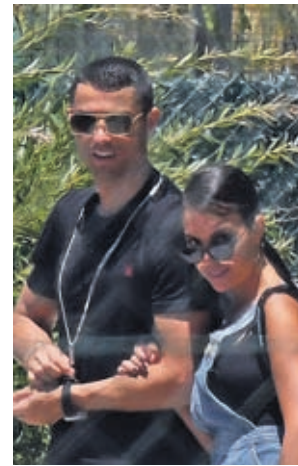


Ron the money

HE'S been enjoying a luxurious break in Benahavis, near Marbella, after bagging his fourth Champions League.

And Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, 33, seemed relaxed as he boarded a private jet in Malaga with 23-year-old girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez ahead of his World Cup campaign with Portugal.

The pair had earlier been snapped aboard an €8.5 million Ascary yacht as they enjoyed some down-time together.



FLYING WINGER: Ronaldo and Georgina prepare to board their jet.

Strict tease

THEIR whirlwind romance was confirmed just four months ago.

But actress Gemma Atkinson, 33, has admitted that Spanish boyfriend Gorka Marquez, 27, is 'The One.'

The pair met on BBC show Strictly Come Dancing, and Gemma told UK media: "I hope he's the one, otherwise I wouldn't be with him."

Jen set for baby break

HOLLYOAKS actress Jennifer Metcalfe has revealed that the return of her character Mercedes McQueen will be filmed in Spain.

The 35-year-old has been on maternity leave for a year, but said at the British Soap Awards: "We're going to Spain, so my first scenes back are in Spain and I'm so excited."

And the star added she's planning to get some sleep during her sunshine filming jaunt.

"Well, you say holiday but I'm

just going to be catching up on my sleep because I have an 11-month [old] baby and he doesn't sleep too good," she said.

The stunner shares baby Daye with boyfriend and former Geordie Shore cast member Greg Lake.

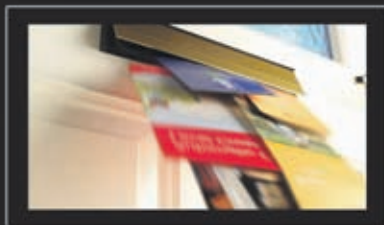
But when asked if her son will be joining her, she smiled: "No, three nights off!"

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Political crisis might not yet be over for Sanchez

SPAIN has a new Prime Minister, but for Pedro Sanchez the real battle might only just be underway.

The socialist is tasked with forming a government that represents the country he now leads rather than just the party he stands for. And with 84 seats in a 350-strong parliament, the task does not appear enviable.

He cannot possibly hope to satisfy all 180 lawmakers who lent him their support during last week's no-confidence motion in outgoing rival Mariano Rajoy, since many have openly admitted they sided with him only to see the Popular Party ousted.

What Spain needs right now is stability, and it will take all of Sanchez' political skills to achieve it

Prime Minister Pedro - page 16

Not simply black and white

THE standoff between business owners and street prostitutes in Magaluf has no easy fix. The women are being blamed for robbing holidaymakers and somehow tainting the image of a resort that hardly has a positive reputation when it comes to Brits behaving badly. But reports suggest that many of the women are the victims of sex trafficking, kidnapped from their home countries amid promises of riches after being brainwashed with voodoo rituals.

And when they arrive, they are told to pay off debts they were previously unaware of and forced to prostitute themselves.

So who are the real victims?

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Prostitute squabbles will go on

Criminal activity involving gangs and prostitutes has reportedly soured relations between holidaymakers and the women.

Tensions spilled over recently when tourists took to the streets for a protest against prostitutes. It was organised by the Cleaning Up Magaluf Facebook page which has more than 1,770 members.

Local bar and club owners said they wanted Calvia City Council, which administers Magaluf, and the Balearic authorities to act "immediately" on the issue.

Alfonso Rodriguez, the mayor of Calvia, said he had requested more Guardia Civil officers deployed to the area to help tackle the problem.

"We need to energetically tackle the mafias that are the true origin of these conflicts," he said.



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Man held over rape of Brit tourist

A ROMANIAN expatriate has been held in Mallorca on suspicion of sexually assaulting a British holidaymaker.

It comes after the unnamed man, who works in a Magaluf bar, was identified following DNA tests performed on the victim's clothing.

The woman, believed to be in her late 20s, filed a complaint with UK police after returning from a trip to the party resort last year.

She claimed she was partying with a friend on the Punta Ballena strip when the pair became separated, before she was approached by the ac-

cused, who invited her for a drink.

Later in the evening, he took her to a hotel room and allegedly raped her. The case was reported to Interpol, who informed local investigators in Calvia.

The suspect has been remanded in custody pending trial.



SEX ATTACK CLAIM: The unnamed suspect has been remanded in custody.



BOOTED OUT: The man was in the Bierkoenig venue in El Arenal.

Nazi gets the boot

A MAN who reportedly performed a Nazi salute in a pub in Mallorca while watching a football match has been photographed being kicked out of the

venue.

The man was drinking at the Bierkoenig pub in the El Arenal resort during a football match between Austria and Germany.

He reportedly raised his arm in the style of the Nazi gesture during the national anthem of Austria. It is unclear if the man is German or Austrian.

Witnesses said he was "completely drunk" and fell off a table before being dragged out of the venue by security staff. The man also allegedly tried to assault staff according to the same witnesses.

Bierkoenig said racism had "no place" in Mallorca and added it had a zero-tolerance policy.

Photographs of the man performing the salute appear to show him with tattoos of Second World War German soldiers on his back.

He also bore the words 'Honour, Loyalty, Homeland' in German on his back, a slogan associated with the Nazi's SS storm troopers.

The incident comes as local media reported alleged neo-Nazis had visited the venue and shouted 'Foreigners out!' during a concert.

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HUGE: The shark was reportedly dumped at a local tip.

Jaw blimey

A HUGE shark left sun-seekers stunned after washing up on a popular Ibiza beach.

The three-metre long animal has been identified as a female bluntnose six-gill shark, or cow shark, a harmless species normally inhabiting deep water.

It can reach almost eight metres in length and was already dead when it appeared on the sandy strip at Cala Sant Vicent near Sant Joan de Labritja.

Many bathers took selfies with the predator before it was removed and dumped at a local tip, according to reports.

All twerk no play

Revellers face fine over traffic stunt

by Matt Ford

A DRIVER faces losing six points off his licence and a heavy fine after two blondes in the back seat of his car shocked holidaymakers by putting on an x-rated twerking display in Mallorca.

The revellers held up traffic as they bopped to loud music blaring from the convertible Opel in front of a packed public bus.

In video footage of the shocking scene shot in capital Palma's port area - where millionaires moor their luxury yachts - one of the scantily-clad women repeatedly slaps the other on the bottom before stripping off her jacket as she writhes suggestively.

Her pal then opens her legs and shakes her backside at waiting motorists who beep their horns impatiently as the pair and a male friend in the front seat take selfies and record videos on their phones.

And she continues her lewd performance as the car performs an illegal U-turn and speeds off.

One Spanish onlooker can be heard

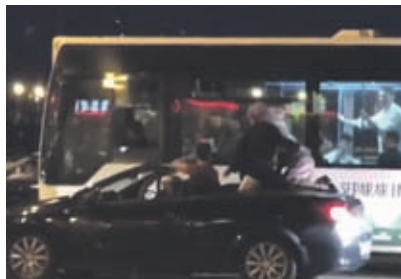


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TOTAL BUMMER: The revellers held up traffic.

shouting: "There are wh***s and then these girls!"

Local Police said in a tweet: 'We have initiated proceedings for reckless driving, punishable by a €500 fine and six points off the driver's licence.'

'Fooling around like this carries its consequences.'

It comes after two Spanish brunettes

were last month filmed dancing suggestively on the roof of a BMW in Javea on the Costa Blanca.

And British Playboy millionaire Jody Sanders recently wrecked his €300,000 convertible Rolls Royce by reversing it through the window of a Calvia tobacco shop while two women dressed in thong bikinis danced on the back seat.

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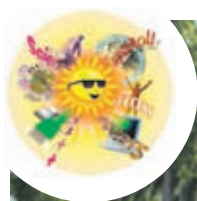
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Environment day marked

A TOTAL of 145 hotels launched awareness campaigns for World Environment Day last Tuesday in collaboration with tourism industry bodies in Mallorca, with the Piñero group saying it is committed to eliminating plastics by 2020.

Plane routes

THOMAS COOK'S Condor airline has said it will operate routes between Palma airport and seven German cities during the winter season, with the carrier set to fly to Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Hannover, Munich, Leipzig and Stuttgart.

Boat offer

AN advert for a boat to rent as living accommodation in Llubi has surfaced on social media, with the stationary vessel on the market for €150 plus a deposit with space for barbecues and other activities offered.

Couple held

TWO 23 year olds suspected of trying to steal a Jaeger LeCoultre-brand watch valued at €25,000 from a man in a private car park in Puerto Portals have been arrested by Calvia Local Police.

Shop reopens

A SUPERMARKET in Santa Ponsa struck by a fire last Sunday opened again for business the following day, with firefighters reportedly spending around five hours tackling the blaze after it broke out.

Sea patrols

THE Consell de Mallorca has said it will fund an environmental body with around €1.9 million from this year until 2021 to monitor conservation efforts in connection with boats moored near the sea grass meadows.

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NEWS EXTRA

Report out
on tourism

ENVIRONMENTAL authorities in Mallorca have issued guidelines which aim to promote sustainable tourism on the island, with recommendations made to help protect nature reserves and lowering waste and pollution produced by holidaymakers.

Storms strike

AN estimated 30 litres of rain fell on Bunyola during storms on Sunday which also saw winds of up to 60kph hit the town and an average of around 12.5 litres fall across the island.

Train returns

RAIL services between Inca and Palma have resumed following their suspension on May 1 due to a fire at Son Costa station after tests were conducted over the past couple of days.

By Gregory Kirby

RYANAIR has announced an increase in the fee for carrying two cabin bags on some flights just months after the airline introduced the charge.

The company's baggage policy allows everybody to travel with 'two-free carry-on bags.'

But the heaviest of the two bags has to be checked into the hold, unless passengers pay a priority boarding fee.

A €5.70 charge for priority boarding was introduced in January, but it has now increased to €6.85 for selected trips, according to Which? consumers' association.

And it rises again to €7.99 if passengers reserve the priority booking during online check-in instead of

Baggage fee price hike

Ryanair changes policy



SURPRISE: Ryanair chief Michael O'Leary in Ukraine earlier this year.

when booking.

A Ryanair spokesperson said: "Like all businesses, our optional fees can change unlike our fares, which keep coming down."

He did not say which transfers would be affected by increased luggage fees.

Airline CEO Michael O'Leary said checking in cabin bags at the gate is causing 'handling issues' on charters.

The problem is worst during bank holiday weekends and summer peak periods with up to 120 free-of-

charge bags being handled at gates, he added.

Ryanair's new bag policy could reportedly be costing €50 million each year. And O'Leary said he may have to rethink it if the number of bags being checked-in at gates continues to rise.

The airline makes €5.7 million per day from additional charges and €2 billion each year from 'ancillary revenues' coming from additional extras like priority boarding and seat reservations.

AN Irish tourist has died after reportedly falling from an apartment courtyard wall in Magaluf.

Thomas Owen Hughes, 20, was just one day into his Mallorca holiday when he was found by a local resident.

Police believe he fell whilst trying to gain access to the complex from the equivalent height of

Death plunge

a seventh-floor apartment.

The Eden Roc resident raised the alarm after spotting his body at around 11am but paramedics were unable to revive him. Investigators believe he

fell at night, but due to the secluded area he was in no-one noticed until hours later.

It is not yet clear why Thomas was at the apartment complex, as he was staying at a nearby hotel.

The residential complex is the same one where Scottish teenager Natalie Cormack fell to her death from a seventh floor in April.



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Prime Minister Pedro

PEDRO SANCHEZ, the leader of the left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE), succeeded in unseating Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy to take the top job in Spanish politics for himself last week. The 46-year-old former economics professor faced a number of issues from day one, including his party not having a parliamentary majority and the ongoing situation in Cataluña.

By Joe Gerrard

Path to power

THE PSOE's no confidence motion came in the wake of the Gurtel kickback-for-contracts scandal.

Spanish lawmakers debated the motion last Thursday and

Friday, with the vote taken at 11am on the latter day.

Rajoy said Sanchez's motion was an attempt to get into power without having to contest an election.

"Mr Sanchez is concerned because he is not doing any better in the polls, and he has realised that he will never reach government through elections," he said.

Sanchez came next and called on Rajoy to leave office voluntarily rather than face the no confidence vote.

"The time has come, there is no middle-of-the-road way to raise the quality of our democracy, which is now being questioned," he said

The speeches were followed by efforts from the PSOE to win over smaller, regionalist parties to support the motion, accomplished by Thursday evening.

The motion passed on Friday morning with 180 votes in favour, 169 against and one abstention. That left Rajoy ousted and Sanchez installed as Prime Minister.

Pedro's progress

SPAIN'S new prime minister was born in Madrid in 1972. He played in an under-21's basketball team before going on to get several degrees covering business and economics.

Sanchez speaks fluent English and French as well as Spanish. He served as the chief of staff to the UN high representative in Bosnia during the war in the former Yugoslavia.



CREDIT: Congreso de los Diputados, via Twitter

IN POWER: Pedro Sanchez is now the prime minister of Spain.

His political career began on Madrid City Council before being elected to Parliament in 2009.

He lost his seat in 2011 but returned in 2013 and was elected the leader of the PSOE the following year.

He was ousted from the leadership in October 2016 after Spanish voters returned a hung parliament in 2015 before returning to the post just over a year ago.

He does not currently have a seat in the Congress of Deputies but that will not prevent him from becoming Prime Minister. Candidates for the job need only be Spanish and over 18.

On the agenda

THE head of Spain's government faces a number of challenges as he gets his feet under the table in the prime minister's residence of La Moncloa.

The first is the PSOE's position in the Cortes Generales, Spain's Parliament. The party

has 84 seats in the 350-seat lower house and 62 senators in the 266-strong upper chamber.

Sanchez said last week he would go to the polls to get a mandate from Spanish voters. He will have to rely on support from the far left Podemos party and small regionalist parties in the meantime to get legislation passed.

Cataluña's push for greater powers looks set to continue which could pose further issues for the prime minister.

Sanchez was a vocal opponent of Cataluña's push for independence and recently branded Torra the 'Le Pen of Spanish politics' in a reference to the nationalist French politician.

He will now have to sit across the table from Torra who may well take advantage of the PSOE's fragile position in parliament to extract pledges for greater Catalan self-rule.

Next week Euro Weekly News will feature a beginner's guide to Spanish politics which will tell you all you need to know about the state of play following Sanchez's appointment.

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Its business has boomed with the rise in online shopping and it was promoted to the FTSE 100 last December.

PP threatens budget chaos

by Matt Ford

SPAIN'S ousted People's Party (PP) has threatened to use its Senate majority to disrupt the new government's budget.

PP parliamentary spokesperson Rafael Hernando said his party now wishes to "improve" its own long-delayed budget that was only passed a few weeks ago following months of negotiations.

He suggested this could include reigning in some of the promised €500 million infrastructure investment for the Basque region that enabled his party to pass the budget with support from the

Basque PNV party.

The PP has an absolute majority in the Senate and although it cannot nullify the budget, it can send revisions back to the lower house for revoting.

And the move threatens to destabilise the new Socialist PSOE-led government, which currently has just 84 politicians in the 350-seat parliament.

Socialist lawmaker Jose Luis Abalos said any move to renegotiate the budget would be an "unifying [act of] vengeance" by the PP following last week's no-confidence vote which saw

former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy kicked out of office.

But Hernando said his party's relationship with one-time ally the Basque PNV has changed after its MPs voted with the Socialists to remove the PP from power.

"At this moment, we do not have a link with the PNV because it has broken the trust," he confirmed.

PNV official Aitor Esteban added that the move could offer the PP "satisfaction for five minutes," but would "be very bad political business that would mean punishing the Basque society."

Usual suspects not so budget

THERE is no British or Irish representative in this year's top 10 cheapest budget airlines.

The most cost-effective operator was Malaysia's Air Asia, with a rate of €0.06 per kilometre travelled, with the top five completed by, in order, Air India Express, Indonesia AirAsia, Iceland's Primera Air and India's Indigo.

Irish low-cost specialist Ryanair placed seventh most affordable on the list, which was compiled from economy-class flight prices returned in search results from transport search engine Rome2rio.



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Budget brand sorry after fans get shirty



SPAINFUL: A Primark store and (inset) the shirt in question.

WALLET-FRIENDLY Irish clothing chain Primark is again selling t-shirts emblazoned with the Spanish flag in Cataluña.

It comes after a recorded telephone call between an irate customer and an employee went viral on social media.

The shopper rang to complain that the firm was selling themed World Cup shirts for all competing nations except Spain in the troubled northern region.

And in the audio clip, the shop worker is heard to respond

that no Spanish version would be sold locally "to avoid a fracas," sparking outrage online with calls to boycott the brand.

Hours later, an official said in a statement that the decision, made due to "the political situation" had been reversed, and that Spain shirts would be available "as soon as our logistic services permit."

He added: "We recognise that the idea was wrong and has been interpreted as a lack of respect for the Spanish national team, for which we apologise."

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Summer is just the job

MORE than 1.5 million people in Spain are expected to find work on temporary contracts this summer, according to the world's largest staffing agency Adecco, with seven out of 10 employed in Andalusia, the Valencian Community, Murcia, Cataluña and Madrid.

Brakes off

SPAIN'S automotive industry generated 5,300 new jobs and raked in more than €28.1 million for the Spanish tax agency last year - a year-on-year increase of 5.7 per cent - according to the latest government statistics.

Blast compo

ENERGY firm Gas Natural must pay €2.1 million compensation to victims of a gas explosion which killed five people in Tarragona, Cataluña, a court ruling said, with more than half paid to a man who lost his wife and three children.

€21.3m tourist bonanza

MORE than 20.5 million tourists visited Spain during the first four months of 2018, as the country raked in more than €21.3 million.

The figures represent year-on-year increases of 2.3 and 4.6 per cent, respectively, according to data from the National Statistics Institute.

And while British holidaymakers retained top spot in the ranking, with 4.3 million sun-seekers

flocking to tourist hot spots from January to April, the total dropped by 1.6 per cent compared with 2017.

The most popular destination for foreigners was the Canary Islands, with 4.8 million visitors, followed by Cataluña with 4.7 million and Andalusia with 2.9 million, while the average break lasted 6.8 days.

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Ashtead Group	2,330.00	-20.00	-0.85	11,425.93
Antofagasta	1,059.50	-12.00	-1.12	10,395.86
Aviva	524.50	7.30	1.41	20,448.20
AstraZeneca	5,440.00	19.00	0.35	69,233.10
BAE Systems	632.50	-20.30	-3.11	20,414.00
Barclays	200.00	-1.90	-0.94	33,741.24
British American Tobacco	3,836.50	11.00	0.29	88,741.43
Barratt Developments	555.50	-3.90	-0.70	5,524.45
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,198.50	-57.50	-1.35	5,696.29
British Land Co	686.00	4.80	0.70	6,663.76
BHP Billiton	1,742.50	8.30	0.48	36,517.72
Bunzl	2,320.50	12.50	0.54	7,693.39
BP	572.00	-4.70	-0.81	114,947.07
Burberry Group	2,070.00	-7.00	-0.34	8,654.20
BT Group	211.10	5.00	2.43	20,329.98
Coca-Cola HBC	2,586.50	29.50	1.15	9,455.56
Carnival	4,840.00	30.00	0.62	9,978.26
Centrica	145.05	0.10	0.07	8,183.41
Compass Group	1,489.50	-107.00	-6.70	25,615.06
Croda International	4,624.00	-95.00	-2.01	6,137.20
CRH	2,869.00	84.00	3.02	23,231.16
DCC	7,240.00	0.00	0.00	6,437.36
Diageo	2,729.00	13.00	0.48	67,980.64
Direct Line Insurance Group	357.00	3.70	1.05	4,915.63
Evrast	536.30	13.70	2.62	7,314.93
Experian	1,840.50	-19.50	-1.05	16,908.50
easyJet	1,715.00	1.50	0.09	6,788.29
Ferguson	5,865.00	-27.00	-0.46	14,332.28
Fresnillo	1,337.00	28.50	2.18	9,789.63
G4S	272.25	-3.25	-1.18	4,187.75
Glencore	380.00	-1.30	-0.34	53,667.25
GlaxoSmithKline	1,526.00	3.20	0.21	75,579.77
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,890.25	-38.25	-1.98	9,045.26
Halma	1,383.00	15.00	1.10	5,125.16
HSBC Holdings	723.25	-1.55	-0.21	144,505.18
International Consolidated Airs Grp	685.50	-0.30	-0.04	13,894.90
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,840.00	-16.00	-0.33	9,178.85
3i Group	991.25	36.05	3.77	9,271.77
Imperial Brands	2,625.00	-87.00	-3.21	25,846.27
Informa	784.00	0.40	0.05	6,463.50
Intertek Group	5,505.00	5.00	0.09	8,821.75
ITV	164.50	0.10	0.06	6,545.32
Just Eat	863.00	14.00	1.65	5,735.45
Johnson Matthey	3,362.00	-293.00	-8.02	6,798.83
Kingfisher	304.00	-1.00	-0.33	6,549.34
Land Securities Group	955.00	20.00	2.14	6,892.61
Legal & General Group	276.00	4.40	1.62	16,076.90

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	64.30	0.95	1.50	45,358.00
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,543.50	59.50	1.33	15,579.37
Micro Focus International	1,320.00	-11.50	-0.86	5,815.47
Mediclinic International	662.70	55.10	9.07	4,504.56
Marks & Spencer Group	290.00	5.40	1.90	4,614.33
Mondi	2,080.00	-10.00	-0.48	7,671.66
Melrose	218.30	-18.20	-7.70	11,109.56
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	247.50	2.00	0.81	5,790.74
National Grid	836.75	8.35	1.01	27,966.89
NMC Health	3,203.00	-209.00	-6.13	7,335.65
Next	5,805.00	15.00	0.26	8,176.18
Old Mutual Group	235.35	-3.35	-1.40	11,828.80
Paddy Power Betfair	7,827.50	-1,207.50	-13.36	7,711.80
Prudential	1,837.50	-3.00	-0.16	46,936.75
Persimmon	2,848.00	-17.00	-0.59	8,816.18
Pearson	895.00	-0.20	-0.02	7,038.51
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,850.00	75.00	1.30	40,589.70
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	280.50	1.20	0.43	33,084.55
Royal Dutch Shell	2,615.00	-1.50	-0.06	119,847.34
RELX	1,648.50	-0.50	-0.03	17,341.29
Rio Tinto	4,253.50	-38.50	-0.90	56,351.35
Royal Mail	570.50	74.30	14.97	5,090.00
Rolls-Royce Group	835.70	-1.30	-0.16	15,336.38
Randgold Resources	5,900.00	-60.00	-1.01	5,631.96
RSA Insurance Group	662.00	0.60	0.09	6,690.40
Rentokil Initial	309.55	-34.45	-10.01	6,315.26
Sainsbury (J)	262.50	-53.10	-16.83	6,992.27
Schroders	3,489.50	218.50	6.68	7,316.35
Sage Group (The)	669.50	5.50	0.83	7,176.97
Segro	657.40	0.00	0.00	6,607.04
Shire	3,975.00	-60.00	-1.49	37,468.21
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,005.00	-97.00	-3.13	7,315.17
Sky	1,361.00	24.00	1.80	23,155.16
Standard Life Aberdeen	354.50	-3.50	-0.98	10,442.74
Smith (DS)	548.70	-13.70	-2.44	5,942.10
Smiths Group	1,763.50	-16.00	-0.90	6,967.30
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	530.50	19.00	3.71	7,214.78
Smith & Nephew	1,360.00	9.00	0.67	11,967.24
SSE	1,372.50	9.50	0.70	13,882.43
Standard Chartered	765.00	12.60	1.67	24,928.65
St James's Place	1,196.00	0.00	0.00	6,307.19
Severn Trent	2,035.00	49.00	2.47	4,706.04
Tesco	246.00	0.10	0.04	24,038.10
TUI AG	1,666.25	-75.75	-4.35	10,261.65
Taylor Wimpey	195.00	5.30	2.79	6,230.26
Unilever	4,148.00	2.00	0.05	50,657.81
United Utilities Group	779.50	-1.30	-0.17	5,290.09
Vodafone Group	193.60	-1.32	-0.68	51,170.19
WPP Group	1,239.00	-2.50	-0.20	15,569.83
Whitbread	4,360.00	165.00	3.93	7,738.03

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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	199,590	+1.20%	2,360	118,503,95
AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,2500	-0.05%	-0,0500	84,560,70
APPLE	190,240	+1.80%	3,370	935,006,70
BOEING CO	356,720	+1.29%	4,560	207,882,37
CATERPILLAR	153,520	+1.06%	1,610	91,785,29
CHEVRON	123,85	-0.36%	-0,45	236,634,17
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,660	+2.22%	0,950	210,284,62
COCA-COLA	43,12	+0.28%	0,12	183,508,20
DOWDUPONT	66,17	+3.21%	2,06	153,496,83
EXXON MOBIL	81,83	+0.73%	0,59	346,412,33
GENERAL ELECTRIC	14,1000	+0.14%	0,0200	122,463,27
GOLDMAN SACHS	228,35	+1.09%	2,47	86,233,04
HOME DEPOT	187,3500	+0.43%	0,8000	216,180,30
IBM	141,95	+0.45%	0,64	130,278,06
INTEL CORP	57,0800	+3.41%	1,8800	266,449,44
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	108,4000	+1.30%	1,3900	368,907,58
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	121,2600	+1.37%	1,6400	325,210,68
MC DONALD'S CORP	159,1600	-0.53%	-0,8500	124,968,83
MERCK AND CO. NEW	60,56	+1.73%	1,03	162,817,19
MICROSOFT	100,790	+1.97%	1,950	775,831,14
NIKE	72,76	+1.34%	0,96	93,322,38
PFIZER	36,2500	+0.89%	0,3200	211,929,96
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	73,450	+0.38%	0,280	184,684,76
TRAVELERS CIES	129,29	+0.60%	0,77	34,939,38
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	125,81	+0.79%	0,99	100,699,49
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	243,35	+0.76%	1,84	233,739,47
VERIZON COMMS	47,81	+0.29%	0,14	197,256,74
VISA	130,85	+0.10%	0,13	233,683,81
WAL-MART STORES	82,9900	+0.55%	0,4500	244,937,62
WALT DISNEY CO	99,3600	-0.11%	-0,1100	148,098,40

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CLOSING PRICES JUNE 4

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings, Inc.	\$ 17.0486	2.9436 ▲ 20.87%
lululemon athletica inc.	\$ 122.19	17.14 ▲ 16.32%
OrthoPediatrics Corp.	\$ 24.20	3.14 ▲ 14.91%
trivago N.V.	\$ 5.30	0.66 ▲ 14.22%
Nektar Therapeutics	\$ 90.35	10.08 ▲ 12.56%
iQIYI, Inc.	\$ 28.46	3.16 ▲ 12.49%
Scholar Rock Holding Corporation	\$ 19.65	2.16 ▲ 12.35%
DAVIDsTEA Inc.	\$ 4.1489	0.4489 ▲ 12.13%
Evolus, Inc.	\$ 27.28	2.78 ▲ 11.35%
Sesen Bio, Inc.	\$ 2.52	0.25 ▲ 11.01%
ACM Research, Inc.	\$ 14.06	1.35 ▲ 10.62%
Most Declined		
Sears Holdings Corporation	\$ 2.28	0.53 ▼ 18.86%
Zion Oil & Gas Inc	\$ 3.165	0.395 ▼ 11.10%
Curis, Inc.	\$ 2.49	0.29 ▼ 10.43%
scPharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 8.92	1.02 ▼ 10.26%
Clean Energy Fuels Corp.	\$ 2.85	0.31 ▼ 9.81%
Golar LNG Partners LP	\$ 15.14	1.63 ▼ 9.72%
A V Homes, Inc.	\$ 16.80	1.55 ▼ 8.45%
Credit Suisse AG	\$ 5.05	0.44 ▼ 8.01%
Novelion Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 3.89	0.31 ▼ 7.38%
Viper Energy Partners LP	\$ 30.40	2.18 ▼ 6.69%
United-Guardian, Inc.	\$ 17.95	1.25 ▼ 6.51%

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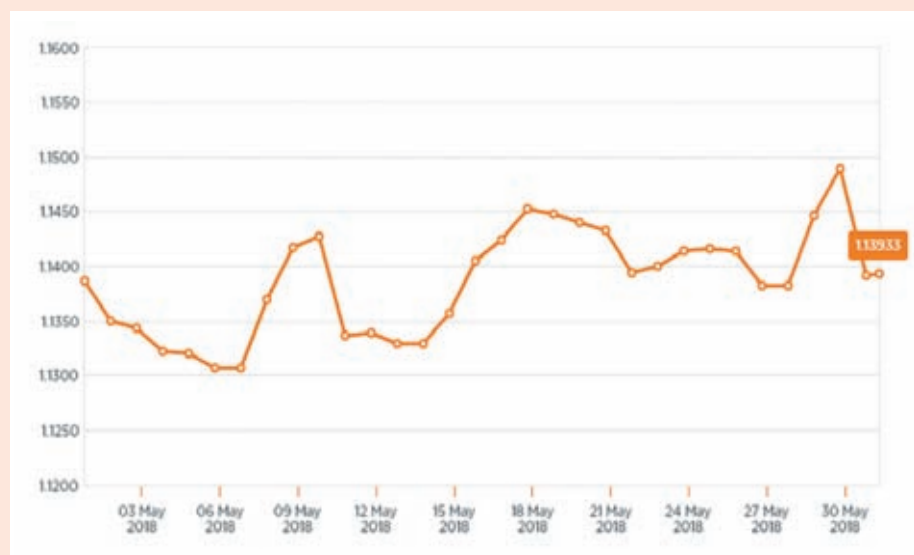
EUR/GBP: Fluctuating, but unmoved at £0.87
EUR/USD: Down from \$1.20 to \$1.15

The euro (EUR) posted a mixed performance in May, encumbered by ongoing political uncertainty in Italy and Spain, and enduring concerns that the European Central Bank (ECB) will extend their bond-buying programme beyond September this year.

As May draws to a close, however, there has been some good news in the form of a Q2 recovery in German data.

This includes the unemployment rate falling from 5.3% to 5.2% in May and retail sales rising from the -0.4% contraction in March, to grow by 2.3% in April (month-on-month).

Looking ahead, investors will be keeping a close eye on Eurozone data - particularly the looming inflation print - but given the current dovish outlook of the ECB it seems unlikely that the euro will find much purchase.



LOOKING AHEAD: Investors will be keeping a close eye on Eurozone data.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Up from €1.13 to €1.14
GBP/USD: Down from \$1.37 to \$1.32

The pound struggled to make much headway in May, limited in the early weeks by easing consumer price inflation and the ongoing burden of Brexit negotiation stagnation.

On a brighter note, the UK's labour market

continued to jump from strength to strength, with unemployment sliding to a surprising 4.2% low in the three months to March, whilst retail sales also recovered from 1.3% to 1.5%.

Whether this will be enough to push the Bank of England (BoE) towards acting in a more hawkish fashion with regards to policy remains to be seen, but many analysts are hopeful that the

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) will raise interest rates by 25bp in August.

As we move through June investors will be desperately looking for any signs of progress in Brexit negotiations, particularly with the EU summit scheduled for the end of the month.

If progress is made then we could see the pound make a comeback.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.72 to £0.75
USD/EUR: Up from €0.82 to €0.86

The US dollar stormed ahead in May, driven by ongoing expectations for monetary tightening by the US Federal Reserve, as well as the robust performance of the US labour market and improving trade relations with China.

A marked rise in US inflation towards the start of the month was good news for USD bulls, with the Fed expected to continue on their gradual path of monetary tightening this year and next.

Beyond this, China has agreed to compromise on various aspects of trade, including agreeing to buy more US goods and services and even plans to address the questionable usage of foreign intellectual property rights.

The outlook remains positive, though any signs of cooling relations between China and the US could send investors to safer shores.

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GROUP A Russia Saudi Arabia Egypt Uruguay

Russia Vs Saudi Arabia 14 June 2018, 5pm Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Egypt Vs Uruguay 15 June 2018, 2pm Central Stadium, Yekaterinburg	Russia Vs Egypt 19 June 2018, 8pm Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg
Uruguay Vs Saudi Arabia 20 June 2018, 5pm Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don	Uruguay Vs Russia 25 June 2018, 4pm Cosmos Arena, Samara	Saudi Arabia Vs Egypt 25 June 2018, 4pm Volgograd Arena, Volgograd

GROUP B Portugal Spain Morocco Iran

Morocco Vs Iran 15 June 2018, 5pm Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg	Portugal Vs Spain 15 June 2018, 8pm Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi	Portugal Vs Morocco 20 June 2018, 2pm Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow
Iran Vs Spain 20 June 2018, 8pm Kazan Arena, Kazan	Iran Vs Portugal 25 June 2018, 8pm Mordovia Arena, Saransk	Spain Vs Morocco 25 June 2018, 8pm Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad

GROUP C France Australia Peru Denmark

France Vs Australia 16 June 2018, 12pm Kazan Arena, Kazan	Peru Vs Denmark 16 June 2018, 6pm Mordovia Arena, Saransk	France Vs Peru 21 June 2018, 5pm Central Stadium, Yekaterinburg
Denmark Vs Australia 21 June 2018, 2pm Cosmos Arena, Samara	Denmark Vs France 26 June 2018, 4pm Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Australia Vs Peru 26 June 2018, 4pm Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi

GROUP D Argentina Iceland Croatia Nigeria

Argentina Vs Iceland 16 June 2018, 3pm Otkrytiye Arena, Moscow	Croatia Vs Nigeria 16 June 2018, 9pm Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad	Argentina Vs Croatia 21 June 2018, 8pm Nizhny Novgorod St, Nizhny Novgorod
Nigeria Vs Iceland 22 June 2018, 5pm Volgograd Arena, Volgograd	Nigeria Vs Argentina 26 June 2018, 8pm Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg	Iceland Vs Croatia 26 June 2018, 8pm Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don

ROUND OF 16

MATCH-01 30 June 2018, 8pm
Winners Group A Vs Runners-up Group B
Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi

MATCH-03 1 July 2018, 4pm
Winners Group B Vs Runners-up Group A
Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

MATCH-05 2 July 2018, 4pm
Winners Group E Vs Runners-up Group F
Cosmos Arena, Samara

MATCH-07 3 July 2018, 4pm
Winners Group F Vs Runners-up Group E
Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg

QUARTER FINALS

MATCH-09 6 July 2018, 4pm
Winners Match 01 Vs Winners Match 02
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod

MATCH-11 7 July 2018, 8pm
Winners Match 03 Vs Winners Match 04
Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi

SEMI FINALS

MATCH-13 10 July 2018, 8pm
Winners Match 09 Vs Winners Match 10
Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg

3rd PLACE PLAY OFF 14 July 2018
Losers Match 13 Vs Losers Match 14
Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg

THE FINAL 15 July 2018
Winners Match 13 Vs Losers Match 14
Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow



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Winners Group C Vs Runners-up Group D
Kazan Arena, Kazan

MATCH-04 1 July 2018, 8pm

Winners Group D Vs Runners-up Group C
Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod

MATCH-06 2 July 2018, 8pm

Winners Group G Vs Runners-up Group H
Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don

MATCH-08 3 July 2018, 8pm

Winners Group H Vs Runners-up Group G
Otkrytiye Arena, Moscow

MATCH-10 6 July 2018, 8pm

Winners Match 05 Vs Winners Match 06
Kazan Arena, Kazan

MATCH-12 7 July 2018, 4pm

Winners Match 07 Vs Winners Match 08
Cosmos Arena, Samara

MATCH-14 11 July 2018, 8pm

Winners Match 11 Vs Winners Match 12
Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

18, 4pm

Losers Match 14
Saint Petersburg

, 5pm

Winners Match 14

n, Moscow





GROUP E



 Brazil



 Switzerland



 Costa Rica



 Serbia



 Costa Rica Vs  Serbia
17 June 2018, 2pm
Cosmos Arena, Samara

 Brazil Vs  Switzerland
17 June 2018, 8pm
Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don

 Brazil Vs  Costa Rica
22 June 2018, 2pm
Krestovsky Stadium, Saint Petersburg

 Serbia Vs  Switzerland
22 June 2018, 8pm
Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad

 Serbia Vs  Brazil
27 June 2018, 8pm
Otkrytiye Arena, Moscow

 Switzerland Vs  Costa Rica
27 June 2018, 8pm
Nizhny Novgorod St, Nizhny Novgorod



GROUP F



 Germany



 Mexico



 Sweden



 S Korea



 Germany Vs  Mexico
17 June 2018, 5pm
Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow

 Sweden Vs  S Korea
18 June 2018, 2pm
Nizhny Novgorod St, Nizhny Novgorod

 Germany Vs  Sweden
23 June 2018, 8pm
Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi

 S Korea Vs  Mexico
23 June 2018, 5pm
Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don

 S Korea Vs  Germany
27 June 2018, 4pm
Kazan Arena, Kazan

 Mexico Vs  Sweden
27 June 2018, 4pm
Central Stadium, Yekaterinburg



GROUP G



 Belgium



 Panama



 Tunisia



 England



 Belgium Vs  Panama
18 June 2018, 5pm
Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi

 Tunisia Vs  England
18 June 2018, 8pm
Volgograd Arena, Volgograd

 Belgium Vs  Tunisia
23 June 2018, 2pm
Otkrytiye Arena, Moscow

 England Vs  Panama
24 June 2018, 2pm
ny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod

 England Vs  Belgium
28 June 2018, 8pm
Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad

 Panama Vs  Tunisia
28 June 2018, 8pm
Mordovia Arena, Saransk



GROUP H



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
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

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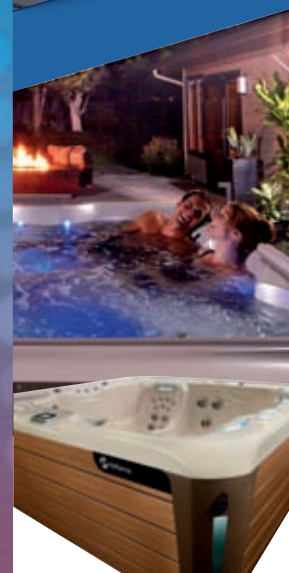
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Media blackout is what's most worrying

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT
OTHERS THINK IT



I DON'T think the position of British politicians could have been demonstrated more clearly than their actions concerning two situations that arose in London recently.

On one side of the city a man was being arrested outside the law courts (under some weak excuse of a past contempt charge), for talking on his telephone about a paedophile grooming case being heard inside; while in another part of the city, hooded Islamists, marching with megaphones and spouting anti British propaganda, were being given a police escort!

The one glaringly obvious fact that emerges from these two occurrences is that something is clearly not right. The arrest of Tommy Robinson was a disgraceful act of politically motivated injustice. A decision that should send shivers up the spines of all decent people who believe in the free speech and the democratic society our forefathers fought and died for.

TOMMY ROBINSON
JAILING: 'A disgraceful act
of politically motivated
injustice.'

When this man Tommy Robinson first appeared on the scene, I didn't particularly like him, or the far-right policies he appeared to stand for. In those days it was relatively easy for the government and law enforcers to write him off as a fascist yobbo.

But over the years things have changed. The man has now earned a far more acceptable cloak of respectability. He has appeared

on a number of serious political discussions in the media. His views on rape gangs, sharia courts, no go areas and Islamic appeasement, that were at one time dismissed as 'racist propaganda,' are now coming to pass and a large and rapidly growing section of the British public are finally beginning to sit up and listen.

In their usual 'out of touch' manner the authorities thought that it would all blow over if they simply locked him up and put him out of sight and out of mind. Well this time they have made what could turn out to be an extremely serious mis-

take. They reckoned without the social media. The gagging orders they arrogantly put on all events that could 'cause embarrassment,' (or worse), simply don't work any more, and this latest was no exception.

Despite their efforts to suppress information thousands of people turned out, not only in London, but in many major cities across the world; they actually stormed Downing Street!

All of them calling for the release of this man and the injustice of his arrest. At the time of writing half a million people have signed a petition with the same message. It would take a brave or extremely stupid politician to label all these people knuckle dragging right wing bigots. The most worrying, and indeed insulting aspect of all, is the media blackout.

This is a blatant dictatorial attempt to suppress our most precious freedom of all. Our right to free speech. Millions of decent people are, at the moment, either worried or utterly peeved off with it all. Heaven help our leaders if this worry turns to serious anger. Let us hope no harm comes to Tommy Robinson in prison, particularly from an Islamic extremist. In this event, he could turn into the catalyst which triggers off the scenario this ol' boy has also been warning of for the last 25 years.

Keep the faith. Love Leapy.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



CAN it be true that the jostling passenger who stole my phone on the packed 916 bus in Rome last month really was a Catholic priest?

Of course I ignored all the warnings about pick-pocketing in Rome. Couldn't happen to me.

Though it's unlikely to have been my priestly neighbour, I would have felt less humiliated if my phone had indeed transitioned that smoothly from my zipped pocket into the folds of a cassock as we both headed for the Vatican and redemption.

Almost half of all thefts reported now are smartphones, routed virtually anywhere in the world within days by well-oiled syndicates.

If you're insured you're in for a challenging round of musical chairs at a Local Police station to file the required report. Harbour no illusions: they almost certainly won't look for it.

But replacing the actual device is not the main issue.

Indeed it's an opportunity to buy a shiny new gadget even if it does mean living on bread and

Smartphone stupidity

Terence Kennedy suffers a holiday property redistribution



PHONE FILCHING: Fifty per cent of all thefts.

water for the next month.

Nor is it mainly about one thing many people forget: that if you don't block a lost phone immediately, the bad guys have a nasty little wheeze of using it to call premium numbers back in Desolatistan at €20+ a minute on your account, ka-ching.

Nope, it's all the confidential stuff we keep on our phones these days which hurts. Banking apps, online shopping apps, vulnerable information of every hue and cry and all those access codes.

Tackle the damage limitation and you quickly learn just how many websites simply aren't

geared up for your scenario. 'Register a new phone to your account? No problem, for security reasons first send us confirmation from your old one.' Ummm....

And of course there are lessons to be learned. If only I had set up the wonderful 'find my phone' facility which both Apple and Android devices offer - before it got stolen. If only I had kept a separate note of all my online banking and other confidential information so that I would know who to call and what to say in the event of.

If only...

But look on the bright side. A third of the users in a recent US study said they would pay a thousand dollars to get their phone back. I'm not one of those people.

I would have loved to see the look of disgust when my thief realised he'd stolen a six-year old dinosaur of a phone. Heck, given time to first extract my information, I'd actually have paid him to take it.

Steal away

AS the FBI keeps discovering, current phone security erects a daunting fortress wall around your device. If you enable it.

Short of the rather uncomfortable option of cutting off your finger, thieves find a fingerprint-protected phone a nightmare to crack. Ditto a good password, and that doesn't mean 123456.

At the very least, when you get a new phone install a security app or suite which lets you wipe your phone remotely in a worst-case scenario.

Phone-tracking apps can certainly work. But if your phone is stolen, not just lost, consider very carefully what you would do if a tracker does indeed find it - in the middle of a mafia stronghold or a neighbourhood where even the shadows won't go. Good luck finding a SWAT team.



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FRIDAY	5:30pm Hardball 6:15pm Pointless 7:00pm BBC News at Six 7:30pm BBC London News 8:00pm The One Show 8:30pm A Question of Sport 9:00pm EastEnders 9:30pm The Button 10:00pm Would I Lie to You? 10:30pm Tracey Breaks the News 11:00pm BBC News at Ten	6:15pm Antiques Road Trip 7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games 7:30pm Curious Creatures 8:00pm Great American 9:00pm Railroad Journeys 9:00pm Gardeners' World 10:00pm The Bridge 11:00pm Frankie Boyle's New World Order 11:30pm Newsnight	6:00pm The Chase for Soccer Aid 7:00pm ITV News London 7:30pm ITV Evening News 8:00pm Emmerdale 8:30pm Coronation Street 9:00pm Countrywise 9:30pm Coronation Street 10:00pm Lethal Weapon 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather 11:30pm ITV News London	5:00pm The £100k Drop 6:00pm Come Dine with Me 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 8:30pm Dispatches 9:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces 10:00pm The Crystal Maze 11:00pm Friday Night Dinner 11:30pm High and Dry	6:00pm 5 News at 5 6:30pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away 7:30pm 5 News Tonight 8:00pm The Gadget Show 9:00pm Mid-Air Mayhem: Flights Out of Control 10:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald 11:00pm The Barbara Windsor Story	10:00am Live NRL 11:45am My Icon 12:00pm Sky Sports News 1:00pm Sky Sports News 2:00pm Sky Sports News 2:30pm Live Canadian F1 GP: Practice 4:50pm Cricket 8:00pm Sport 8:30pm Live Super League 11:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf
SATURDAY	4:50pm Money for Nothing 5:50pm Escape to the Continent 6:50pm BBC News 7:00pm Regional News 7:03pm Weather 7:05pm Maleficent 8:35pm Pointless 9:25pm Casualty 10:15pm All Round to Mrs Brown's 11:15pm BBC News	5:50pm Escape to the Continent 6:50pm BBC News 7:00pm Regional News 7:03pm Weather 7:05pm Maleficent 8:35pm Pointless 9:25pm Casualty 10:15pm All Round to Mrs Brown's 11:15pm BBC News 11:30pm Weather	6:00pm The Chase 7:00pm ITV Evening News 7:15pm Regional News and Weather 7:30pm Ninja Warrior UK 8:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule 9:00pm Take Me Out: Over 50s Special 10:00pm The Hangover 11:55pm ITV News	4:50pm A Place in the Sun 5:50pm Kirstie and Phil's Love it or List it 6:50pm Channel 4 News 7:15pm Grand Designs 8:10pm The World's Wildest Weather 9:10pm Rugby Union 11:55pm Formula 1 Canadian Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights	8:00pm Building the London Underground 8:55pm 5 News 9:00pm Secrets of the Valley of the Kings 10:00pm Secrets of Tutankhamun's Treasures 11:00pm Alexander the Great's Lost Tomb 12:05am Ancient Mysteries	6:00am Sky Sports News 7:00am Sky Sports News 8:00am Good Morning Sports Fans 9:00am Rugby Union 11:45am Rugby Union 2:30pm Cricket 4:00pm Rugby Union 7:30pm Gaelic Football 10:15pm Live PGA Tour Golf 12:00am Live Curtis Cup Golf
SUNDAY	5:00pm Who Do You Think You Are? 6:00pm Britain's Best Home Cook 7:00pm Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave 7:30pm BBC News 7:45pm Regional News 7:55pm Weather 8:00pm Countryfile Royal Special 9:00pm Antiques Roadshow 10:00pm Poldark 11:00pm BBC News	1:20pm The World Cup: Hopes of a Nation 2:00pm Triathlon World Series 7:00pm Dragons' Den 8:00pm Million Pound Menu 9:00pm Journey in the Danger Zone: Iraq 10:00pm Frankie Goes to Russia 11:00pm Atlanta	2:30pm French Open: Roland-Garros Live 6:30pm Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule 7:00pm ITV Evening News 7:15pm Regional News and Weather 7:30pm Soccer Aid 11:00pm ITV News 11:20pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	3:00pm The Simpsons 3:30pm Volcano 5:35pm Location, Location, Location 6:35pm Bang on Budget 7:30pm Channel 4 News 8:00pm Escape to the Chateau 9:00pm Bake Off: The Professionals 10:00pm The Handmaid's Tale 11:10pm 8 Out of 10 Cats 11:40pm Formula 1	8:00pm Cricket on 5 8:55pm 5 News 9:00pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard 10:00pm The Yorkshire Steam Railway: All Aboard 11:00pm Top of the Box 1978 with Matthew Kelly 1:05am The Best of Bad TV: The 70s 2:55am Super Casino	5:30pm Live Canadian F1 GP: Pit Lane Live 6:30pm Live Canadian F1 GP: On the Grid 7:05pm Live Canadian F1 Grand Prix 9:30pm Live Canadian F1 GP: Paddock Live 10:10pm Live PGA Tour Golf Final Round 12:00am Sky Sports News
MONDAY	4:45pm Garden Rescue 5:30pm Flog It! 6:15pm Pointless 7:00pm BBC News 7:30pm Regional News 8:00pm The One Show 8:30pm Fight Like a Girl 9:00pm EastEnders 9:30pm Grenfell 11:00pm BBC News 11:30pm Regional News	4:15pm Ray Mears: Bushcraft 5:15pm Edwardian Farm 6:15pm Antiques Road Trip 7:00pm Richard Osman's House of Games 7:30pm Curious Creatures 8:00pm Great American Railroad Journeys 9:00pm Springwatch 10:00pm Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In? 11:00pm Later Live... with Jools Holland	7:00pm Regional News and Weather 7:30pm ITV Evening News 8:00pm Emmerdale 8:30pm Coronation Street 9:00pm Give it a Year 9:30pm Coronation Street 10:00pm Long Lost Family: What Happened Next 11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop 7:00pm The Simpsons 7:30pm Hollyoaks 8:00pm Channel 4 News 9:00pm Jamie's Quick and Easy Food 9:30pm Food Unwrapped 10:00pm 24 Hours in Police Custody 11:00pm Flowers 12:00am The Crystal Maze	4:15pm For Justice 6:00pm 5 News 6:30pm Neighbours 7:00pm Home and Away 7:30pm 5 News 8:00pm World Rally Championship Highlights 9:00pm Police Interceptors 10:00pm The Space Shuttle: Triumph and Tragedy 11:00pm Lost Tapes	3:00pm Sky Sports News 4:00pm Sky Sports News 5:00pm Sky Sports News 6:00pm Sky Sports News at 5 7:00pm Sky Sports News at 6 7:30pm Live Netball Superleague 10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight 11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten 12:00am Sky Sports News 1:00am Sky Sports News
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A Bishop, a curry and a huge amount of talent



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT finally reached its conclusion for season 12 over the weekend (ITV) with Lee 'Lost Voice Guy' crowned the winner.

Now it probably says a lot about me, but be honest, like me, were you initially unsure how to react to someone so confident, whose act is so different and who is so brilliantly funny? And Bishop Curry doing the intro as though God Himself would be watching, that was a Marmite moment.

Lee is a star.

I'm a Geordie, so Lee gets an automatic tick in the votes box and my brother is called Lee, so another tick, but the guy is also terrific and that's surely what everyone saw and why he won. I love that Lee wants to develop a Geordie accent for his voice, although the pronunciation of 'New-cassel' he currently has is probably good enough for most stottie eaters I

know. Finally on BGT, I really wanted to like Robert White, but couldn't.

He had some funny one liners - 'I have Asperger's, what does that say about me, compared to you, I'm more intelligent' - brilliantly intelligent humour, but the digs at Amanda and to some degree David, just didn't do it for me.

A Very English Scandal (BBC1) concluded on Sunday evening. You know I'm a fan of the show and the final episode didn't disappoint. As this all too short series has moved along, I've become an even bigger fan of Monica Dolan who plays Thorpe's devoted wife, Marion.

She has had some cracking one liners and the boil in the bag, cod in parsley sauce scene, is the stuff of TV legend. If you missed the series, you can catch up on BBC iPlayer.

One of Channel 5's better Sunday offerings was *The Unstoppable Flying Scotsman*, which must have had

stream and train addicts (I'm told they are not necessarily one and the same) on the edge of their seats. Of course there were lots of shots of the magnificent locomotive and Rob Bell (he's an engineer and obvious Scotsman fan) did a smashing job guiding us

through the sometimes turbulent story of perhaps the most famous train in the world. There are only two 60-minute episodes, so my advice is set a reminder and watch them both together, with a massive glass of your favourite tippie and an even bigger

dose of nostalgia.

We are still with Sunday TV, but this will be brief. Where is the story going on *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Channel 4*? We know that season two doesn't follow the book, because there is no season two storyline in the book, but I'm going off the dark rooms (someone just switch on a light, please) and the seemingly never-ending attempt to get to the Promised Land, in this case that would be Canada and I don't mean the lovely shopping centre just off the A-7 on the Costa del Sol.

I have previously said I find this hard to watch, but it's getting harder for all the wrong reasons.

Looking forward, BBC1 has the annual coverage of *Trooping the Colour* on Saturday morning if you need a top up of pageantry following the Royal Wedding; *Channel 4* is in Spain looking for *A Place in the Sun* on Saturday afternoon and *Versailles* continues on BBC2 on Monday night - I will let you know what I make of the new series next week.

Happy viewing.



ALL TOO SHORT: A Very English Scandal.

STAR: Lee bagged the Britain's Got Talent crown.

I tell them what I think

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

I BELONG to a few loyalty programmes for hotels I stay at, airlines I use, car hire I also use - eBay and Pay Pal. You get the idea. Now I've told them all that although I live in Spain I do not read Spanish, so could they please send all information to me in English. Not one of them is able to do it.

You would think, in this day and age, it would be the simplest thing to do. Vodafone is one of the biggest communication companies in the world yet they are not capable of sending me anything in English. I wonder how many English customers they have in Spain?

It's ok if I call them as I always manage to get an English-speaking operator but once you need to maybe speak to someone past them you hit a brick wall. You then have to have an operator translating for you.

What's wrong with people? Old, young, all ages but I have to admit mostly 30-40ish. It's called 'door etiquette.' Here are the rules - when a door opens

you let the people out first before you go in.

It can be particularly difficult if you are in a crowded lift and you are not by the doors. The doors open - you utter a couple of excuse me's and off you go - but no, someone always tries to get in.

And another thing, when the lift is full, it's full. Wait for the next one. Don't try and squash yourself in. This also applies to trains. I had the misfortune to use one in the UK for the first time in probably 30 years. It's a joke. The doors open and it's bedlam and people just keep getting on and I was trying to get off.

I try not to take my wheelchair with me on these outings because technically I get to sit in one of the allotted seats for disabled but it is just all too difficult so next time I'll take it but, to be honest, that can be a nightmare on its own.

I take my wheelchair to the UK when I go and I have the same problem getting the courtesy bus to the car hire centre. Every time I'm struggling to get off with my wheelchair and case and people are pushing past me to get on and they do not bat an eyelid except of course until I tell them what I think of them!

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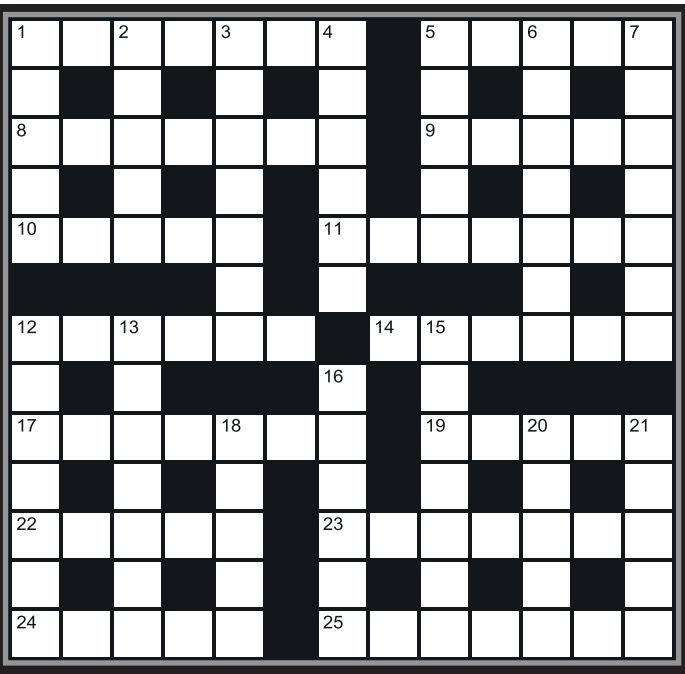
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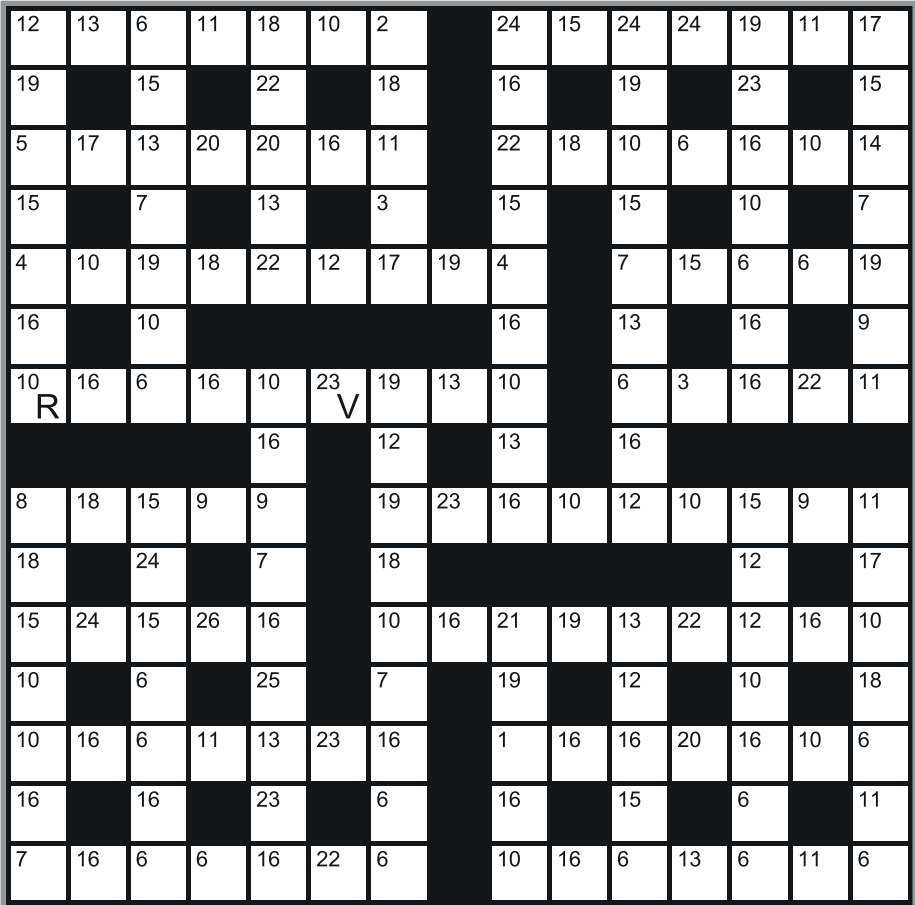
- Across
- 1 Interwove bits of wasp, lice, dragonflies (7)
 - 5 Quiet! Then ear gets clip (5)
 - 8 Still be apologetic going round for money (7)
 - 9 Monsters appearing in Pilgrim's Progress (5)
 - 10 Friend taking mother to a resort in Mallorca (5)
 - 11 Joy of new Peru art (7)
 - 12 Breaks out in purest mess (6)
 - 14 Skill needed to make old money (6)
 - 17 Command detectives returning to gallery (7)
 - 19 South American birds fancy hares (5)
 - 22 Cereal, what with energy in it? (5)
 - 23 Studying in a Berkshire town (7)
 - 24 In Colorado, rich men give the order (5)
 - 25 Lead lost by ruthless crooked detectives (7)



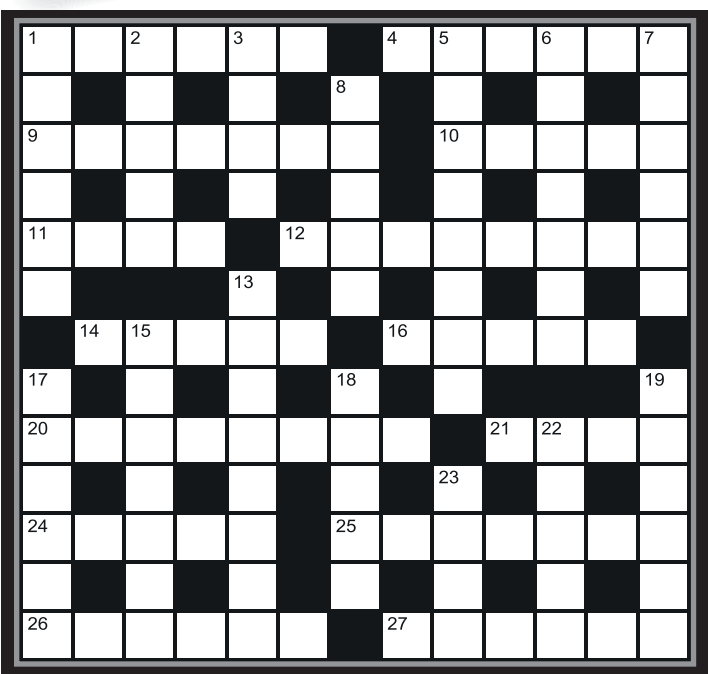
- Down
- 1 Refuse to fight (5)
 - 2 To be honest, left first woman money (5)
 - 3 Get in touch with jailbird diplomacy (7)
 - 4 Finding a rabbit's head in squirrel's nest is sad (6)
 - 5 Sailing vessel from Oslo, perhaps, and Peterhead (5)
 - 6 One true turning on the way (2,5)
 - 7 Most glowing stories may turn out to be false (7)
 - 12 Gave gifts but in the end was in debt (7)
 - 13 Concealed nuclear explosion (7)
 - 15 A fairer form of travel expense (7)
 - 16 Red cards for Scottish team (6)
 - 18 Language of first and last detective (5)
 - 20 To be set out around the team (5)
 - 21 The same flipping old stories! (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 10 represents R and 23 represents V, so fill in R every time the figure 10 appears and V every time the figure 23 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



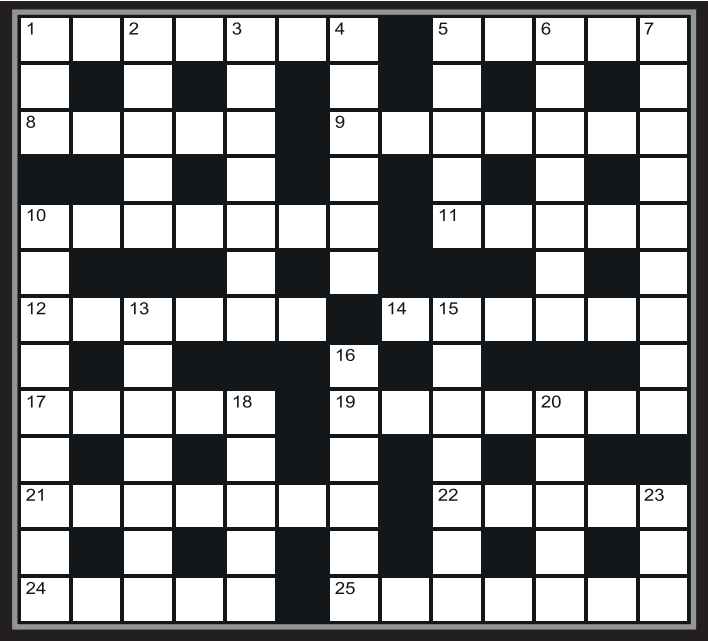
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- Across
- 1 Minister of religion (6)
 - 4 Disperse widely (6)
 - 9 Refrain from voting (7)
 - 10 Large body of water (5)
 - 11 Playthings (4)
 - 12 Exquisitely fine and subtle and pleasing (8)
 - 14 Easy to reach (5)
 - 16 Alcoholic drink made from apples (5)
 - 20 Troubled emotionally and usually deeply (8)
 - 21 Coop (4)
 - 24 Avoid by deceit (5)
 - 25 Check closely (7)
 - 26 Afternoon nap (6)
 - 27 Refuse to accept (6)
- Down
- 1 Morally pure (6)
 - 2 Dangerous, liable to accident or mishap (5)
 - 3 Become or cause to become soft or liquid (4)
 - 5 Forbid (8)
 - 6 Raise to a higher position (7)
 - 7 Main meal of the day (6)
 - 8 Beneath (5)
 - 13 Lying near or next to (8)
 - 15 Try to stir up public opinion (7)
 - 17 Bread makers (6)
 - 18 Rise against (5)
 - 19 Say, state or perform again (6)
 - 22 Same in appearance or character (5)
 - 23 Fraudulent (4)

English - Spanish

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



- Across
- 1 Street lamps (7)
 - 5 Calcetines (5)
 - 8 Petirrojo (5)
 - 9 Manager (person in charge) (7)
 - 10 Enemy (7)
 - 11 Cuál (5)
 - 12 Thick (wall, line, slice, neck) (6)
 - 14 Modo (6)
 - 17 To freeze (5)
 - 19 Cardenales (7)
 - 21 Lettuce (7)
 - 22 Cuchara (para comer) (5)
 - 24 Estilo (manera) (5)
 - 25 El más cercano (7)
- Down
- 1 Piel (animal) (3)
 - 2 Oak (tree) (5)
 - 3 Lentejas (7)
 - 4 Centuries (6)
 - 5 Tornillo (5)
 - 6 Song (7)
 - 7 Pastores (9)
 - 10 Cascarones (9)
 - 13 Desafortunado (7)
 - 15 Bet (wager) (7)
 - 16 Obtener (6)
 - 18 Ruta (de viaje) (5)
 - 20 Piedra (material) (5)
 - 23 Red (informática) (3)

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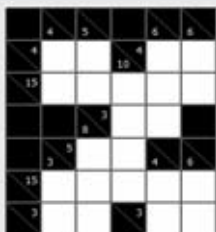
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' HOLLYWOOD SAYS TARZAN HAS HAD MORE JANES THAN ITALY HAS HAD GOVERNMENTS - HE'S A WORRIED MAN! '

Kakuro

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



Nonagram

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



TARGET:

- Average: 11
- Very good: 22
- Good: 15
- Excellent: 28

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

agar gaur gnat goat gout gran grot guar gurn raga rang rung tang toga tong trug tung agora argon argot gator gaunt grant groan groat grout grunt guano orang organ tango angora nougat organa ragout turgor grantor argonaut arrogant tarragon GUARANTOR

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

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

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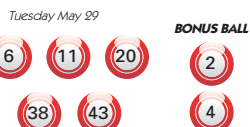
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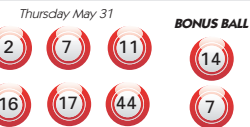


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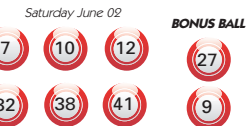


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YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS



AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

A meeting involving business with a senior person brings great benefits. You are wrong to be afraid of asking for what you want because it is necessary. Do not bottle things up. Consider that you have little to lose. When dealing with legal matters, you are well advised to read the small print and look at the timescales



LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Being at odds with someone close has given you pause for thought. This would be a good time to change the situation for the better. Offering the olive branch is your best approach, but be sure that you are sincere. Sometimes, you are a book easily read.



PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

A recent journey has revealed possibilities. It is in this week that you will realise their potential. Nowhere is this truer than your romantic life, which is on the up. Someone who would not normally attract you comes into your sphere or may have done so last week.



VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Such a time of expansion comes rarely, but now you are being handed opportunities. Be sure to make the most of them by being organised enough to take full advantage. With your energy high, you are in a position to steam ahead with plans. Should others feel left out you can find a place for them.



ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

A strong romantic flow to your week could be interrupted. This is because there are some business matters that really do need your attention. Although it is not a particularly good time to make firm financial commitments, there are areas to work on. These are mainly associated with saving money and reorganising.



LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

Having had such a busy time recently you may be craving a quiet period. I am afraid this will have to wait at the moment. Small snatches at tranquillity are possible but the pressure is still on.



TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

This really is a week to get to grips with any healthy eating or exercise regimes. Owing to the influence of Mars, you are in a vigorous and determined mood. You find that your added confidence and healthy glow are attractive to the opposite sex.



SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Have you been too busy to spend time on yourself? Get your looks and health back on track by using this week to good effect. Revamp your diet and exercise as required. Spend time with people who are supportive and share the same interests.



GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

This is a spiritual week and you will be likely to want comfort. Give yourself time alone to look at the world around you and enjoy what it has to offer. As the weekend approaches, you will be able to get more into the mainstream and enjoy the company of others.



SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Some difficulty in your love life will need to be handled carefully. Unforeseen developments could take you by surprise (especially if you haven't read this in time). Your need is to avoid telling white lies to get out of a situation. Given time, most situations in this category will ease.



CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

All may not be what it seems this week and you need to be a little more realistic. This is particularly true when it comes to romance and close ties. Having the wool pulled over your eyes is not desirable and could even see you trip up. A different kind of trip, possibly over a long distance, may bring you face to face with an old friend or relative.



CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Meetings and travel dominate this week. Being with those who stimulate and inform will be even more worthwhile than usual. A trip that you are not looking forward to can bring added bonuses. Looking to further education at this time, could see you starting a course.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Ropes, 4 Gorra, 8 Ventaja, 9 Sharp, 10 Susto, 11 Anybody, 12 Arrest, 14 Navaja, 18 Quiosco, 20 Climb, 22 Elige, 23 Saucers, 24 Selva, 25 Apoyo.

Down:

- 1 Revista, 2 Piñas, 3 Seasons, 4 Grabar, 5 Rusty, 6 Amapola, 7 Nappy, 13 Raisins, 15 Anchura, 16 Arbusto, 17 Poesía, 18 Queen, 19 Steal, 21 Ileso.

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Varlets, 5 Cuppa, 8 Okapi, 9 Cheroot, 10 Elms, 11 Peerless, 13 Tarzan, 15 Superb, 18 Castaway, 19 Stud, 22 Oregano, 23 Arise, 24 Nitre, 25 Sonnets.

Down:

- 1 Violent, 2 Realm, 3 Edit, 4 Soccer, 5 Clear out, 6 Protege, 7 Altos, 12 Carapace, 14 Respect, 16 Badgers, 17 Famous, 18 Crown, 20 Trité, 21 Warn.

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Sober, 4 Spurn, 7 Dignified, 8 Etch, 10 Bored, 13 Eager, 14 Oslo, 17 Identical, 19 Sweet, 20 Petty.

Down:

- 1 Sodden, 2/18 Big cat, 3 Ruin, 4 Sailor, 5 Undress, 6 Near, 9 Chalice, 11 Defeat, 12 Volley, 15 Cuss, 16 Stop.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: GRAND NATIONAL WINNERS

All the answers are the names of horses that have won the Grand National (year won)

1. Betula pendula is the botanical name of which hardy forest-tree? (2007)
2. In which 1973 historical period drama prison film did Steve McQueen play the part of convicted murderer Henri Charrière? (2000)
3. Rising to 1,345 metres (4,411 feet), which mountain in western Scotland is the highest mountain in the British Isles? (1980)
4. What was the title of the British television sitcom, originally broadcast between 1961 to 1963, which featured the characters Harold Fenner (Peter Jones), Reg Turner (Reg Varney) and the militant shop steward Paddy Fleming (Miriam Karlin)? (1976)
5. Which brand of stock cubes was advertised in the 1980s by a family consisting of father (Michael Redfern), mother (Lynda Bellingham) and children (Blair MacKichan, Colin McCoy and Alison Reynolds)? (1959)
6. According to the children's nursery rhyme, which character 'sat in the corner, eating his Christmas pie'? (1926)

7. What name is usually given to a warship smaller than a destroyer, typically equipped with some form of missile or used for anti-submarine activities? (1889)
8. What is the surname of the former Arsenal goalkeeper who is England's second-most capped goalkeeper, after Peter Shilton? (1882)
9. What was the (English) nickname of the Venezuelan patriot and statesman Simon Bolívar? He succeeded in driving the Spanish from Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Ecuador. Upper Peru was named Bolivia in his honour. (1879)
10. In the NBC sitcom Friends, what was the first name of the fictional character played by actor Matthew Perry? (1848)

Not a lot of people know that... the most famous (triple) Grand National winner, Red Rum, got his name from his parents: Mared (dam) and Quorum (sire). It is also the word 'murder' spelled backwards

Answers:

1. SILVERBIRCH, 2. PAPILLON, 3. BEN NEVIS, 4. (THE) RAG TRADE, 5. OXO, 6. JACK HORNER, 7. FRIGATE, 8. (DAVID) SEAMAN, 9. THE LIBERATOR (EI Liberator in Spanish), 10. CHANDLER (Brig).

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Impressed by the kindness of Mojacar

I WOULD like to say how impressed I was with the kindness of two Spanish people and the Local Police who helped an elderly Scottish couple.

They had left the lady's bag containing their documents, passports, money etc on a bus from Las Roquetas, which they got off in Mojacar

The bus had continued its journey stopping at Vera en route to its final destination in Murcia. The two Spanish people, a lady and gentleman who were not connected to each other helped to reassure and calm the elderly lady who was quite distraught. They tried to contact the bus company and when this was not successful they then contacted the Local Police, who came and spoke to the elderly couple taking details of the bus and where they were seated.

Officers then arranged with their colleagues in Vera to collect the bag off the bus when it stopped there.

The happy ending was the very relieved Scottish couple were united with their bag and its contents at the Local Police Station in Vera. They then returned to Mojacar to enjoy the rest of their day.

Very well done all concerned.

Barry Tynan, Mojacar

Phone company neglect seems to be constant

I THOUGHT that you might like to see a picture of a phone junction box that has been open to the elements for at least the last three years we have been going to the Jalon Valley.

It appears from older photographs that it was 2015 when it had a cover fitted.

It's a wonder that the phones work in Spain as this is typical of telecommunication company standards.

We have a junction box on a pole by us that has been open for the 18 years we have lived here.

Tony, Jalon Valley



JUNCTION BOX: Open to the elements for three years.

Pussy plea

IT has been both frustrating and heart-breaking dealing with nasty people.

We have cried so many tears and felt so much anger.

I would like to know what so many people in Salou have against defenceless cats. We have never witnessed such hostility and cruelty in one place.

My husband and I feed stray homeless cats every day. These cats are innocent and beautiful. They ask for so little. A bit of food, a little affection.

What does it cost to be kind?

There have been kittens that were poisoned and left to suffer and die and there have been teenagers who go and terrify cats just for fun.

What has become of a society that brings up children with no conscience?

Thank God there are people out there that care. SOS Gatos is one such organisation. We strongly encourage you to support them.

It takes so little to make such a big difference in these little angels' lives.

When we lose our ability for compassion we lose our humanity.

Paul & Lorna DeCouto, Salou

HAVE YOUR SAY

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Brit expats charged with hate crimes

Shame on the Mallorca officials for even giving these thieves the time of day. This is in no way a race crime, just concerned residents wanting to keep us all safe as the police seem unable to do this.

Mary Willoughby

Yup the race card again, but police should fingerprint them, are they legally in the country paying taxes etc? Spain needs to be like America or Australia only in to work via a visa if they have money to support themselves and medical insurance.

Marie Ross Main

So it's not OK to protest against those who rob and attack people? I wonder how many of the sex workers have been arrested or is prostitution legal in Spain?

Annie

Ryanair refuses gift voucher

Love all the people that say will never use Ryanair.. But all do as don't want to pay two or three times the price with another airline

Jamie Thomas Davidson

Comments from EWN online

Most appalling service from this mob, I agree some will moan but continue to use, I just don't use them. They specialise in taking more off you when you can't do much about it.

Robert Jake Wilson

"The whole thing has been a ludicrous farce." Yep, that sums up Ryanair precisely. Also O'Leary in particular.

Malc F_H

I had a similar problem, flown out with the name showing Bill on ticket, back from Spain said it showed William, they wanted €200 to change it had Mexican stand off before common sense prevailed.

Bill Newall

Health board warns of cockroach plague

I use bay leaves in my cupboards and around my

home. They hate bay leaf!

Also last year in the corners of my garden I placed tall jars lined with olive oil quarter filled with red wine and brown sugar... They love it... They crawl in and because of the oil can't get out!!! Not usually so cruel but I can't deal with cockroaches.

Kim Foster

Yuk, my pet hate. I had them in a rental in Mojacar in winter!!! Had to buy all sorts of stuff to get rid of them, they came up the old drains and lived in the downstairs loo.

Sian Foster

Jet2 passengers win payout

Quite right! I would have got off as well. Good on him to pursue them - they are idiots as paying up would have put them in a really positive light and now they have managed to damage their reputation. Not sure who does their PR but they want retraining!

Jeni Potter

The more this happens the better us normal travellers get treated.

Richard Taylor

Brexit Bible

I READ with interest Colin MacGregor's letter where he states that his reason for moving from the UK to Spain was because the former follows EU rules whereas the latter ignores them.

It reminded me of a conversation with an elderly English visitor to the Costa del Sol who was amazed to see orange trees full of fruit growing in the streets.

He wondered how the Spanish got away with it, because in England the EU had made a village cut down all its apple trees as they deemed falling fruit to be a danger to life.

He knew this was true because he had read it in his Brexit Bible... the *Daily Mail*. This one is so ridiculous it doesn't even make the Euromyths Debunked list (mostly quotes by the *Sun*, *Mail* and Boris Johnson).

The aforementioned tabloids are virtually the only ones on sale here and so are the daily diet of 'expats,' a large proportion of whom soak up their propaganda agenda and would have voted 'Leave.'

However, in contrast to Colin, I would prefer to believe the *Euro Weekly News* statistics that the majority voted 'Remain,' as surely they would have been aware of the staggering irony/hypocrisy of voting for the UK to leave the EU when they themselves are reaping the benefit of freedom of movement.

Elaine, Torremolinos

London Fashion Week

IF you have your finger on the pulse of men's fashion then you won't need to be reminded that London Fashion Week Men's will step out onto the catwalk this weekend (Friday to Monday).

This is the mid-year fashion show which has become one of the highest profile fashion events in the world and one of the big four international catwalk influencers.

The event will showcase the best of British mens-wear design and visitors will be able to enjoy catwalk shows, presentations, multi-brand and individual showrooms and other supporting activities.

In addition to the official and off-schedule events, LFW has become a focus for a broader base of fashion linked activities with international designers, media and other high profile brands choosing to host their own events.

One of the up and coming names to look out for this year is Astrid Andersen.

This London-based brand creates premium casualwear with a sports inspired aesthetic that intends to create a new generation in menswear.

If you don't want to miss it, the event takes place in the BFC Show-space, 180 The Strand, London and tickets can be purchased at www.londonfashionweekfestival.com

If you can't make it, book your tickets now for the London fashion festival to be held from September 20 to 23.

CATWALK COOL: The Astrid Andersen collection will certainly draw your attention.



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Staying safe in the sun

WITH temperatures really beginning to rise now is the time to take some advice about how to protect yourself from unwanted sunburn and decrease your chances of developing skin cancer in the future.

When you're out and about wear protective clothing. It may be hot, but there's no reason not to don a pair of linen pants, a long sleeved silk shirt or a straw hat. The great thing about hats, apart from being a fabulous accessory, is that their wide brims will cover your face as well as your ears and scalp.

And don't leave home without your sunglasses. These will protect your eyes from the UV rays which can cause eye problems. Always buy sunglasses that block as close to 100 per cent as possible of UVB and UVA rays. If you can, restrict your time outside in the sun, particular around midday.

If you are out during these hours make use of any shade offered. Don't forget to put sunscreen on before you leave the house and reapply.



HOT IN THE SUN: Wearing a hat and shades will offer you extra protection.



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KEEP the children entertained with last minute child-friendly breaks.

Still looking for a last minute break away this summer with the family? Sometimes keeping the little ones entertained makes for a much more relaxing holiday for the adults, so why not try these hotels which are renown for being family-friendly and child orientated. From children's clubs and themed rooms, they are sure to please the youngest members of the family and the best thing? All are in Spain so whether you want to drive just a few hours up or down the coast, or take a short flight to either the Canary Islands or Balears, here are some of the best to look out for:

■ **Fuerteventura**



Photo credit Barcelo.com

TOP PICK: The Occidental Jandia Mar, Fuerteventura.

According to a report last year on Trivago, the Occidental Jandia Mar Hotel on the island of Fuerteventura came up tops in their picks for fami-

Travel

Fun for all the family

ly-friendly resorts. They noted its wealth of children's entertainers and different children's clubs to keep young guests happy for hours. There is even a children's buffet. Trivago.es currently state room rates during the last week of August are available from €136 a night.

■ **Alicante**



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CHILD'S DREAM: The Hotel del Juguete.

The Hotel del Juguete in Ibi is aptly named as it is a child's dream with the hotel focusing on children. Rooms come in a range of themes including Playmobil, Lego, Pinypon and Invizimals and if these mean little to you, just ask the little ones! Naturally there are games rooms in the hotel and everything is centred around

children. It is also the perfect base to explore the neighbouring toy museums as the area is known for its history of producing toys. Trivago.es currently has room rates during the last week of August from €150 per night.

■ **Mallorca**



Photo credit Twitter

FAMILY FAVOURITE: The Pirates' Village.

The Pirates Village in Santa Ponsa is a firm family favourite for pirate lovers young and old. The hotel even has a pirate-themed facade of shops and cafes and takes you into a world of fortresses, caverns and pirate ships with a weekly pirate show and pirate themed entertainment and events.

There are children's clubs for those aged from three to 12 and offers squash-buckling fun for all. Contact

the hotel for prices, minimum night stays are required.

■ **Costa del Sol**



Photo credit Twitter

WATER PARK: Hotel Los Patos Park, Benalmadena.

With the opening of its very own water park offering 3,000 square metres of outdoor water fun complete with water games, slides, tubes and pirate ship, the Hotel Los Patos Park in Benalmadena has now upped its game in catering for families wanting a great location to entertain both younger and older children.

With all-inclusive options available, they can eat and drink as much as they like and the pirate-themed mini club will allow parents to be able to relax for a few hours. The Hotel Los Patos Park is currently advertising

rates on the web for the end of August for €259 a night for a family of two adults and two children. A minimum three night break is required.

■ **Navarra**



Photo credit Mari Cruz Agroturismo

TREE HOUSE: Mari Cruz Agroturismo, Navarra.

For those looking for something different to just a hotel break by the coast, why not truly delight the children with a stay in a tree house. The Mari Cruz Agroturismo, in the municipality of Villanueva de Arce, is a true adventure for those who are looking for a trip away and to introduce the little ones to nature. There are rural houses and even a tree house to stay in and you can spend the days feeding the farm animals and attending workshops such as making pizzas and jams from the produce grown on the farm. There is also a playroom and library with books and games for children. Prices for a stay in the tree house start from €80 per couple and €15 per child.

Discover how to make the most of the month ahead with your June Astrology, Numerology and Tarot forecast...

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ASTROLOGY: reach for the stars!

Sun in Gemini: The airy influence of this sign may bring a plethora of ideas this month. Gemini, symbolised as the twins, can indicate perhaps some indecision or a choice between two options this month.

When making decisions try to balance your inner wisdom with practical action to make the best choice for you. On June 21 the sun moves into the sign of Cancer. This nurturing and maternal sign brings the focus to your home life, and family.

Do something every day which is kind, for yourself and for someone close to you. Offering this act of kindness to yourself and others will help to improve your self-esteem and general feeling of well-being.

Get in tune with the moon: The

new moon in Gemini on June 13 brings the opportunity to make new connections and communicate in an authentic way with others. If you have a strong message to get across to the world, through the written or spoken word, now is the time to take action!

On June 28, the full moon in the sign of earthy Capricorn will help you to ground your ideas,

to let go of your wilder, more mercurial plans, replacing these with a longer lasting vision. Take time to connect with nature around the time of the summer solstice too, appreciating the bounty of the earth by spending time outdoors either gardening, walking or simply meditating in a beautiful spot in the sunshine.

Numerology: practise loving kindness



Number 6: This is the number of Gaia, the earth, the ultimate nurturer, the giver of unconditional love and deep compassion. The influence of this number helps you to create balance and harmony within yourself and your world at large.

This creative number is encouraging you to take time to write, sing, paint or spend time on whatever creative pursuit you chose. When you

GEMINI: Symbolised as the twins.

are involved in a creative act, you are fully present. By allowing yourself to be fully immersed in this moment you are connected to the divine, grateful and at peace. Develop a creative practice to help you remain more present and open to your inner guidance.

The Hierophant: the lovers

The sixth card in the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the Lovers. This card represents relationships and choices. You may be presented with conflicting options this month, particularly in relationships, whether romantically, or in a professional sense. This card deals with the themes of attachment, union, and partnership.

A new partner in some form may present themselves to you this month. Use your intuition to guide you as to whether this is a union that will benefit you both or whether perhaps there is a hidden agenda. When in doubt wait until you have all the facts before you commit to a decision or course of action.

Repeat this affirmation throughout the month to help you: I am creating an abundant world through my positive thoughts and actions.

Your personalised forecast

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Herb festival

THE 'Fira de ses Herbes' festival will open tomorrow (Friday) in the village of Selva, near Inca. Most of the activities will be held in the beautiful main square, where there will be stalls full of delights for the senses.

Over the weekend, at the festival, you will be able to enjoy and purchase anything that can be made with herbs, from soaps to alcoholic drinks.

Sunday is the final day of the festival and events begin at 10am with a procession of myrtle plants from the nearby fields in the countryside to the village square.

This is a rather interesting event as the procession is accompanied by Mallorcan bagpipes. The myrtle plants are then distilled to produce alcohol, much to the delight of the crowds.

Get your rocks off

AN evening of rockabilly is set to take place tomorrow night at Palma's Tunnel Rock Club when local band The Billy Rats take the stage.

The group features Alberto 'hot fingers' on vocals and guitar, Chencho 'Chencho Slaps' on double bass and Jimmy 'rocker' on Drums.

The band said on their Facebook they offered the 'wildest' rockabilly you've ever heard.

"We like to define it as rock and roll grease," they said.

The band said ahead of the show that the night would be fantastic and full of rock n' roll.

"Your favourite rats will be



ROCK ON: The Billy Rats in action.

at Tunnel Rock Club for a fantastic night. We wait for you!"

The band is months old having only formed in 2018. They perform a 50's style rockabilly fused with psychedelic and punk influences.

Previous gigs have seen them cover rock n' roll greats,

Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Powers.

The Tunnel Rock regularly hosts live acts and themed nights featuring rock, indie and alternative music. The Billy Rats will take to the stage at 11pm. Entry is priced at €6.

A real page turner

THE Passeig des Born in Palma is once again playing host to the city's book fair this year which is set to continue until this Sunday.

The fair, in its 36th edition, features differ-

ent acts, presentations, book signings and children's story telling sessions. There will be a total of 44 stalls for bookworms to browse.

Several book presentations are scheduled for this weekend, with their authors on hand to talk about their work and meet the audience.

Eat Well to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



THIS week my recipe is Chicken Milanese. It is a little fiddly to make but well worth the effort and is ideal for a dinner party as all the preparation can be carried out beforehand, leaving time to entertain your guests. Personally, I like this dish served with broccoli steamed in the microwave and pasta spirals, but roasted gnocchi will also work well.

Chicken Milanese

Serves 6

6 whole chicken breasts, no skin, no bone flattened
3 tablespoons plain white flour,
3 whole eggs, beaten
3 teaspoons garlic puree
300g bread crumbs
6 tablespoons olive oil

For the sauce

3 cans tomatoes, coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil

Ideal for a dinner party



FIDDLY BUT WORTH IT: Chicken Milanese.

6 whole garlic cloves, skinned & chopped
1 large red pepper seeded and chopped
1 bunch of fresh basil
1 teaspoon of celery salt
2 chicken stock cubes crumbled

To finish

Juice from two whole lemons
200g buffalo mozzarella cheese
Salt and pepper, to taste
1) Cut the gristly bits off the chicken and flatten. Pre-heat fan oven to 200°C, or in a conventional oven at 220°C.
2) Take three shallow bowls, put the flour

in the first, the beaten egg in the second add the garlic puree and stir until completely mixed, add the breadcrumbs to the third bowl.

3) Dredge the chicken breasts in the flour until they are fully coated, then likewise in the egg and finally in the breadcrumbs.

4) Put the olive oil into a baking tin or dish and make sure the chicken breasts are completely coated in the olive oil.

5) Bake for 20-30 minutes until they are completely cooked.

6) Make the sauce, by frying the garlic in olive oil until it is transparent on a medium heat.

7) Add the chopped tomatoes, red pepper, basil, celery salt, and chicken stock.

8) Blend and heat through in a saucepan, add the lemon juice and put to one side.

9) Slice the buffalo mozzarella and place on top of the cooked chicken breasts, put back in the oven and allow the cheese to melt.

10) Place the chicken breasts on plates with the sauce to one side and serve.

Tip: Use kitchen scissors for trimming chicken, it is a lot easier than using a knife and less hazardous.

Tip: Flatten the chicken breasts with an empty or unopened bottle of wine to avoid the risk of contaminating a wooden rolling pin with salmonella bacteria. Likewise use polythene chopping boards.

Tip: To make sure chicken (or pork) is properly cooked, tap it with the back of a metal spoon, if the resulting sound is soft, the meat will be, if it sounds like tapping wood it is cooked through.

Hint: Place as many of the breasts as possible in each bowl to coat them rather than multi-coating each breast one at a time.

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A €4.5 million mill mansion

A WINEMAKER husband and his actress wife have turned a centuries-old water mill into a luxury five-bedroom mansion.

Max Hernandez, a former entrepreneur, and his wife, retired screen star Silvia Hernandez, were motivated by a desire to be near Madrid but not part of the bustle.

The couple have turned the mill, which used to grind grain, into a 6,200 square foot mansion with nearly seven lush acres, with a pool, custom greenhouse, garden and a private forest.

An additional guesthouse, fashioned out of a wood shed, has a bed-

room, bathroom and even a gym.

Now that Max and Silvia's son, Oliver is 18 and going to university in the UK, the estate is now on the market for a cool €4.5 million.

Clearly such high-end suburban living is hard to come by in Madrid, and affluent homeowners generally choose between old-fashioned apartment living in the heart of the city, and new villas on the outskirts in gated communities.

When the couple bought the former mill in 1999 for €400,000, the previous owner had already converted it into a single family home, but it looked nothing like its current

grandiose splendour. They purchased more land surrounding the property and spent a further €1.3 million on gutting the house, adding new heating, windows, floors and an outdoor pool. "We only kept the walls and the roof," said Max, who completed the home in the spring of 2001.

They also have an eclectic taste in vintage furniture, ranging from Belgian art deco to South African art deco to Spanish mid-century modern.

In keeping with their successful exploits so far, the couple plan to construct a 12,000 square foot mansion in the foothills of Valencia, out of a derelict multi-family farmhouse.



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Ref 3115, Son Bielo, 268,000€

Terraced house near the sea with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry room, private garage, garden, aircon



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Ref 3118, Llucmajor, 106,500€

Apartment in good state of repair, 3rd floor. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, kitchen, 2 balconies. No lift. Living area 90m² plus terraces.



Ref: 3104, Algaida, 160,000€

Plot with building permission, mains electricity and mains water possible. Nice views.



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INNER STEEL: The unique, Rural House, is an award-winning property.

THE BBC's The World's Most Extraordinary Homes recently took viewers to Spain to visit three stunning properties.

Rural House was built for a Michelin-starred chef and is a collection of 11 specially crafted steel boxes made to look like agricultural containers and hidden by a man-made ridge.

The unusual structure of the property, nestled in the foothills of the Pyrenees in Olot, Spain, recently won architect, Rafael Aranda the prestigious Pritzker Architect Prize.

The kitchen and dining room are in one section, with a very minimalist open plan living room in the next. Inside, steel-



work runs throughout as part of the interior decor, with belongings and utility rooms hidden behind steel doors that are flush with the walls.

Chef, Fina Puigdevall wanted somewhere to retreat to that was literally hidden away from the busy hub of the city centre of Olot.

Hemeroscopium House is on the outskirts of Madrid, surrounded by traditional suburban properties which make its striking

ing concrete girders stand out even more.

Owner and architect, Anton Garcia Abril spent an entire year calculating the positioning of each element, creating an upward spiral of concrete and steel beams that support each other, and are held in place by a 20-ton piece of granite as a counterweight.

The eye is immediately drawn to the structure, but other striking

elements are woven in too, like a swimming pool on the ground floor and a courtyard perfect for barbecues.

Solo House 2 is a holiday home built in north-west Spain, an area that has barely been touched by tourism.

The concept of the circular structure was realised via an arts project, which gave architects a plot of land and free reign over what was built on the site.

Assigned a plot on a hilltop plateau, the architects built a 45m diameter circular design to make the most of the panoramic views.

The walls of glass help the building dissolve into the landscape, and they all slide, to encourage the huge expanse of surrounding nature to become part of the house itself.



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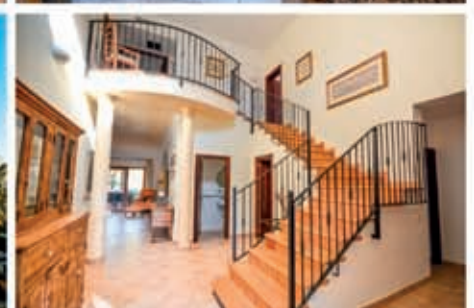


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MIMICKING nature's valuable lessons to protect the garden ecology.

If you look at the way nature grows her gardens, you will see that all good soil zones have a complete coverage of the soil with plants. Any area of good soil that has sunlight and some moisture will have plants growing with a complete ground cover. It is natural that the soil is completely covered with plants, plant debris or stones.

In ornamental and vegetable gardens we often design the garden to have big gaps between the plants we are trying to grow that has just bare soil in between. This is quite contrary to nature's way.

Bare spaces give a satisfaction of us being in control of the garden to do just what we want but it also means that we have a lot of weeding or cultivating to do to keep the soil bare as nature struggles to protect the soil with new plant cover or weeds, which is what we usually call unwanted plants.

With the long, hot Mediterranean summer, the consequence of the unnaturally bare soil exposed directly to the sun is overheating of



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NATURE'S WAY: Ground cover plants and mulch will protect your soil.

the soil that destroys, at the surface, the living organisms that maintain a living soil.

This overheating in summer and extreme cold exposure in winter on bare soil results in depletion of nutrients. Nitrogen evaporates in high temperatures and the lack of microbial activity to decompose any organic material in the soil will mean little nutrient renewal

through natural processes.

The short term result can be improved nutrient release as the organic microorganisms die, but long term the soil will become just a mineral soil with little organic content. The soil will become less fertile and unable to grow most plants that need high organic content. Mediterranean soils are normally low in organic content be-

cause of the hot summers.

This can be overcome with the addition of organic fertiliser, but if you want to reduce your workload in the garden you can adopt ground covers to make gardening easier. Ground cover can be a mulch of organic materials such as compost, straw, leaves, chipped wood or even inorganic stones laid on the surface of the soil to protect it.

An even better way however is to design the garden to incorporate ground cover plants that will grow and spread out over the soil to protect it and naturally supply additional plant debris to the soil.

A well chosen ground cover will spread out over the soil to insulate, suppress many weeds, preserve moisture and add more life and colour to a garden. In small gardens that will fill up every inch or centimetre of the garden around their taller companions.

A tree can be highlighted by being surrounded by a flowering or lush green ground cover. Shrub bed bushes can be tied in wonderfully with a well selected ground cover planting.

There are so many different plants that can be used as ground cover. Any trailing or spreading plant that does not grow upright but tends to grow horizontally can be used. Creeping or spreading succulents make excellent ground covers where watering is kept to a minimum.

It is best to use ground covers with similar watering and soil needs to their companions in the garden. This is how nature makes her gardens.

Buckingham Palace gardens

TODAY, war pensioners and service personnel will have the privileged opportunity to enjoy the gardens at Buckingham Palace as they celebrate their 'Not Forgotten Association Garden Party.'

This annual event brings together more than 2,000 beneficiaries who will be able to take some inspiration, and perhaps

even a naughty cutting, from the flowers and plants that fill the royal gardens.

The royal garden itself is a 40-acre walled oasis and the largest private garden in the city of London. The central feature is a three-acre lake, but attendees will also be able to marvel at the 156-metre long herbaceous border, the wisteria-clad

summerhouse, the rose garden, and a 4.5-metre high waterloo vase carved from a single piece of marble weighing an estimated 20 tons.

Although the queen has admitted that she's not an expert gardener, she has said that plants, trees and flowers have been a source of pleasure for her throughout her life. Some

of her favourite flowers can be found throughout the gardens.

In particular, the queen has revealed that her favourite flower is the primrose, and she is also partially fond of

wildflowers.

If you'd like to enjoy the royal gardens then you can do so. Access to the gardens is included in the Buckingham Palace tours.



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Saying goodbye

YOUR relationship with your dog is special. You are responsible for its care and welfare. Eventually there comes a most difficult life or death decision for the welfare of the animal and for you and your family.

The decision is a personal one but it need not be a solitary one. Your vet and your family and friends can assist and support you. Consider not only what is best for your dog, but also what is best for you and your family. Quality of life is important for pets and people alike.

If your dog can no longer enjoy the things which once gave it pleasure, or if there is more pain than quality in its life, if your dog is terminally ill or critically injured, or if the financial or emotional cost of treatment is beyond your means, euthanasia may be the only option.

It also might be necessary if a dog has become vicious, dangerous, or unmanageable, but remember some undesirable and abnormal behaviour can be changed with a qualified behaviourist.



FOND FAREWELL: Choosing to euthanise your dog is not easy.

Economic and emotional problems together with changes in lifestyle may also force an owner to consider euthanasia of a dog. Obviously it is better to find another solution or an alternative home for these pets.

Your vet understands attachment to pets and can examine and evaluate your dog's condition, estimate your dog's chances for recovery, discuss potential disabilities and long-term problems, explain the medical options

and possible outcomes. But he cannot make the euthanasia decision for you.

It is very important that you fully understand your dog's condition. If there is any part of the diagnosis or the implications for your dog's future that you don't understand, ask to have it explained again. Rarely will the situation require an immediate decision. Usually, there will be time to review the facts.

Eventually you may wish to discuss

the disposal of your dog's body with your family and vet. You have several options and your vet can provide information about burial, cremation or other alternatives.

Discuss with the family what the vet has said. Long-term medical care could be a burden, either emotionally or financially. Encourage family members to express their thoughts and feelings. Even if you have reached a decision, family members, especially children, should have their feelings considered.

Children have special relationships with their pets. Excluding or protecting children from this decision-making process, because they are thought to be too young to understand, may only complicate their grieving. Children respect straightforward, truthful, and simple answers. If they are prepared adequately, they are usually able to accept a dog's death.

Euthanasia is almost always accomplished by injection of a death-inducing drug. Your vet may administer a tranquilliser first to relax your dog.

Following the death-inducing injection, your dog will immediately go into a quiet and irreversible deep unconsciousness. Death will come quickly and painlessly.

The act of saying goodbye is an important step in managing the natural and healthy feelings of grief, sorrow, and sense of loss. Your dog is an important part of your life and it is natural to feel you are losing a friend.

Once the decision for euthanasia has been made, you and other family members may want to say goodbye to your dog. A last evening with your dog at home or a visit to the dog at the hospital may be appropriate. Family members who want to be alone with the animal should be allowed to do so. Farewells are always difficult.

After your dog has died, it is natural and normal to feel grief and sorrow. The grieving process includes accepting the reality of your loss, accepting that the loss and accompanying feelings are painful, and adjusting to your new life that no longer includes your dog.

Mile high pets

FOR many pet owners, the thought of leaving their loved one behind when they fly off on holiday can be too heart breaking. But, what are your options if you want to

bring your pet with you when you reach for the skies?

First, let's be clear that there's a big difference between pets and animals re-

quired for physical assistance, usually dogs. The latter should never be refused to board provided they meet the airlines' criteria and are fully trained.

Aside from this, under EU regulations airlines in Europe are allowed to carry pets of up to 8kg in the aircraft cabin. The issue is that not all airlines are willing to do so. This means that the only option is to accept the fact that your beloved will be relegated to the hold for the duration of the flight.

If you can live with this, remember that your dog, cat or ferret must have a passport and will need to be micro-chipped and vaccinated against rabies to be allowed to enter the UK.

But your options are limited. easyJet and Ryanair don't allow any animals in the cargo hold and strictly only allow assistance animals on board. But BA does allow pets in the hold via its sister company IAG Cargo.



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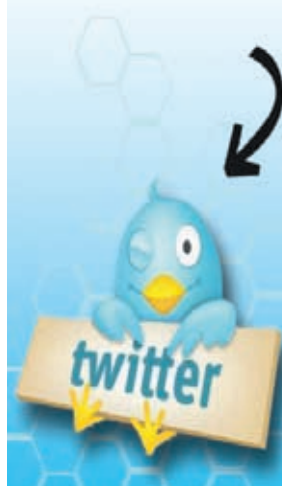
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LOADED: Luna is fortified against bombs and bullets.

Billionaire bargain boat

By Gregory Kirby

A €424 MILLION bomb-proof boat with two heliports belonging to a high-profile Russian oligarch is tangled up in Britain's most expensive divorce.

A high court judge originally ordered Akhmedov to pay his ex-wife a record €549 million as a settlement, making divorce court history.

But he refused, saying he had divorced his wife more than a decade earlier.

The judge demanded he hand over the yacht instead.

But Luna has been stranded in Dubai's dry docks after authorities there seized the contested vessel.

Luna's lifeboats are worth around €3.7 million each and the yacht itself is ready for a siege.

It boasts a jaw dropping line-up of security measures including a missile-detection system, an anti-drone mechanism, bulletproof windows and bombproof doors.

But enforcements did not prevent the Trump administration from putting Mr.

Akhmedov onto the 'Putin list.'

The list uses sanctions to stop a squad of Russian elites from doing business in the United States.

The battle for the boat is ongoing after Akhmedov and his lawyers filed for the yacht's fate to be decided by a Shariah court in Dubai.

Legal experts say the court's Islamic nature is likely to play into the billionaire's hands as British tabloids have said he is a practising Muslim.

But Ms Akhmedova said she had never seen her ex-

husband praying, in her first ever interview at a public relations firm.

"Apparently because he was born in Azerbaijan, he's a Muslim," she reportedly said with boggling eyes.

Mr Akhmedov has owned a home in England since the 1990's.

He is part of a larger wave of Russians to stash chunks of their fortunes there, seeking refuge from Putin-era perils.

The divorce case proves the British legal system poses its own set of risks to Russian treasure.

€114 million birthday superyacht



SURPRISE: Britain's third richest woman with husband, Ernesto Bertarelli.

BRITAIN'S third richest woman has been given a €114 million superyacht for her 40th birthday.

Kirsty Bertarelli, married to Swiss tycoon Ernesto Bertarelli, is worth nearly €11 billion.

It makes her wealthier than the Queen, Adele and JK Rowling combined.

The birthday boat is the largest ever to be built in the United Kingdom.

It boasts a helicopter pad, swimming pool and a 'fold-down beach club' so the billionaire Briton can do yoga on the deck, according to media.

And her birthday celebrations also included a €2.28 million party.

Bertarelli went to school in Wales and gained seven o-levels before signing up to a modelling agency aged 16.

She wrote a hit song for pop band, All Saints and won the Miss United Kingdom beauty pageant before marrying Switzerland's wealthiest man.

Husband Ernesto Bertarelli inherited the Serono pharmaceutical company founded by his grandfather in 1906.

The company gained its name for discovering a natural hormone to treat female infertility.

Serono has since been sold off and the family has diversified into fields including the America's cup, the premiere round-the world sailing race.

Kirsty Bertarelli was pipped to the rich-list top spot by Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken and Kirsten Rausing, richest and second richest respectively.

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Most new cars that are produced would not usually make any real noise, so the sound they make is artificially generated through speakers.

A 1965 JAGUAR E-type raced by Sir Stirling Moss is shortly to be auctioned, and is expected to sell for between €125,000 and €150,000.

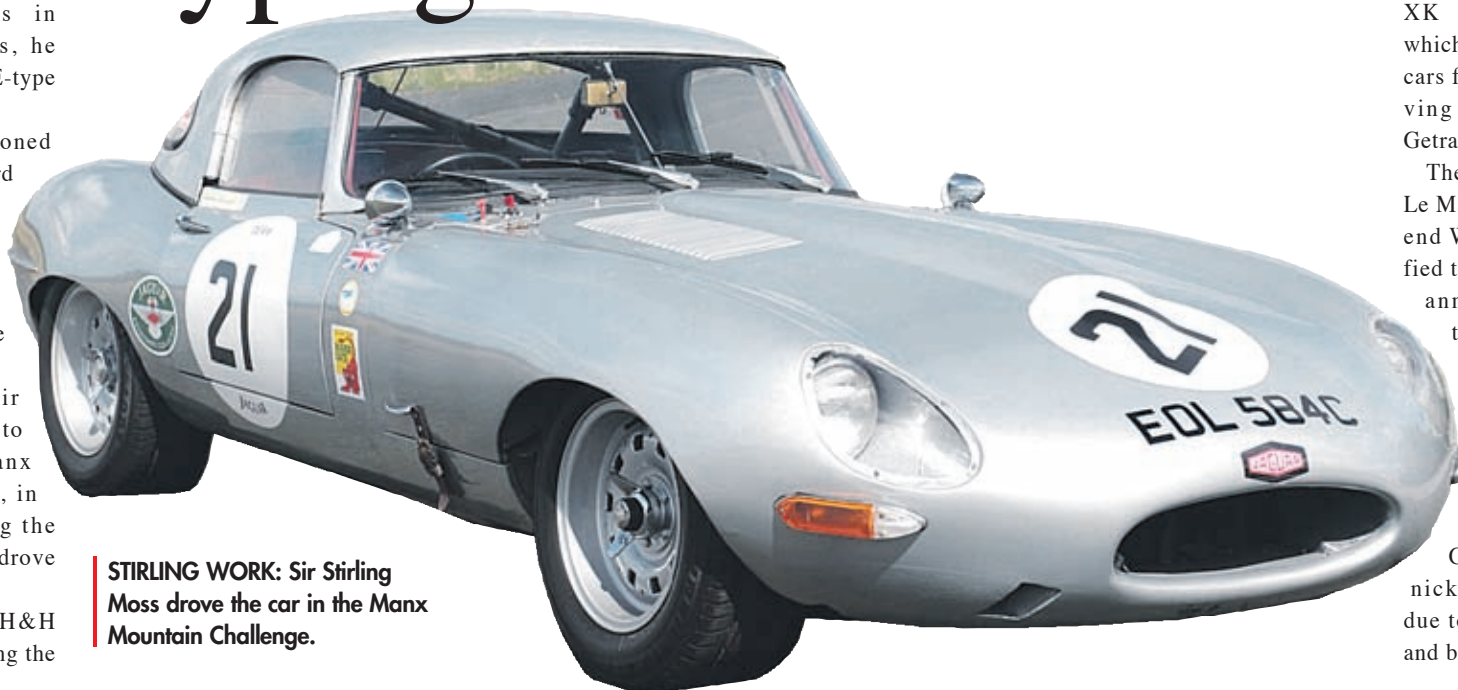
Although Moss started his career as a Jaguar works driver, with successes in XK120s and C-types, he never competed in an E-type during its heyday.

The car being auctioned started life as a standard E-type Roadster and was converted to a road-legal racer by marque specialist Jeremy Broad in the 1980's.

It was loaned to Sir Stirling Moss in 1991 to compete in the Manx Mountain Challenge, in the process becoming the first E-type that Moss drove competitively.

Auction House H&H Classics, which is selling the

A rolling Jaguar E-type gathers no Moss



STIRLING WORK: Sir Stirling Moss drove the car in the Manx Mountain Challenge.

car at RAC Woodcote Park near Epsom, Surrey, says the car features many original components, including an aluminium bonnet fabricated by Abbey Panels.

It also has a 4.2 litre version of the classic Jaguar XK straight-six engine, which powered the Coventry cars from 1949 to 1992, driving through a five-speed Getrag gearbox.

The car was later raced by Le Mans and touring car legend Win Percy, who qualified third in the special 40th anniversary race for E-types at Donington Park in 2001.

Among the 54 other lots in the H&H sale is a modern recreation of the famed 1973 BMW CSL touring car racer, nicknamed the Batmobile due to its outrageous wings and bulbous bodywork.

ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

Mazda MX-5 RF

THE Mazda MX-5 RF is a head-turning version of its soft-top stable-mate, offering a powered hardtop instead of the usual fabric roof and providing better security and more refinement.

The RF certainly attracts attention with its supercar-style buttress rear fins and most people who asked me about it thought it cost far more than it actually does!

Mazda designers deserve much praise for such arresting styling - and unusually, the folding roof doesn't reduce the available boot space which at 130 litres was small anyway.

Other than the hardtop feature, the RF is essentially the same as the standard MX-5, which in almost 30 years of production has become the two-seater sports car icon.

The RF is priced from €25,643 (£22,496) in 131 hp 1.5 litre form though the version I tested had the 2.0 litre 158 hp engine and in entry-level SEL Nav trim is priced at €27,126 (£23,795). Top



speed is 215 kph (134 mph), the 0-100 kph time a crisp 7.4 seconds. Fuel consumption is 14.4 kpl (40.9 mpg) and emissions 161 g/km.

SE L Nav models come with climate and cruise control, power windows, remote central locking, alloys wheels, LED headlamps, an 18cm (seven-inch) screen and connected infotainment system and sat-nav.

The wrap-around cabin is a cosy fit, with minimal stowage space - no door pockets, no glove-box, just a small lockable compartment behind the seats. But none of this matters much as the car attracts carefree buyers who

will fling a small hold-all into the boot and zoom off for a fun weekend in the countryside or on the coast.

Mazda has upgraded the cabin materials and together with the new styling, the RF has more kudos and a more up-market appearance.

Underway, it is quick and nimble and with the roof closed, more quiet and refined. Handling is assured, ride quality decent by sports car standards. Overall the RF provides fun driving with an engaging panache which some of its more expensive rivals may find hard to match.

HEAD-TURNING: The new Mazda offers a powered hardtop to provide security and refinement.

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- **Model:** Mazda MX-5 RF
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Model tested was UK-specification and equipment levels and prices may vary in other markets.



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Hamilton could quit F1 in 2020

LEWIS HAMILTON could sensationally quit Formula 1 in 2020, according to commentator and former F1 driver, David Coulthard.

Hamilton's current contract expires at the end of the year but soon he is expected to pen a lucrative two-year extension.

That would take him to the end of the 2020 season, which will align with when Liberty Media are planning to make vast changes to the sport in a bid to make it more competitive.

Coulthard thinks Hamilton, who would be 35 years old then, could call time on his racing career to focus on releasing his first music album.

"I think it's got to be on his mind," Coulthard said on BBC Radio 2's Graham Norton Show on Saturday.

"I think he'll go to 2020 which is the end of the current Concorde agreement, but beyond that

there is every likelihood he will be releasing his first album."

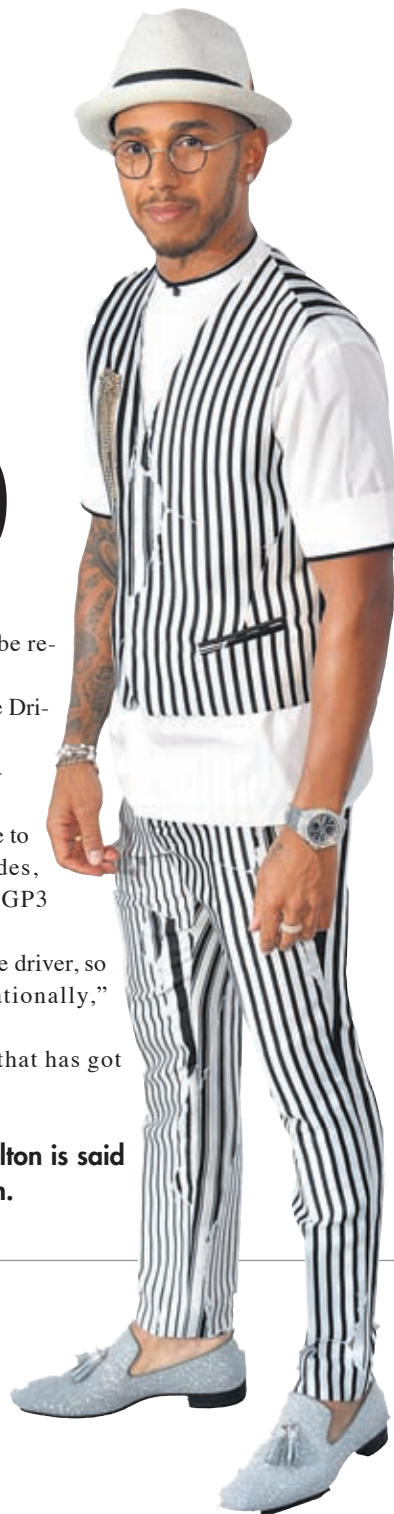
Hamilton is currently leading the Driver's Championship this season as he searches for his fifth world title.

Asked who he felt may be in line to take Hamilton's place at Mercedes, Coulthard suggested reigning GP3 champion George Russell.

"He's with Mercedes as a reserve driver, so he wouldn't be known internationally," Coulthard said.

"But he's certainly someone that has got skills, talent and potential."

MUSICAL MOTORIST: Hamilton is said to be working on an album.



Lorenzo rides high in Italy

SPAIN'S Jorge Lorenzo claimed his first win for Ducati at the Italian Grand Prix as championship leader Marc Marquez crashed out at the Mugello circuit.

Three-time champion Lorenzo has struggled since leaving Yamaha in 2016 but beat teammate Andrea Dovizioso into second.

Seven-time world champion Valentino Rossi became the first rider to reach 5,000 points in MotoGP with third.

"I said that winning at Mugello with Ducati was a dream for me," said Lorenzo, who has retired from two races this season.

"It's one of the most spe-



EASY RIDER: Jorge Lorenzo secured his first win with Ducati at Mugello.

Credit: MotoGP/Twitter

cial wins of my entire career."

Moments later though, he signalled what many had suspected: that he would be leaving the Ducati team at the end of the season.

Marc Marquez crashed before finishing 16th in Tuscany, though he remains comfortably clear of the standings after five races.

The Spaniard had been bidding for his fourth straight win this season but fell off his Honda on the fifth lap.

Rossi moves up into second in the standings, 23 points behind Marquez, with Yamaha team-mate Maverick Vinales in third.

Transfer rumours

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

Liverpool continue to pursue Lyon midfielder Nabil Fekir, although reports of talk's with the 24-year-old's agent were premature. (*Liverpool Echo*)

Bayern Munich will keep tabs on Everton and England goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, 24, at this month's World Cup. (*Daily Mail*)



Credit: Everton Football Club/Flickr

TOP PICK: Jordan Pickford is being monitored by Bayern Munich.

Roma and Brazil goalkeeper, Alisson, 25, will reject Liverpool in order to wait for a move to Real Madrid. (*BBC*)

Huddersfield are interested in signing AC Milan's Portuguese forward Andre Silva, 22. (*Sky Sports*)

Real Madrid want to make a quick appointment to replace boss Zinedine Zidane after accepting defeat for Mauricio Pochettino's signature. (*Daily Mail*)

New **Rangers** manager Steven Gerrard is keen to sign young Liverpool midfielder Ovie Ejaria, 20. (*Sun*)

Former **Barcelona** boss Luis Enrique could become the new Chelsea boss after reopening negotiations with the Blues. (*Buzz*)

Manchester United are making PSG and Italy forward, Marco Verratti, 25, their number one target. (*Mirror*)

Barca star Ousmane Dembele has been weighing up his future in talks with Lionel Messi, amid interest from Liverpool and Arsenal. (*Express*)

Arsenal manager Unai Emery wants to make Sevilla midfielder Steven N'Zonzi, 29, one of his first signings. (*Talksport*)

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Fury to go on Seferi

FORMER world heavyweight boxing champion Tyson Fury will return to the ring for the first time in nearly 1,000 days when he faces Albania's Seferi in Manchester on Saturday.

The 29-year-old has not fought since reaching his 'Everest' by claiming the IBF, WBA, and WBO titles from Wladimir Klitschko in November 2015.

Since that triumph Fury has admitted to taking drugs, binge drinking and going to sleep hoping he wouldn't wake up.

He relinquished his titles and tested positive for a banned steroid, something he blamed



Credit: Tyson_Fury/Twitter

READY TO RUMBLE: Tyson Fury says the heavyweight division is full of bums.

on eating uncastrated wild boar.

"I am living proof that anyone can come back from the brink," said Fury.

"There are a lot of people out there suffering with mental health problems who think all their days will be grey, but life can improve and you will start to enjoy the little things again."

Fury explained that while the first part of his career was

about becoming heavyweight champion of the world, his comeback is about 'inspiring others who are suffering' with mental health issues.

He compared boxing with marriage, in that you fall in and out of love and have to work at it.

"But I have spiced it back up again, bought her some sexy lingerie and we are back at it, better than ever."

DENMARK'S Thorbjorn Olesen won a fifth European Tour title with a one-shot victory at the Italian Open in Brescia.

The 28-year-old world number 129 began the final day one shot off the lead but carded seven birdies in a bogey-free 64 to finish on 22 under.

Italian Francesco Molinari, winner last week at the PGA at Wentworth, started the round level with Olesen and birdied the last for a 65 to finish second.

Overnight leader Lee Slatery was third after a closing 67, and his caddy had to retire on the back nine through injury.

Molinari, twice an Italian Open champion, made four successive birdies from the 13th hole and was tied for the lead before hitting a bunker on the 17th and dropping a shot.

However, he holed a huge 30-foot putt up the hill on the final green for birdie to huge cheers from the gallery, setting a target of 21 under.

Olesen, runner up in 2011,



Credit: Italian Open/Twitter

HOLED OUT: Thorbjorn Olesen held his nerve to take the title.

Olesen's swings to victory

put his second shot on the 18th in a greenside bunker, but calmly holed from seven feet for par to take the title.

"I've never had that final putt to win," said Olesen. "That's why this one feels so amazing."

Former world number one Lee Westwood produced the

joint lowest round of the day with six birdies and an eagle in a 63 to take a share of fifth with Graeme McDowell and Andy Sullivan.

Veteran Miguel Angel Jimenez, the colourful 54-year-old Spaniard, also carded a 63, compiling nine birdies to earn a share of 14th.

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