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A BRITISH dad killed on a Magaluf stag weekend had taken cocaine before being mowed down by a speeding drink driver.

Adrian O'Kane of Acocks Green, Birmingham, died after being hit by a car as he walked towards his hotel.

And an inquest has heard that the 40-year-old construction worker was so intoxicated that he was in a 'semi-standing position, almost on all fours' as he tried to cross Carrer Pinada in the early hours of April 23 last year.

A post mortem examination confirmed that the victim suffered a severe head injury during the collision with a dark-coloured Ford Focus driving 'at excessive speed.'

Witnesses said they heard the car "skidding" along the Punta Ballena party strip before it turned onto Carrer Pinada.

The man at the wheel, a 39-year-old Spaniard, was held on

## Killed on stag



suspicion of involuntary murder and driving under the influence after testing positive for alcohol and cocaine, Birmingham Coroner's Court heard.

Mr O'Kane had a high level of alcohol and 0.22 grammes of cocaine in his bloodstream before the accident.

**HOLIDAY HORROR:**  
The family of Adrian O'Kane (inset) have demanded justice in the wake of an inquest into his death.

fore the accident.

Senior coroner Louise Hunt read out a toxicology report which said: "The subject had ingested large amounts of alcohol, 2.86 grams per litre, together with the consumption of cocaine immediately prior to the accident.

"The consumption of toxic substances around the time of his death was therefore very likely to have contributed to the accident."

Known as Swanny to his

friends, the victim leaves behind two daughters, aged 12 and 10.

His body was flown back to the UK after his family raised more than €34,000 from donations in less than a fortnight.

In the wake of the hearing Adrian's mum Mary said: "Everyone loved Adrian and we've been overwhelmed with support from family and friends.

"He will be greatly missed and he would have been touched by the impact he has had on so many people.

"We now want to see justice against the driver as it's just horrible to think that someone taking drugs and drinking while driving has taken Adrian away from us."

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## Plunge tactics

A HOTEL in Mallorca has put up glass panels in a bid to prevent balcony falls that have claimed the lives of several British holidaymakers this year.

The resort, in the party hotspot of Magaluf in Calvia, placed the sheet in a gap above a walkway wall next to the entrance of one of its floors.

The works come as two British tourists died in recent months after falling from balconies and walkways at the hotel.

Tom Hughes, 20, from Wales, was killed after plunging almost 20 metres from the building, while Natalie Cormack, 19, from Scotland, also lost her life after a fall.

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# Water torture

## Brit holidaymaker sues over horror injury

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH mum who almost lost her leg after a waterslide accident saw the limb infected with flesh-eating bugs is suing a Benidorm hotel.

Helen Priestly, 42, cut her leg in two places and was twice forced to have surgery.

And the mother-of-one from Rochdale, Greater Manchester, has filed charges against the hotel for its 'death trap' chute as she battles to get it shut down.

She said: "The slide I was on is a potential death trap. It's only a matter of time before an adult or child is seriously injured on it."

The incident came after she forked out more than €950 on a four-star break in the Costa Blanca resort with husband Leon, 40, and 15-year-old daughter Danielle.

Helen rode on the slide without knowing that someone had

broken their leg on it earlier the same day.

She explained: "I didn't stand a chance really as the gap to go through wasn't really big enough to get through.

"The water current was really strong and it slammed me into the opening. I was in agony."

After fighting against the flow to get off the attraction she realised how badly she was hurt.

"I started nearly passing out from the shock and blood loss. I had a big massive hole in my leg like an indent," she added.

An ambulance took her to a private hospital where medics x-rayed the leg and put her on an IV drip before letting her go.

The hotel refused to cover the cost of a wheelchair, leaving the family to pay, and they were not visited by a rep for two days.

She continued: "I was in constant pain but they wouldn't help us at all from then on. I was in intense pain and couldn't

wait to get home."

But things took a turn for the worse six weeks after they arrived home, when she was admitted to the Rochdale Infirmary in massive pain before being diagnosed with necrotising fasciitis, commonly known as flesh-eating disease.

She said: "A cloudy, milky liquid was pouring out of my

leg, it was disgusting.

"One time I woke up and my bed was soaking from all the liquid and it was so bad the nurse thought I had spilled a glass of water on the sheets.

"But as the poisons were gone I felt a bit better."

Doctors then performed two emergency operations in a bid to save the leg after a transfer to Royal Oldham Hospital, where she was admitted to the high dependency unit.

She added: "I actually felt better and had a cup of tea. But then the doctors looked at my leg and said I might lose my leg and told my husband and daughter I could also die.

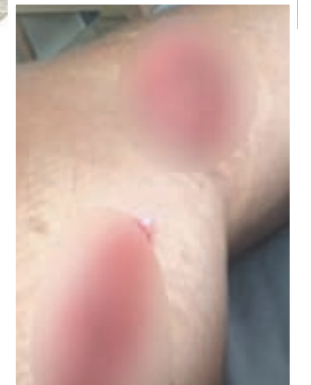
"I was hysterical I couldn't believe all this had come from a water slide. It was like something out of a horror film.

"There were massive holes and gaping wounds in my legs and you could see the bone."

An official from travel opera-



Photo credit Facebook



**'I WAS HYSTERICAL':** Doctors told Helen she could lose her leg or even die.

tor Jet2 said: "The health and safety of our customers is extremely important to us, we are exploring Helen's claim fully.

"As this is part of an ongoing legal process, we are unable to

comment further at this time."

Helen's legal representative Paul Stevens added: "It defies belief if the same slide that severely injured Helen is open and still causing injuries."

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## Matas jailed

JAUME MATAS, the ex-president of the Balearic Islands, has voluntarily entered a Madrid prison to serve a three-year sentence for corruption. Matas has been implicated in six such crimes and he has already spent nine months in jail for paying a journalist to write his speeches with public funds, media reports.

## Plane lost

THE search for an aircraft which went missing while fighting forest fires in Mallorca on Tuesday continues. The forest fire coordination centre made the last known contact with the plane just after 6pm after which a search party was sprung, including a Guardia Civil helicopter and an environment ministry light aircraft, according to emergency services.

## Grassed off

THE Salvem Portocolom campaign group said it was disappointed the government is 'passing the ball' on the protection of the Posidonia sea grass species. The group said having to deal with four institutions makes it hard to permanently protect the bay's plant because each entity passes the responsibility for it onto the other.

## Mates rates

RATES in Balearic Islands' hotels have increased more than in any other autonomous region in Spain following modernisation works which have increased several hotels' quality ratings. However, the changes are failing to attract clients who have reportedly been put off by new Tourism Laws, according to sector business associations.

## Ban exempt

PEOPLE who live and work in Formentera will be excluded from restrictions to vehicle access on the island, according to Francina Armengol, the Balearic Islands president. The law 'addresses the problem of excess vehicles' and also guarantees the needs of people who live, work or have a residence on the island, Armengol added.

## Ban rejected

A PALMA City municipal citizens group has rejected the prohibition of multi-family dwellings being rented to tourists. Patricia Conrado, a councillor representing the group, said the zoning is "unfair, probably illegal and does not solve the housing problem" and she added the restrictions are likely to give a reason for illegality.

THE BIG PICTURE Nº 18



SPEARS OF DESTINY: Workers in Caparroso, Navarra.

# White gold

IT must be collected at night to protect its delicate colour and texture.

And the asparagus dubbed 'white gold' is now being harvested by temporary workers in northern Spain.

Within a few hours of being picked, the delicacy is either sold in local markets or boiled and placed into tins or jars, otherwise its high water content - considered critical to its distinct flavour - can be lost.

And if exposed to the sun, the pricey veg can quickly turn purple.

Those responsible for picking it must move quickly, and a dozen people can harvest up to 1.5 tonnes in a single night. And there is another reason for their haste, since

salaries for the seasonal workers, here pictured in Caparroso, Navarra, are partly based on the amount they collect.

The region's climate, comprised of cold winter and spring nights, is said to be ideal for producing top quality asparagus, which receives a special label of geographical origin under European rules.

A kilo typically sells for €2.90 if bought directly from farmers, with the price doubling or tripling in food markets elsewhere.

Locals eat the asparagus by holding it with two fingers upside down above the head and lowering it slowly into the mouth.

## Lesbian agent torment

A LESBIAN police officer has given evidence against colleagues who allegedly persecuted her for being a homosexual.

Sonia Vivas was welcomed by crowds of supporters before answering questions for three hours in court.

The officer accused three colleagues of tormenting her because they did not want a homosexual in the Local Police's motorised unit. And the problems began the moment she entered the unit, the courtroom heard.

Colleagues humiliated and ridiculed her by breaking eggs on her bike saddle, deflating its wheels and tampering with its suspension, Vivas said.

"My presence in the unit annoyed him because I was a lesbian. They treated me like rubbish," the court heard.

The three officers - including one ex-commissioner who allegedly consented to the behaviour - denied the acts but refused to answer prosecutors.

They face 20 years' of combined prison sentences.

## Bargain-hunting Ibiza tourists offered beds for €50 a night

SKYROCKETING holiday rental prices have led to locals offering creative accommodation such as bunk beds on a balcony for €50 a night.

Tourism chiefs were stunned by the offers, appearing on holiday let sites such as Airbnb.

One apartment has been advertised as 'turning into a mini hostel each summer' and offers nine beds

in total, with bunks squeezed into tiny spaces including the balcony.

The Platja d'en Bossa flat even had a security camera in the living room to monitor the tenants.

Local newspaper *Diario de Ibiza* claims one week's rent in Ibiza costs the same as a whole month in Lanzarote.

Other unusual rentals include wooden shacks and even vans.

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**RED LETTER DAY:** The recovered document and (inset) a depiction of Columbus' 1492 landing in the Americas.

# The right note

A 500-YEAR-OLD letter written by Christopher Columbus has been returned to Spain by the United States.

It comes after a seven-year international probe which reached as far afield as Paris and Brasilia.

Written in 1493 and addressed to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, the letter describes the notorious explorer's discoveries in the New World.

It was among 16 original copies, of which several were stolen from Barcelona's National Library of Cataluña archives in 2004 and 2005.

They were replaced with forgeries, but the switch was only discovered in 2011 when experts received a tip off about the plot from an informant.

Spain's US ambassador described the repatriation of the letter as 'a showcase of the ties that bind the United States and Spain together' when receiving it during a ceremony in Washington, DC.

"We are truly honoured to return this historically important document back to Spain, its rightful owner," US Attorney David Weiss added.

The letter was a manual copy of the original, written in Spanish to the monarchs who paid for his journey to the Americas.

It covers the people, landscape and wealth that the navigator found between his August 1492 departure from Puerto de Palos in Huelva, Spain, and return to Lisbon in March 1493, seven months later.

It was at the time translated into Latin before being sent to kings and queens across Europe.

Investigators said the document was sold by two Italian book dealers for €600,000 in 2005, before a Brazilian businessman snapped it up for €900,000 in 2011. And it is believed they were alerted to the scam by an expert employed by the latest owner to check its authenticity.

An agent was then dispatched to Spain to check that the archived version was a fake, sparking a joint enquiry by US Homeland Security Investigations, a division of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE), and the Department of Justice.

The unnamed owner reportedly agreed to hand the letter over after being contacted by the authorities.

ICE said in a statement that it has recovered 11,000 stolen artefacts from 30 countries since 2007, and that a second copy of the same letter was in 2016 returned to Italy.

## POLL OF THE WEEK

*Do you agree with Spain's decision to allow the boat carrying more than 600 migrants to dock in Valencia?*

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## STREET TALK

# Are you a mossie magnet?

A WET spring has created ideal breeding conditions and raised fears of a summer mosquito explosion as the heat kicks in. But with holidaymakers and residents warned to be on high alert by public health experts, how many of us are really terrorised by the bloodsucking pests?

**Sandra Canero, 33, and Rocio Gallego, 31 both traffic wardens from Malaga.**

Sandra: "Yes, we do. We wear thick black trousers for our work as traffic wardens and they still manage to bite our ankles. It is worse for some colleagues though. One is allergic and comes up with swollen red boils when bitten. She scratches the bites, they get infected and then she can't work."

Rocio: "At home we use the liquid plug-in devices, which do the trick. We have even tried to get our fluorescent work tops changed because they attract bugs, and also because people mistake us for police."

**Miguel Angel Nadal Pedrosa, 35-year-old bar worker from the Costa del Sol.**

"At home I have mosquito nets everywhere. It is a kind of fabric you can easily find in the shops. I use to cover my windows and even my balcony to stop them coming in. It works! But they don't bite me anyway. I'm not sure why. Maybe it is because of my skin or my blood type."

**Silvia Edwards, originally from Berkshire, resident in Fuengirola for 12 years.**

"Mosquitos aren't a problem, it's the flies in October that bother me. They are a real nuisance."

sance. If you go out to a restaurant they swarm over you, especially if you are eating fish. We have mosquito nets at home but the odd one occasionally gets in so we use the anti-mosquito plugs just in case."

**Minna Kivimaki, 22, from Lapland, visiting Spain to gain practical experience for her Science degree.**

"There are a lot of mosquitos in Lapland, which might surprise some people. Back home we have lots of reindeer and the mosquitos feed off them. But actually, they don't bite me at all in Spain. I don't understand why people complain about them so much."

**Raquel, 23, from Amsterdam, on holiday in Spain.**

"Yes, it is funny you should ask because we actually had a one-and-a-half-hour battle with a squad of seven mosquitos last night. There were no batteries in the air-conditioning remote control so the bugs were flying happily. They woke us up at

four o'clock. My friend was lying in the bed with a sandal waiting for them to fly past while I walked around the room. It was like an insect warzone, with mosquito bodies piling up around the room. We definitely won. It was quite an adventure!"

**Olafur Isleifsson, 64, from Iceland, on holiday in Spain.**

"I rarely get bitten. But if I do I never notice. They do come into the house and bite my wife, but not me. She uses repellent from the pharmacy which seems to do the job. But compared to my friend, my wife hardly suffers at all. He gets bitten all over his face and has to be admitted to hospital. Everyone wonders why they get bitten, or don't get bitten. Maybe it is because I have AB negative blood type."



BUG OFF: Sandra and Rocio.



BORED OF THE FLIES: Silvia.



SWARM WARNING: Raquel.

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# Flash of Ash

SHE set pulses racing after hooking up with US singer Ginuwine in the Celebrity Big Brother house.

And Ashley James, 31, turned up the heat once again after slipping into a skimpy orange bikini in Ibiza.

The blonde stunner flaunted her enviable curves as she soaked up the sun at a beach club opening party, posting a series of racy images on social media.



ORANGE CRUSH: Ashley James.

# In the lap of the gods

HE was Britain's most famous nightclub owner.

And tributes have poured in for Peter Stringfellow, who died aged 77 after losing a decade-long lung cancer battle.

The self-made millionaire had a long-affiliation with Spain, and in the 1990's bought a villa near Puerto Portals in Mallorca.

He once said of the island: "I liked it immediately. The first thing I did was buy a boat, which



PLACE IN THE SUN: Peter Stringfellow.

I lived on for around six years before buying the villa."

He listed the property as one of the five things he couldn't do without in a 2013 interview, but last year put it up for sale before buying land in southern

Italy to be closer to his half-Italian wife Bella's family.

At the time he said: "The area's probably like Mallorca was 20-odd years ago. It's incredible value, the land is incredibly easy to buy and you can build a lot cheaper than anywhere else."

# Piqued the lock

BARCELONA footballing star Gerard Pique confirmed to the King of Spain that his luxury Barcelona home was ransacked while he was watching pop star girlfriend Shakira performing in Germany.

The admission came as Felipe VI visited the Spanish national team's training camp before they jetted to Russia for the World Cup.

It is believed that the 31-year-old defender's parents were sleeping inside the man-

sion in Esplugues de Llobregat when burglars described as 'professionals' broke in and made off with luxury watches and jewellery.

Video footage posted online shows Pique shaking hands with the royal before explaining that his mum and dad were unharmed and that no arrests had been made.

He had travelled to Cologne to watch his partner of eight years, 41, as she completed the latest leg of her world tour.

Spain begin their World Cup Group B campaign against fierce rivals Portugal on Friday.



SHAKY GROUND: Gerard and Shakira.



ISLAND FEVER: The Love Island 2018 contestants.

# Summer of love

IT'S back. The 11 initial singletons are now ensconced in a luxury villa somewhere on Mallorca.

And the Love Island 2018 contestants are now looking to couple up or clear out as the popular ITV2 series gets underway.

Known for its raunchy sex scenes, this year's line-up includes Eastenders star Danny Dyer's daughter, Dani and Adam Collard, who once shared a three-way kiss with Charlotte Crosby and Chloe Ferry in a cameo on Geordie Shore.

# Total angel

SHE'S best known for hitting the runway in skimpy lingerie.

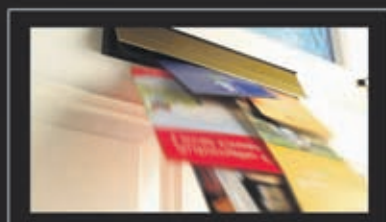
But Dutch Victoria's Secret angel Romee Strijd, 22, showed she's not averse to swimwear as she topped up her tan in Ibiza. Joined by boyfriend of nine years Laurens van Leeuwen, the beauty put on a jaw-dropping display by the water.



BEACH BABE: Romee Strijd.

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## Ronaldo settles €19 million tax bill

CRISTIANO RONALDO has reached an agreement to pay the Spanish authorities €19 million to settle his tax affairs.

The Real Madrid and Portugal star has been trying to resolve the situation for some time, after being accused of tax fraud.

However, no resolution will be official before the start of the World Cup, due to the recent change in the national government.

Ronaldo has reportedly admitted four of the fraud charges, meaning he will not have to spend any time in jail.

Meanwhile, he is believed to have been offered a staggering €32.5 million annual contract to stay at Real Madrid, but whether that is enough to keep him remains to be seen.



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**PLASTIC BEACH: Mallorca locals slammed tourists leaving rubbish on the beach.**

## Stink 'n' swim

### Locals slam 'disgusting' tourists

by Jay Emeny

MALLORCA locals have slammed the 'disgusting' state of the island's most famous beach.

The four-mile Playa de Palma was shown to be far from an idyllic paradise in viral video footage posted on social media that claimed to show the 'truth' about the area.

The clip - which has been viewed more than 70,000 times - shows drunken holiday-makers sprawled on the beach, drinking and smoking surrounded by rubbish both on the sand and promenade.

Cans, bottles and plastic are strewn across the ground in a zone described in brochures as 'the perfect place for families.'



The Facebook group which posted the video, Mallorquins fins els ous de situació ('Mallorcans want an end to saturation'), aims to keep track of rowdy behaviour on the island, and its members claim that authorities are failing to tackle anti-social behaviour despite fines being threatened to anyone who litters, causes noise or disturbances or behaves drunkenly in public spaces.

## OUR VIEW

### Forget the past

NO matter what anyone may think about the leaders of North Korea and the USA, their meeting in Singapore on Monday is without doubt of historic importance. It has been suggested that Chairman Kim Jong-un has actually outfoxed President Trump by appealing to his vanity as the first US President to establish a 'friendly' relationship with North Korea. The North Korean economy has been significantly disadvantaged by the sanctions imposed upon it and if these are to be eased as the two countries discuss nuclear disarmament then Kim will be able to take the credit whilst making promises of things to come.

The Americans had demanded 'complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation,' but there was no mention of this following the meeting and whilst the two parties have signed a document of understanding, full details of the content are awaited. At the end of the day however, when one considers that technically North and South Korea are still at war (there is only a ceasefire in place) any move to lessen the tension in the area has to be positive and will also come as a relief to neighbours including China.

According to President Trump the pair have forged "a special bond" whilst Kim said "We've decided to leave the past behind."

The next few months will determine whether this is a game of smoke and mirrors on the part of either side, but any action that helps to make the world a safer place cannot be criticised.

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## Flying high

GUARDA CIVIL officers arrested three pensioners at an airport in Spain after they were caught with kilos of cocaine in their luggage.

The trio landed at Madrid-Barajas from Peru when the two women, 67 and 72 years old, were pulled to one side when suspicious white packages were found in their bags at customs control.

Four kilos of cocaine powder was seized as well as two liquor bottles with cocaine inside.

The man travelling with the pair was also arrested.

## Irish tourist 'seriously injured'

AN Irish tourist has been seriously injured after falling from a hotel balcony in Mallorca.

Jack Walsh had reportedly travelled to the island to meet with friends after finishing his exams.

Witnesses told police that Jack

slipped when attempting to drop into the balcony of a room below where they were staying.

The 19-year-old suffered a serious head injury in the fall which is being investigated according to medical staff.

It is believed the young man

fell from a height 'of around 12 metres' in Santa Ponsa at around 4.25am on Tuesday.

He is currently being treated at the Son Espases Hospital.

This is the fifth report of a balcony fall related accident in Mallorca in the past three months.

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## Love Island break-in



**LOVE STRUCK:** The boys would have had plenty of distractions in the villa.

TWO local boys in Mallorca have reportedly snuck into the villa where Love Island Australia is filming and chatted with some of the singles there.

Further details of the incident are unclear, but it would be enough to make even the

programme's makers blush.

The Channel Nine show has a Mature Adult (MA) rating, meaning adult content can be broadcast, including nudity.

One of Love Island Australia's evicted contestants, single mum Kim Hartnett, re-

vealed that some couples openly had sex inside the house.

However, a spokesman for ITV studios has denied any breach of the premises took place and emphasised that the villa is monitored by round-the-clock security.



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## Blood donor statistics

THE amount of people who gave blood on the Balearic Islands stood at more than 34 per thousand islands residents at the end of last year, below the national average of 36.3 per thousand according to medical data.

## Shelling out

THE last surviving specimens of nacre, or mother of pearl, have been moved to the Cabrera National Park to aid breeding, with only five of the sea creatures recorded as living in the sea around Mallorca.

## Rights vote

LAWMAKERS in the Balearic Islands have unanimously approved a motion calling on authorities to guarantee the rights of the dying, with members of the regional Parliament in Palma's Health Commission all backing the call.

## Booze rules

MEASURES designed to curb public binge drinking in Marratxi have been given the go ahead by local councillors to go to a public consultation, with fines ranging from €300 to €10,000 for the most serious offences among the plans.

## Squat stats

A TOTAL of 55 Balearic Housing Authority properties, nearly all of them in Palma, have allegedly been occupied by squatters according to the body which said it was a "serious loss" for those waiting to be housed.

## Woman held

A WOMAN has been re-manded in custody by a court in Inca after being arrested on suspicion of committing 16 robberies from houses in the Muro area and selling them on in Palma and Inca shops.

A REPORT to mark World Oceans Day has revealed that tourists are causing a 40 per cent spike in marine litter entering the Mediterranean Sea.

The vast majority of the waste is plastic, and Turkey and Spain are two of the worst culprits, followed by Italy, Egypt and France, the study by wildlife charity WWF said. Hundreds of thousands of tonnes of microplastics are dumped in the sea each year, and wildlife is suffering for it.

## Litter plague

More than 200 million tourists flock to the Mediterranean each year, including many Britons, and WWF is trying to raise awareness of the problem to holidaymakers.

The conservation charity is urging people to bring a bag for life on holiday,

and cut down on face wipes, chewing gum, and straws.

While China is the largest plastics producer in the world, Europe is second and the detritus can injure, entrap and kill marine animals.

Spain also only recycles 21 per cent of

the electronic waste that it produces according to recent figures, placing it well below the European average of 35 per cent.

Figures provided by research group Eurostat reveal that of the country's 930,000 tons of electronic refuse produced per year, only 198,000 are processed.

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## Two week review

## Commentary by Moneycorp

IT was mostly a good start to June for the pound. Retail sales for April went up by 1.6%, manufacturing PMI came in at 54.4, and the service sector PMI came in at 54.0. Britain's GDP expanded by just 0.1% in the first quarter. Brexit, the gathering storm of the major vote in parliament on the issue and rumours of a split Cabinet are harrying the pound.

Next Tuesday the prime minister wants parliament to debate 15 amendments to the EU withdrawal legislation before scrapping them and voting the bill through unchanged. In addition, the new trade tariffs from the US now need to be factored in to future forecasts, having taken effect at the beginning of June.

Sentix reported a halving of Euroland investor confidence from 19.2 to 9.3. The euro has been struggling due to the uncertainty in Italy. The political situation has already sent Italian government borrowing costs higher and prompted

Moody's credit rating agency to put the country on negative watch. There are rumours that the European Central Bank might bring forward to next Thursday the policy announcement that had previously been expected to come in July.

That announcement is supposed to shed more light on the winding down of the bank's asset purchase programme. Trump's new trade tariffs and the EU's swift retaliation are likely to have some impact in the coming months.

President Trump's decision to levy an import tax on steel and aluminium from the EU, Canada and Mexico was met by furious criticism and is making waves. There was an expression of 'unanimous concern and disappointment' by G7 finance ministers and central bank governors regarding Donald Trump's new trade tariffs. Although some analysts argue that US import tariffs will be positive for the currency, the overall picture

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will not become clear until America's victims pull the trigger on their retaliatory measures.

As expected, the Bank of Canada kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 1.25% for a fifth month at the end of May. However, the statement implied that an increase is in the offing, perhaps in July. Investors feel that analysts were perhaps too optimistic about the number of times the Bank of Canada (BoC) can raise inter-

est rates during the months ahead because of the increasing levels of uncertainty about the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement. While many feel the long-term outlook is optimistic, in the short term the Loonie may be in for something of a bumpy ride.

It has been relatively quiet down under - although with such large scale geo-political and domestic drama elsewhere, this is no surprise. Australia showed building permit issuance falling by a monthly 5.0% and a 0.4% monthly increase in Australian retail sales.

More good news in the service sector for Australia; the PMI came in at a healthy 59.0. Australian first quarter GDP growth came in at 1.0%, beating the forecast 0.9%. Annual growth also exceeded expectations, at 3.1% instead of 2.8%. As expected, the Reserve Bank of Australia held interest rates at 1.5% for the 20th straight month.

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# Footy sex claim

## Brit players quizzed over alleged assault

by **Matt Ford**

TWO British footballers have been held on suspicion of sexual assault in Ibiza.

Believed to play professionally for a 'second division' London side, the unnamed pair were arrested at a Cala de Bou hotel near the party resort of San Antonio after a teenager on holiday with her parents filed a complaint.

She was examined by British, was allegedly invited back to a hotel where the suspects were staying with teammates alongside a friend after they met at a bar during a night out. Local media reports suggest that two players sexually assaulted one

of the women while a third - who has not yet been held but is being sought by detectives - recorded the incident on his mobile phone.

It remains unclear whether the victim has accused the men of rape, or if the pair have been freed after being quizzed at a police station ahead of an expected court appearance as the probe continues.

The victim, 19 and also

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According to reports the flight,

bound for Ibiza, was forced to land at Toulouse-Blagnac Airport in France with police having to remove the unruly passenger.

A spokesperson for the airline said it was "very clear that consuming alcohol illicitly contributed to this behaviour." Managing director of Jet2 Phil Ward said "we will not under

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By Staff Reporter

THE King of Spain has been slammed after attending a bullfight.

Felipe VI attended Madrid's San Isidro Fair as guest of honour as animal rights campaigners branded the annual event 'animal abuse.'

The monarch watched matadors Manuel Escibano, Paco Ureña and Emilio de Justo take on bulls at the flagship Corrida de la Prensa series of fights, and was handed a standing ovation by the large crowd.

But campaigners took to social media to criticise his decision, with one tweet describing the show as 'bloody and blood-thirsty.'

Another wrote: 'It sickens me that the Spanish King supports

this terrible sport.'

Although traditionally attended by the reigning monarch, it was Felipe's first showing at the fair, after prior engagements stopped him appearing in 2016 and 2017.

But unlike his father and former King Juan Carlos I - who once described bullfighting as a 'Spanish asset that we have to support' - the 50-year-old is not thought to be a fan of the tradition.

It comes amid new calls to ban the custom after a matador who

specialised in leaping over the charging animals was last weekend gored to death while trying to rescue a friend at an event in Paiporta, Valencia.

And the royal family suffered further controversy after a court in Palma de Mallorca gave Felipe's brother-in-law Inaki Urdangarin five days to turn himself in after Spain's Supreme Court ruled he must serve five years and 10 months in prison for tax fraud and embezzlement.

The former Olympic handball

player, 50, has been married to the King's sister Princess Cristina for 20 years.

Felipe is due to travel to the United States today (Thursday) and will meet President Donald

Trump during the trip.

Officials said King Felipe and Queen Letizia will begin their whistle-stop tour New Orleans in the state of Louisiana.

They then travel to San Antonio, Texas before being received by Trump at the White House in Washington DC next Tuesday. The king and queen are being accompanied by Spain's new Foreign Minister Josep Borrell.

# Royal rumble

## King panned ahead of US visit



**CONTROVERSIAL WEEK:** King Felipe at the bullfight and (inset) brother-in-law Inaki Urdangarin and sister Princess Cristina attend court in Palma de Mallorca.

# €1bn plunge

THE fall in supply of tourist rentals in Mallorca following the 2017 Tourism Law could result in losses of nearly €1 billion for the island's economy this year.

Regulations 'make it practically impossible' for some 20,000 families to continue renting their homes and second homes to tourists, according to Habtur, the Balearic Islands property rental group.

And the law's negative effects also hit restaurants, shops or supermarkets, Habtur said.

The Pimem, Pimeco, Afedeco and Restauracion Mallorca business associations have also criticised the new law.

Pimeco vice-president, Jaume Ribera, said the regulation of tourist rental has resulted in a "significant drop in sales."

The legislation is "muddled and confusing" and to blame for huge financial consequences, according to Habtur president, Joan Miralles.

Businesspeople assure May revenues are

'worrying' although they did acknowledge last month's bad weather did not help the tourism sector.

The Restauracion Mallorca association said in some areas, like Palma, where tourist rent has been limited to single-family homes, there has been a 20 to 40 per cent drop in restaurant clients.

"This year our associates hired 700 less waiters than last year," said the Restauracion Mallorca president, Alfonso Robledo.

Authorities enforced regulation "with their back to the sector" and without addressing the kind of tourism sector business associations want, Habtur's Miralles said.

The laws redirect custom to the "underground economy," he added.

Habtur, in collaboration with the Pimem, Afedeco, Pimeco and Restauracion Mallorca business associations, has launched a 'tourism integration' campaign online and on social media.



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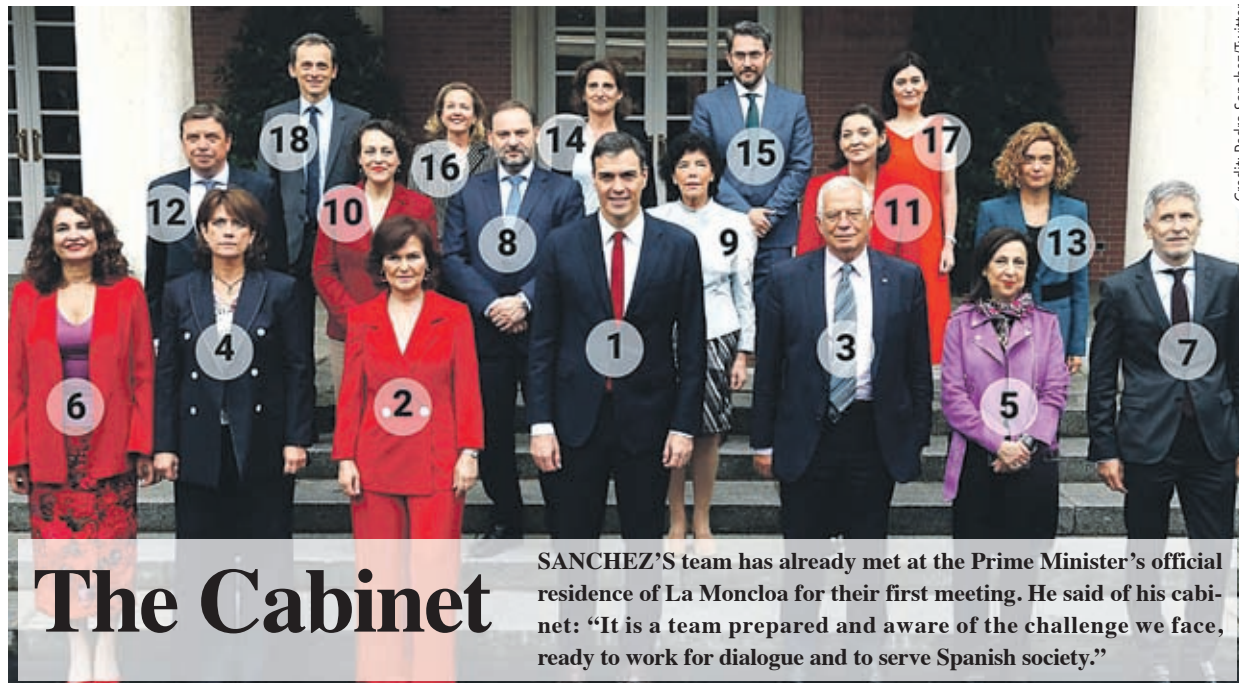
# State of play

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez has now finished making ap-

pointments to his Council of Ministers, with more women given cabinet briefs than ever before. Sources close to Sanchez claimed he has ruled out a snap

election meaning his left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) will have to work with other parliamentary parties to get legislation passed.



## The Cabinet

SANCHEZ'S team has already met at the Prime Minister's official residence of La Moncloa for their first meeting. He said of his cabinet: "It is a team prepared and aware of the challenge we face, ready to work for dialogue and to serve Spanish society."

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Vice President of the Government, Minister of the Presidency, Government Relations and Equality (Deputy Prime Minister)

Born: June 9, 1957 (61) in Cabra, Andalucia

Previous work: Junta de Andalucia, Congress member, Minister of Culture.

### ■ 3 • Josep Borrell (PSOE)

Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Co-operation

Born: April 24, 1947 (71) in La Pobla de Segur, Catalunya

Previous work: Engineer, Academic, Congress Member, European Parliament Member, Civil Servant.

### ■ 4 • Dolores Delgado (Independent)

Minister of Justice

Born: November 9, 1962 (55) in Madrid

Previous work: Prosecutor in Spanish courts and the International Criminal Court.

### ■ 5 • Margarita Robles (Independent)

Minister of Defence

Born: November 10, 1956 (61) in Leon

Previous work: Judge, Civil Servant, Congress Member.

### ■ 6 • Maria Jesus Montero (PSOE)

Minister of the Treasury

Born: February 4, 1966 (52) in Sevilla

Previous work: Health Manager, Andalusian Parliament Member, Junta de Andalucia Minister.

### ■ 7 • Fernando Grande-Marlaska (Independent)

Minister of the Interior

Born: July 26, 1962 (55) in Bilbao

Previous work: Police officer, Magistrate, Judge.

### ■ 8 • Jose Luis Abalos (PSOE)

Minister of Public Works

Born: December 9, 1959 (58) in Torrent, Valencia

Previous work: Teacher, Councillor, PSOE official, Corts Valencianes member, Congress Member.

### ■ 9 • Isabel Celaa (PSOE)

Minister of Education, Spokesperson of the Government

Born: May 23, 1949 (69) in Bilbao

Previous work: PSOE official, Basque Parliament Member, Basque Government Minister.

### ■ 10 • Magdalena Valerio (PSOE)

Minister of Labour, Migration and Welfare

Born: September 27, 1959 (58) in Torremocha, Extremadura

Previous work: Civil Servant and Councillor in Guadalajara, PSOE official, Congress Member.

### ■ 11 • Reyes Maroto (PSOE)

Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism

Born: December 19, 1973 (44), Medina del Campo, Castilla y Leon

Previous work: Academic, Madrid Assembly Member.

### ■ 12 • Luis Planas (PSOE)

Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Born: November 20, 1952 (65) in Valencia

Previous work: Labour inspector, Cordoba Assembly Member, European Parliament Member, Junta de Andalucia Member and Minister, Ambassador to Morocco.

### ■ 13 • Meritxell Batet (PSOE)

Minister of the Territories

Born: March 19, 1973 (45) in Barcelona

Previous work: Academic, PSOE official.

### ■ 14 • Teresa Ribera (PSOE)

Minister of the Environment

Born: May 19, 1969 (49) in Madrid

Previous work: Academic, Civil Servant, NGO and UN Advisor.

### ■ 15 • Maxim Huerta (Independent)

Minister of Culture and Sports

Born: January 26, 1971 (47) in Utiel, Valencia

Previous work: Radio and Television Host, novelist.

### ■ 16 • Nadia Calviño (Independent)

Minister of the Economy and Enterprise

Born: October 3, 1968 (49) in La Coruna

Previous work: Civil Servant, European Union Budget Director.

### ■ 17 • Carmen Monton (PSOE)

Minister of Health, Consumption and Social Welfare

Born: March 9, 1976 (42) in Burjassot, Valencia

Previous work: Burjassot Councillor, Congress Member.

### ■ 18 • Pedro Duque (Independent)

Minister of Science, Innovation and Universities

Born: March 14, 1963 (55) in Madrid

Previous work: Astronaut, Academic, Company Chair.

## Congress and the Senate

THE PSOE currently has 84 seats in the 350-strong Congress of Deputies and 62 members out of 266 in the Senate. Sanchez struck an agreement with smaller parties such as the far left Podemos and Basque and Catalan nationalists to unseat Rajoy. He will need their support to get laws passed until another election is held, due on or before July 2020.

## Congress of Deputies

THE Congress of Deputies (Congreso de los Diputados in Spanish) is the lower house of Spain's Parliament, the Cortes Generales. Deputies cover some 52 multi-member constituencies and are elected to serve four year terms unless snap polls are called. The Plenary of the Congress refers to the meeting of all members for debates and votes. There are also Commissions made up of a smaller number of members to examine legislation and government policy.

## Senate

THE Senate (Senado in Spanish) is the upper house of parliament. Senators represent each of Spain's Autonomous Communities or regions, with larger provinces such as Andalucia having more members. A total of 208 of the members are elected to serve four year terms while a further 56 are appointed by regional assemblies. Senators are tasked with debating and voting on legislation, as well as approving some government appointments and members have the power to suspend regional governments.

# Political parties

## Partido Socialista (PSOE)

PRIME MINISTER Pedro Sanchez's party the current ruling party of Spain. It is led by Sanchez and its name in English is the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party. The PSOE is the oldest political party currently active in Spain and it has enjoyed historic ties with the country's trade unions. It is centre-left and progressive, with a liberal social outlook and a preference on higher public spending and for state intervention in the economy.

## Podemos

PODEMOS translates as 'We Can' in English and the party was founded following protests against inequality and corruption. It is headed by Pablo Iglesias, a left-wing academic, and is currently a part of a broader coalition of far-left parties in Parliament known as Unidos Podemos. They have a liberal social outlook and economically they have proposed taking key industries into government ownership and providing citizens with a basic income. Unidos Podemos have 67 seats in the Congress and 20 seats in the Senate.

## Ciudadanos

CIUDADANOS, or Citizens in English, was formed in Catalunya in response to what they claim is the failure of Spain's two main parties and the rise of Catalan nationalism. It is led by Albert Rivera and rose to become the largest party in the Catalan regional parliament following a snap election this year. They emphasise Spanish unionism, are socially liberal and promote business-friendly policies such as lowering corporation tax and cutting red tape. It has 32 seats in Congress and four in the Senate.

## Partido Popular (PP)

THE party of former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, the name of which means the People's Party. Rajoy remains the caretaker leader of the party with a new leader due to be elected later this year. Its roots lie in the now defunct Alianza Popular, a conservative party founded by politicians sympathetic to dictator Francisco Franco. The modern day PP is socially conservative and promotes policies friendly to the Catholic Church, and it tends to favour less intervention in the economy. The PP has 134 seats in the Congress and 148 in the Senate.

## Other parties

THERE are several smaller parties in the Spanish Parliament representing a variety of causes and interests. Many of these are part of what is known as the Mixed Group, Deputies and Senators in parties with too few seats to form official groupings. Most represent regions such as Catalunya, the Basque Country, Valencia and the Canary Islands. The regionalist party platforms vary from advocating for more autonomy in the Spanish system to outright independence.

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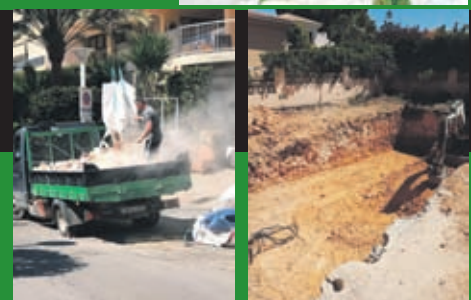


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## Fuel firm set to fork out €15bn

SPANISH energy firm Repsol has pledged to sink €15 billion into exploration, production and refining over the next two years.

It comes after years of cost-cutting exercises after the company was boosted by a rebound in global oil prices.

The investment will be part-funded by the €3.8 billion sale of a 20 per cent stake in utility Gas Natural to private equity firm CVC Capital Partners.

Oil production soared from 727,000 to 750,000 barrels per day over the first quarter of 2018, an official said.

## Thieves in the bagging area

by Matt Ford

SHOPLIFTERS cost the Spanish economy more than €1 billion per year, a new report says.

The probe by the Association of Large Consumer Companies (AECOC) shows that alcoholic drinks, Iberian ham and chorizo, creams, make-ups and perfume top the rankings of products targeted by petty crooks across the country.

And an estimated 22 per cent of the culprits are employees stealing while at work, according to the 2017 data.

The food and drink section of the analysis shows Iberian meat products

are singled out by 73.3 per cent of peckish raiders, with wine, beer and spirits chosen by 86.7 per cent of thirsty thieves.

Jams and marmalade are the second-most popular foodstuffs pilfered.

In textiles, clothing including shirts, trousers, underwear, jumpers and socks are looted by 81.8 per cent of shoplifters, with hair bobbles, earrings, bracelets, rings and other accessories also taken during 54.5 per cent of swoops.

Creams are the most desirable cosmetic product for criminals, being

stolen in 86.4 per cent of cases, with make-up and perfumes picked out 69.2 per cent of the time.

Tools and batteries are top of the list for 70 per cent of hardware villains, according to the AECOC statistics, while consoles and video games, computer accessories and mobile phones are earmarked by 60 per cent of electronics jackers.

The report reckons that most of these items are chosen for 'their physical characteristics, monetary value or the ease with which they can be resold on the black market.'

## Deals on wheels set new records

SPANISH carmaker SEAT has set a new sales record.

The Cataluña-based firm shifted 49,200 cars in May, beating the previous high of 48,400 set in 2000, after sales rose by 15.5 per cent.

Vice-president for Sales and Marketing Wayne Griffiths said: "Our May sales enable us to maintain our position as one of the fastest growing brands in Europe."

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## €14.5 tax payout leaves sour taste



**SUPER CHARGED: The Apple Store in Barcelona.**

TECH giant Apple has paid €14.5 million to the Spanish Tax Agency in the wake of an inspection.

Subsidiary Apple Retail, which manages the US firm's 11 official stores across the country, footed almost €14.2 million of the bill after its VAT, corporate and income tax payments were probed.

The rest of the cash was stumped up by Apple Market-

ing, a wholesale branch responsible for charging commission on products sold to shops by Ireland-based Apple Distribution International.

Spain recently announced a new tax aiming to crack down on taxation strategies used by multinational companies, which often set up sales divisions in countries with low tax rates including Luxembourg, Ireland and the Netherlands.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

## Wage war set to end

THE Spanish association of employers and the country's biggest trade unions are close to reaching an agreement which will see the national minimum wage rise to 14 payments of €1,000 following months of talks, according to reports.

## Cat nabbed

ALMOST 72 per cent of the 2,849 firms that have set up headquarters in Madrid since last October have left Cataluña in the wake of last year's illegal independence referendum, according to new Spanish Finance Ministry data.

## Swiss move

SWISS food and drink company Nestle has revealed it plans to move 850 jobs to Spain over the next 18 months as it extends its Barcelona technology hub in a bid to improve its e-commerce offering.

## Swede idea over plastic

SWEDISH furniture firm IKEA has pledged to phase out all single-use plastic products from its stores by 2020.

The flat-pack specialist said that plastic straws, plates, cups, freezer bags, bin bags, and plastic-coated paper plates and cups would be discontinued or replaced by alternatives.

A company official said: "We don't have all the

answers yet but we are working together with our suppliers to find solutions that are good for both people and the planet."

The chain has already committed to axing oil-based plastics and the latest move will see all its plastic products made with recycled materials.

It comes amid rising fear over plastic pollution in the world's oceans.



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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,885.00	35.60	1.92	26,437.76
Associated British Foods	2,710.00	-30.00	-1.09	21,422.70
Admiral Group	1,961.25	58.75	3.09	5,546.21
Ashtead Group	2,400.00	25.00	1.05	11,748.83
Antofagasta	1,114.50	16.00	1.46	11,189.47
Aviva	520.70	14.10	2.78	20,432.45
AstraZeneca	5,365.00	12.00	0.22	67,638.97
BAE Systems	649.00	0.80	0.12	20,748.35
Barclays	200.00	1.00	0.50	34,413.76
British American Tobacco	3,622.50	-33.50	-0.92	83,605.56
Barratt Developments	576.50	-9.50	-1.62	5,803.92
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	4,262.00	-59.00	-1.37	5,758.00
British Land Co	685.50	1.50	0.22	6,705.52
BHP Billiton	1,755.00	-8.60	-0.49	37,383.67
Bunzl	2,305.00	33.00	1.45	7,686.71
BP	586.00	2.20	0.38	117,654.36
Burberry Group	2,113.50	-0.50	-0.02	8,850.88
BT Group	205.95	1.00	0.49	20,136.50
Coca-Cola HBC	2,649.50	49.50	1.90	9,567.68
Carnival	4,687.50	167.50	3.71	9,369.70
Centrica	146.00	0.50	0.34	8,207.07
Compass Group	1,489.50	-89.50	-5.67	24,737.05
Croda International	4,791.00	-39.00	-0.81	6,366.26
CRH	2,609.00	-216.00	-7.65	23,897.30
DCC	7,205.00	0.00	0.00	6,457.97
Diageo	2,697.50	-26.50	-0.97	66,356.49
Direct Line Insurance Group	351.00	3.20	0.92	4,846.88
Evrast	510.00	10.60	2.12	7,352.16
Experian	1,898.50	15.50	0.82	17,340.05
easyJet	1,730.00	16.50	0.96	6,897.52
Ferguson	5,894.00	0.00	0.00	14,423.85
Fresnillo	1,267.00	51.00	4.19	9,572.25
G4S	277.75	2.05	0.74	4,321.19
Glencore	390.00	6.15	1.60	56,840.69
GlaxoSmithKline	1,519.00	-9.00	-0.59	75,374.81
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,934.00	-28.00	-1.43	9,329.85
Halma	1,485.00	64.00	4.50	5,352.94
HSBC Holdings	730.00	0.10	0.01	146,710.52
International Consolidtd Airs Grp	692.50	2.70	0.39	14,172.92
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,910.00	-5.00	-0.10	9,342.83
3i Group	966.00	-1.40	-0.14	9,437.20
Imperial Brands	2,677.00	92.50	3.58	24,840.08
Informa	817.60	1.20	0.15	6,743.66
Intertek Group	5,695.00	-19.00	-0.33	9,205.86
ITV	170.65	1.50	0.89	6,879.42
Just Eat	741.50	-117.70	-13.70	5,846.80
Johnson Matthey	3,760.00	-28.00	-0.74	7,267.18
Kingfisher	304.00	2.60	0.86	6,597.36
Land Securities Group	939.00	-0.30	-0.03	6,946.74
Legal & General Group	271.50	1.30	0.48	16,249.80

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	63.56	0.66	1.05	45,879.72
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,504.00	0.00	0.00	15,666.36
Micro Focus International	1,320.00	-16.00	-1.20	5,851.03
Mediclinic International	641.90	91.10	16.54	4,094.65
Marks & Spencer Group	290.00	0.00	0.00	4,698.86
Mondi	2,107.50	10.50	0.50	7,715.73
Melrose	218.50	-18.50	-7.81	11,305.78
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	245.00	-1.20	-0.49	5,795.63
National Grid	827.00	-1.50	-0.18	27,852.80
NMC Health	3,313.00	-121.00	-3.52	7,264.88
Next	6,015.00	-39.00	-0.64	8,451.42
Old Mutual Group	221.20	-1.20	-0.54	11,192.47
Paddy Power Betfair	7,602.50	-982.50	-11.44	7,306.69
Prudential	1,855.00	19.00	1.03	47,768.00
Persimmon	2,893.50	13.50	0.47	8,956.47
Pearson	891.00	8.20	0.93	6,943.28
Reckitt Benckiser Group	5,850.00	-24.00	-0.41	40,663.19
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	270.00	2.40	0.90	32,473.76
Royal Dutch Shell	2,605.00	-1.50	-0.06	120,490.94
Royal Dutch Shell	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	101,071.96
RELX	1,671.00	-2.50	-0.15	17,501.45
Rio Tinto	4,437.25	17.25	0.39	59,100.11
Royal Mail	482.75	0.45	0.09	4,921.00
Rolls-Royce Group	835.70	0.30	0.04	15,522.37
Randgold Resources	5,925.00	95.00	1.63	5,597.99
RSA Insurance Group	661.60	18.20	2.83	6,657.22
Rentokil Initial	311.85	-36.65	-10.52	6,451.67
Sainsbury (J)	267.00	-37.80	-12.40	6,678.36
Schroders	3,266.00	13.00	0.40	7,406.75
Sage Group (The)	677.00	6.00	0.89	7,335.44
Segro	671.80	2.79	0.42	6,795.62
Shire	3,985.00	-13.00	-0.33	36,639.77
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,075.00	113.00	3.81	6,917.09
Sky	1,362.50	22.50	1.68	23,206.73
Standard Life Aberdeen	359.00	8.00	2.28	10,845.10
Smith (DS)	545.60	-10.20	-1.84	6,041.18
Smiths Group	1,775.00	-9.50	-0.53	7,036.61
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	540.00	12.00	2.27	7,476.50
Smith & Nephew	1,360.00	0.00	0.00	11,919.14
SSE	1,360.50	18.00	1.34	13,770.99
Standard Chartered	737.50	10.90	1.50	24,577.45
St James's Place	1,193.00	0.00	0.00	6,375.42
Severn Trent	1,960.00	23.00	1.19	4,646.19
Tesco	246.50	-1.40	-0.56	24,258.47
TUI AG	1,795.00	61.00	3.52	10,197.04
Taylor Wimpey	193.00	1.95	1.02	6,230.52
Unilever	4,100.00	-15.50	-0.38	49,955.65
United Utilities Group	780.00	0.80	0.10	5,362.37
Vodafone Group	187.40	-0.08	-0.04	50,023.89
WPP Group	1,222.00	6.00	0.49	15,396.58
Whitbread	4,355.00	210.00	5.07	7,612.11

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3M	206,590	+0.74%	1,520	122,668,70
AMERICAN EXPRESS	101,0000	-0.47%	-0.4800	86,892,28
APPLE	191,700	-0.91%	-1,760	941,150,62
BOEING CO	369,500	+0.26%	0,970	215,333,58
CATERPILLAR	155,320	-0.62%	-0,970	92,837,68
CHEVRON	126,44	-0.41%	-0,52	241,717,33
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,480	-0.39%	-0,170	209,417,46
COCA-COLA	43,95	+1.17%	0,51	186,997,52
DOWDUPONT	69,49	+0.10%	0,07	161,236,66
EXXON MOBIL	83,60	+0.87%	0,72	354,160,25
GENERAL ELECTRIC	13,9300	+1.09%	0,1500	121,030,19
GOLDMAN SACHS	233,39	-0.03%	-0,06	88,219,84
HOME DEPOT	198,3300	+1.10%	2,1600	228,920,73
IBM	146,14	+0.54%	0,78	134,188,61
INTEL CORP	55,0500	-1.49%	-0,8300	256,950,06
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	111,1100	+0.28%	0,3100	378,253,69
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	124,0600	+0.59%	0,7300	332,814,58
MC DONALD'S CORP	168,9100	-0.34%	-0,5700	132,687,13
MERCK AND CO. NEW	62,58	+0.95%	0,59	168,426,48
MICROSOFT	101,630	+0.74%	0,750	782,529,96
NIKE	74,90	+0.19%	0,14	96,048,10
PFIZER	36,6700	+0.49%	0,1800	214,533,02
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	77,180	+1.87%	1,420	194,127,08
TRAVELERS CIES	131,32	+1.19%	1,55	35,496,09
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	127,61	+0.02%	0,03	102,159,59
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	250,68	+0.68%	1,70	240,951,63
VERIZON COMMS	49,18	+0.35%	0,17	203,227,33
VISA	134,74	+0.67%	0,90	240,667,71
WAL-MART STORES	84,3600	-0.69%	-0,5900	248,874,22
WALT DISNEY CO	103,9800	+1.47%	1,5100	154,584,89

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CLOSING PRICES JUNE 11

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
EDAP TMS S.A.	\$ 3.60	1.39 ▲ 62.90%
Stitch Fix, Inc.	\$ 24.88	5.21 ▲ 26.49%
Savara, Inc.	\$ 11.41	1.99 ▲ 21.13%
Fanhua Inc.	\$ 35.76	5.28 ▲ 17.32%
Bilibili Inc.	\$ 18.95	2.73 ▲ 16.83%
Ascena Retail Group, Inc.	\$ 4.58	0.62 ▲ 15.66%
Versartis, Inc.	\$ 2.15	0.25 ▲ 13.16%
T2 Biosystems, Inc.	\$ 9.42	0.96 ▲ 11.35%
Proteon Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.50	0.25 ▲ 11.11%
Synaptics Incorporated	\$ 47.17	4.61 ▲ 10.83%
ObsEva SA	\$ 14.655	1.275 ▲ 9.53%
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Evolus, Inc.	\$ 25.57	5.41 ▼ 17.46%
Liberty Tax, Inc.	\$ 9.30	1.50 ▼ 13.89%
nLIGHT, Inc.	\$ 34.27	3.89 ▼ 10.19%
Alphatec Holdings, Inc.	\$ 3.46	0.36 ▼ 9.42%
SMART Global Holdings, Inc.	\$ 41.38	4.12 ▼ 9.05%
scPharmaceuticals Inc.	\$ 7.11	0.65 ▼ 8.38%
ArQule, Inc.	\$ 5.33	0.45 ▼ 7.79%
Dicerna Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 13.03	0.91 ▼ 6.53%
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Coping with the loss of someone you love is one of life's biggest challenges. Often, the pain of loss can feel overwhelming. You may experience all kinds of difficult and unexpected emotions, from shock or anger to disbelief, guilt, and profound sadness. But while there is no right or wrong way to grieve, there are healthy ways to cope with the pain that, in time, can ease your sadness and help you come to terms with your loss and find new meaning.

### How to cope with grief

While experiencing loss is an inevitable part of life, there are ways to help cope with the pain, come to terms with your grief, and eventually, move forward with your life.

1. Acknowledge your pain
2. Accept that grief can trigger many different and unexpected emotions
3. Understand that your grieving process will be unique to you
4. Seek out face-to-face support from people who care about you
5. Support yourself emotionally by taking care of yourself physically
6. Recognize the difference between grief and depression

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# Lawless Britain fuelled by family breakdown

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**OTHERS THINK IT**



PERSONALLY, I think the crime wave of tsunami-like proportions, which is at the moment practically engulfing the UK, has very little to do with the country's lack of police resources.

I believe a large part of the blame can be firmly apportioned to the breakdown of the family unit. Huge numbers of families across the UK, have for years taken full advantage of the liberal benefits policies of successive governments.

Child benefits have been a particularly lucrative source of earnings. Consequently, many children have been conceived and born purely to add to the family income.

This has resulted in enormous dysfunctional families, of individuals to whom benefits are a way of life and children merely a means to a financial end.

There is no love or guidance in these families. Once the children's purpose has been served, they are left to roam the streets with no sense of decency or compassion for their fellow human beings whatsoever. How could there be, when there have been no examples of it at home?

Once let loose, they link up with like-

**YOUNG OFFENDERS:**  
Are benefits to blame?



-minded offsprings of their fellow dysfunctional neighbours and begin to run riot.

They soon begin to realise, that the impossibly priced electronic devices and expensive 'toys' they have been bombarded with on television, are completely out of their financial reach, even if they took a 'proper' job. So, they turn to crime.

Heaven forbid I could condone their often-horrendous actions, but quite frankly I

can easily see that they must actually feel they have very little choice. To be honest I can see no answer to the immediate situation. Lock up as many of them as possible I suppose. As to the future, only allowing child benefits for up to two children would be a start.

At least this would curb the temptation to pour even more unwanted and unloved future criminals into our society. More police

are certainly needed, but only because the numbers of young criminals have escalated so alarmingly. I would like to see boot camps built all across the country, where these young offenders can be sent to learn discipline, values and respect for their fellow human beings. Trades could be taught.

Even simply showing someone actual caring may rescue at least a proportion of them that can then be released to become valued members of society.

Although Spain also has some problems with young offenders it is nothing like the enormous criminal issues confronting the UK at this time. I firmly believe that a great deal of this lies in the simple fact that the Spanish family unit is still as strong as ever.

Love and respect are firmly entwined and practised from grannies and granddads down to the youngest of the broods and although I do feel they spoil some of their kids rotten, it's infinitely better than chucking them out to survive with no pre-preparation, guidance or sense of decency whatsoever.

Thanks for all the mail. Keep 'em coming.

*Keep the faith.*

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## TECH FOR THE TIMID



OKAY I'll finally own up. Guilty as charged of broadcasting without a licence m'lud.

In mitigation you'd have to be just a few metres from my home to pick up my illegal transmission on a standard FM radio.

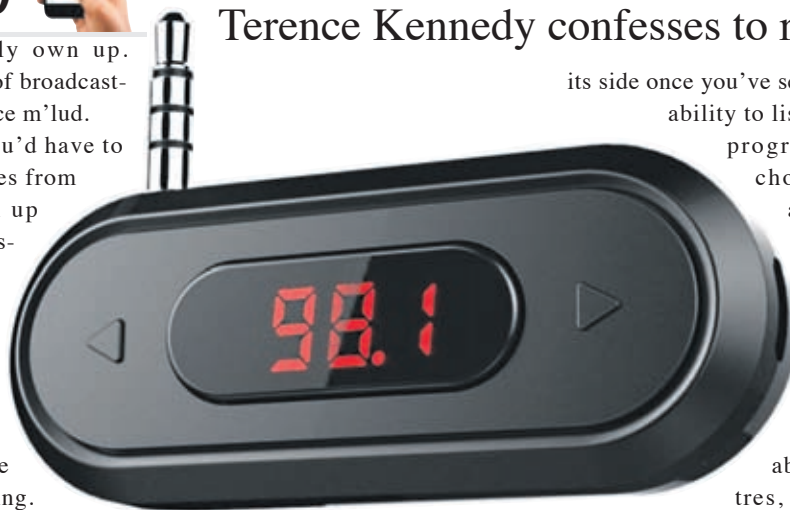
You'd also have to be a fan of the BBC's unrivalled speech station, Radio 4, because that's all I'm pirating. And technically I'm narrowcasting, not broadcasting.

It's just one way of several today of bringing the world's radio stations into your home.

If your purse can stand the pain you could buy a dedicated internet radio for upwards of €100, and then devote your entire life to the thousands of stations it pulls in. A smart speaker like Amazon's Echo or Google Home now does the same, as indeed can your smartphone or tablet with an app like TuneIn Radio.

## Video didn't kill the radio star

Terence Kennedy confesses to running his own pirate radio



**FM TRANSMITTER: Start your own station.**

You could use a sledgehammer to crack a nut, as a homesick friend of mine has done. His computer pumps out BBC radio constantly through a little Bluetooth dongle, but most Bluetooth speakers like the one he then moves around die a death just a few metres from their source. FM goes further.

My solution has simplicity on

its side once you've set it up - the ability to listen to your programme of choice from any old FM radio, anywhere. Well, anywhere within about 10 metres, which puzzled the heck out of our Spanish neighbour suddenly hearing 'The World At One' where Radio Nacional should have been.

(Tip: for cross-cultural harmony, don't choose a frequency already ocupada).

Here's my recipe, and it's definitely not rocket surgery.

1) Choose your signal's source. The easiest is a radio station streamed from your computer (though I used my UK-tuned satellite decoder instead because I just love making life difficult

for myself).

2) Buy any one of the dozens of tiny personal FM transmitters offered on Amazon and elsewhere, the kind normally plugged into a smartphone to play music through the car radio. Plug it straight into the computer's headphone socket.

(If you do prefer my more challenging decoder route, you'll need something like a SCART [or RCA plugs] to 3.5 mm stereo jack socket adapter, plus a common 3.5 mm male-to-female stereo extension cable).

4) Choose an empty channel on the transmitter so as not to obliterate your neighbours' favourite Spanish station.

5) Fire up your radio source and the transmitter, pick up any FM radio, tune it to the chosen frequency.

And bingo, there's Britain's unofficial second national anthem every weekday at two. Dum-ti-dum-ti-dum-ti-dum, dum-ti-dum-ti-daah-dum....

## London calling

FINDING an FM transmitter rather than Bluetooth is becoming trickier but they are available, like the one shown here, at around €10.

Running it constantly will hammer the batteries, but rechargeable units can normally be left plugged into a power source. The audio plug goes directly into your computer's headphone socket.

If you decide to use a decoder instead you'll need a 3.5 mm stereo cable with a male plug at one end to go into that SCART adapter mentioned earlier, and a female socket at the other to take the transmitter's audio jack.

Run an internet search for 'Hama SCART adaptor' (other brands are available, most around €10), and although this is an equal-opportunity column, do make sure you get the male one.





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**Cassandra Nash***A weekly look*- and not entirely impartial reaction -  
to the Spanish political scene

PEDRO SANCHEZ, Spain's latest president, immediately took advantage of the Partido Popular's disarray following the Gurtel verdicts by calling for a vote of no confidence in Mariano Rajoy.

That it succeeded, thanks to Podemos, the Basque nationalists and the Catalan secessionists flummoxed everyone. The motion had little chance of prospering and everybody said Sanchez should have gone along with a general election, but that was the last thing he wanted.

Sanchez only entered the national parliament in 2009 and 2013 by default when others ahead of him on the PSOE voting list renounced their seats.

As party leader he led the party to its worst-ever defeats in 2015 and 2016 and has consistently repelled PSOE voters although not the paid-up party members who twice handed him the primaries.

That's why Sanchez, who looks so imposing but has until now sounded so unconvincing, couldn't risk a general election.

# Sidling in through back door

He has sidled into the Moncloa palace through the back door on a vote of no but would he have won a general election? Not an earthly.

## Peor imposible

THE Spanish nationalists, who can be found in all of Spain's political parties, were not happy that Pedro Sanchez accepted the support of the Catalan secessionists to become president.

They were even less happy that he promised dialogue or - heaven forbid - negotiation. It's not accidental that Catalan secessionism began to gather momentum once Rajoy became president in 2011 and instead of seeking a political solution turned the problem into a colossal court case.

Dialogue and consensus are the only way out of the Catalan labyrinth and these are what Sanchez is promising.

His work will be cut out for him,

with only 85 PSOE MPs in the national parliament, but at least things can't get any worse in Cataluña than they were with Rajoy.

## Faces that said it all

SOON-TO-BE-FATHER Pablo Iglesias, he of the €600,000 pad, looked ecstatic on

June 1 when Rajoy was given his marching orders, but is already throwing a wobbler.

Sanchez, who intends to govern alone, has not brought Podemos into the government and Iglesias warned: "If we aren't partners, we're the Opposition."

Felipe VI didn't look ecstatic when he signed Pedro Sanchez's nomination as president, but perhaps he was reflecting that Spain's is a constitutional monarchy and it's just a job, really.

But Pedro Sanchez who drove a stake into the heart of the PSOE and split it down the middle with his 'No means no' refusal to give the presidency to Mariano Rajoy in October 2016, has made everybody happy.

He has given the party back its hope and self-confidence so if you see a smiling face in the street, that's a PSOE voter. Until the next general election, anyway.

## Waiting in the wings

CIUDADANOS leader Albert Rivera might have won if a general election had been called immediately after judges censured the PP as institutionally corrupt.

Rajoy knew it, too, and this knowledge was his undoing.

Rivera refused to back the no-confidence vote because Pedro Sanchez had the support of the Basque nationalists (bad) and the Catalan secessionists (infinitely worse).

Instead he wanted elections but must now

bide his time while making life as difficult as possible for the PSOE and the Partido Popular.

Rivera, whose party helped Rajoy become president in October 2016, knows he has lost out. However much he tries to upstage Sanchez he remains the understudy who won't be called on to take the starring role.



**MISSED OPPORTUNITY:**  
Albert Rivera could have won a general election.

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# No-one is above the law

I SOMETIMES find it difficult to understand why people stick so stubbornly to an idea or path of action even when everyone is telling them they are wrong and at the end of the day it is going to cost them a lot of money.

Money that could better be used for the benefit of our own family for example. Stay with me this week because the outcome of a recent case could impact on all our communities with similar problems.

I want to share with you a situation that came to an end only last week in the English courts.

Of course it concerned an owner of an apartment in Spain. The owner bought it off plan 12 years ago. For the first few years he and his family used it and enjoyed it, then it was rented out to various families and then for the past eight years it was left empty. Throughout the whole period Management Fees were hardly paid, a few Euros occasionally to keep the Community from taking strong action and as we know that is not unusual in Spain.

Finally in 2016 my firm was instructed to collect €19,000 from the owner. The owner lived in England and we approached him for

payment. He gave us the usual answers, basically refusing to pay. He also quoted the English Statute of Limitations stating that debts over six years old could not be sued for, although there was nothing to stop us asking.

Fortunately for the community the property was repossessed by the Bank, as the owner had also defaulted on his mortgage. Under Spanish Law the bank paid the last three years, but this still left a large sum still due. The community instructed us to sue for the balance that remained, but it had to be for the State-ment amount left within the last six years, which amounted to just €6,000.....But now the interesting part happened.....

We had a long think about the Law and realised that all contracts regarding Management Fees are made in Spain under Spanish



Law. In Spain The Statute of Limitations up until a few years ago was actually 15 years, although now changed to five years. Spanish law also stated that any amounts due under relevant contracts before 2015 could still be chased up to 2025 (now recently changed to 2020).

As EU law dictates that these rules can apply on any legal action taken in another EU state, we pointed this out to the Judge. He had to agree and let us amend the proceedings to include ALL outstanding amounts plus costs. Despite vigorous defence arguments, to no avail, this month the Community was awarded Judgement for over €23,000. This amount was duly paid under further threat of Judgement Execution.

Several lessons can be learnt by us all on this matter. Owners should never assume that they can just walk away from their legal

obligations and communities should not let them. In this case it did take a leap of faith to pay out legal costs but the result still gave back a healthy return and at least nearly all legal costs were repaid by the debtor.

Even though we await the dreaded Brexit, our legal advisors are confident that the current EU/UK legislation that led to this great result will remain on the UK Statutes together with thousands of other laws.

The most important lesson is that no one should be above the law and if we are going to enjoy the benefits of our Spanish communities then we should all take a deep breath and sometimes take a legal leap to collect overdue fees.

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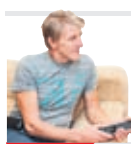
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# A month of football, Louis XIV or a box set binge



## TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

SO, the 2018 World Cup has started and I'm sure fans of the beautiful game will already have their viewing schedules planned over the next month. England kick off their campaign on Monday against Tunisia and Spain take on Portugal tomorrow (Friday), followed by Iran on Wednesday and Morocco on June 25. I think those Eurovision flags might put in an appearance over the next couple of weeks.

BBC and ITV are sharing the coverage from Russia, the BBC have the first English and Spanish games.

As promised last week, I've been catching up on *Versailles*, which is back for a third, and has rumour has it, final series on BBC2 on Mondays.

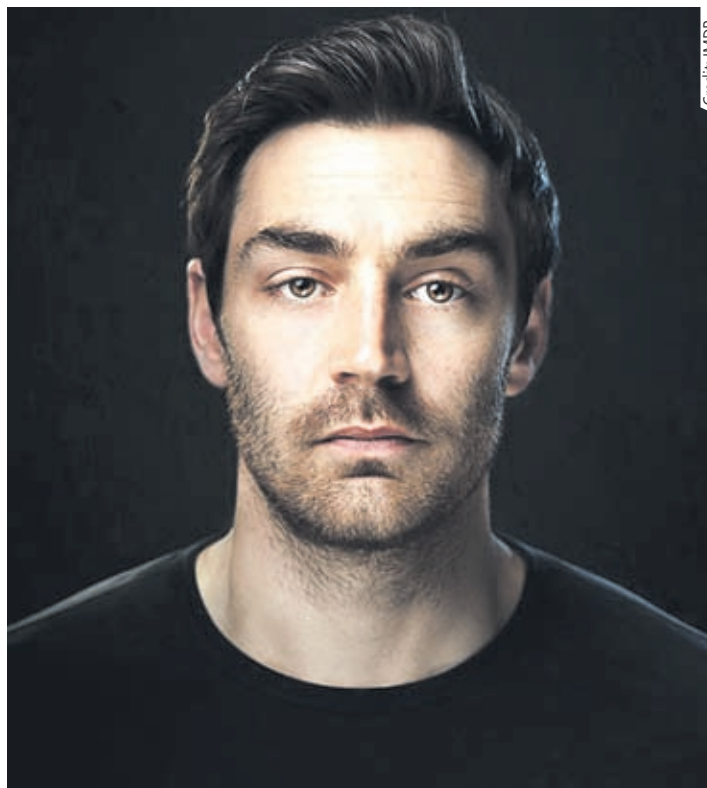
This isn't a show for historical buffs or for anyone who doesn't like an obscene amount of nudity and frolicking in their dramas. They can't

keep their clothes on for goodness sake and I'm sure the Sun King's palace would have been chilly, Versailles isn't on the Costas after all. But this is a lavish production with plot turns, sweeping hair, tights and frock coats, and that's just the men. When the women can keep their clothes on, it's all big hair, heaving bosoms and beauty spots.

Have I sold it to you yet? Series three sees the King's brother Philippe return to court with ill-gotten treasure, in this case less Spanish gold and more the defeated Emperor Leopold.

Louis eventually finishes building the Palace, but there is revolt in the air from the local peasants. The peasants keep their clothes on and don't have to heave anything. They are simply there to revolt and be revolting. Look out for Matthew McNulty playing a soldier who mends shoes (I've no idea either) and whose family seem to be from a suburb of Paris somewhere in North Yorkshire!

You can't have missed that *ITV2* are showing *Love Island* every day for what looks like the longest run in the history of the show. There are



Credit: IMDb

**DASHING:** Matthew McNulty plays a soldier in Versailles.

very few reasons to watch, although the villa where all the action happens is in Mallorca, just outside Sant Llorenç des Cardassar. The beautiful

young participants wear less clothing than anyone in Versailles, but I have to say don't look in the least bit cold, that's the Spanish sun for you.

Caroline Flack is your host, whilst Iain Stirling narrates the action. You don't need to watch to keep up with what's going on, just picture a hot tub, sunshine and pretty boys and girls running about with very little on, bitching about each other. OK, you guessed, I'm a fan. Only kidding, well...

If you need to get away from the football or clothing optional shows, there are lots to pick from, with most of my favourites currently on *Netflix*. If you can ignore his head being too big for his body and the ill-fitting trousers, *Designated Survivor* sees Kiefer Sutherland playing a politician propelled to the US Presidency when most of the American government are killed. It's a gritty, political drama and worth a binge session.

If you get a cloudy week (unlikely, I know) *Suits* is also one to seek out. We all know a certain new Duchess is one of the stars, but this legal drama is so much more than Meghan. And finally, bit of a curve ball, *You Me Her* is an American/Canadian comedy about a suburban couple who, well, you get the picture, three isn't a crowd.

## You want to pay cash?

Mike Senker  
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

DID you all see the headlines last week? The one that looked as though the end of mankind was nigh? You know the one that said people had to use money to pay for a cup of coffee.

Yeah, I know the actual problem was that Visa had a glitch for a few hours but you would have thought that it was definitely the end of the world. I mean who carries a few quid on them any more? Well apparently in the UK nobody does and to tell you the truth that scares me more than the fact that Visa had a problem. We are turning into a cashless society. There's Apple Pay, this pay and that pay.

You only have to stand next to a machine and get your phone out and it pays your bill. The dangerous thing is we aren't ready for it and the reason for that is because if a hacker or a computer techy gets the hump or the power dies, the whole system goes to hell in a hand cart. There are actually already shops and restaurants that do not take cash at all.

So imagine what happens to them if something major happens and they can't get the system going again for a week or two. Then there is the Big Brother aspect where you are

being tracked 24/7. I know we are anyway but I also know of people that are paying for items that cost as little as £1 on a card!

Commentators often suggest the phenomenon is driven by 'consumer demand' which is partially true. Ask a room of people to raise their hands if they wish to be able to use digital payment, and most will do so. But if you reframe the question as, 'Do you want to not have the option to use cash?' and people are more hesitant. We like new options, but we don't like having options removed.

A society without cash is a society without on-demand, easily accessible money. It is a society that relies entirely on the banking sector and the vulnerability that comes with digital wallets. Although there are obvious benefits to digital cash, we cannot live without a balance of both.

Ok a quick revisit to some of the things I've mentioned before, but which this week have ticked me off again. Why do motorbikes not have to pay for parking spaces? Why do they insist in parking right in the middle of a space or on the edge of disabled bays? They will cross over the centre line when there's a traffic jam and head towards you in a way that you have to swerve to miss them, even though they are on your side of the road. Zebra crossings do not even exist in their world. Why?

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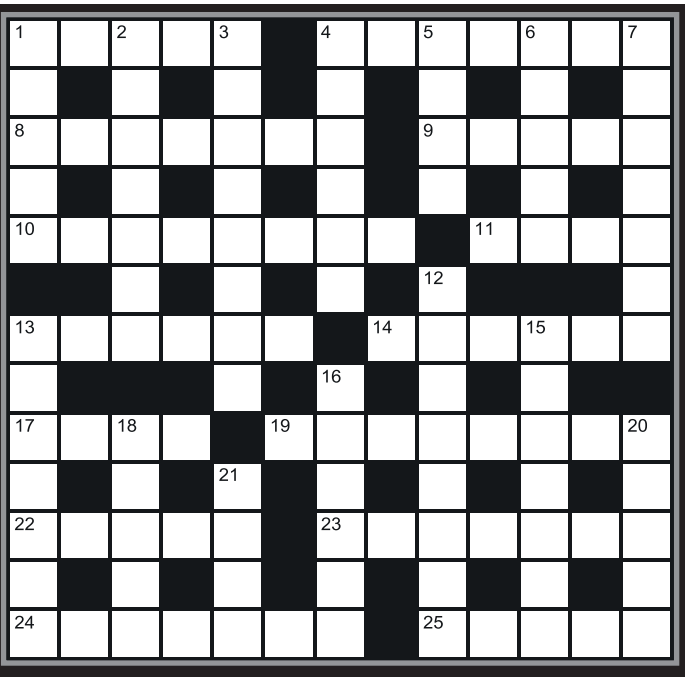
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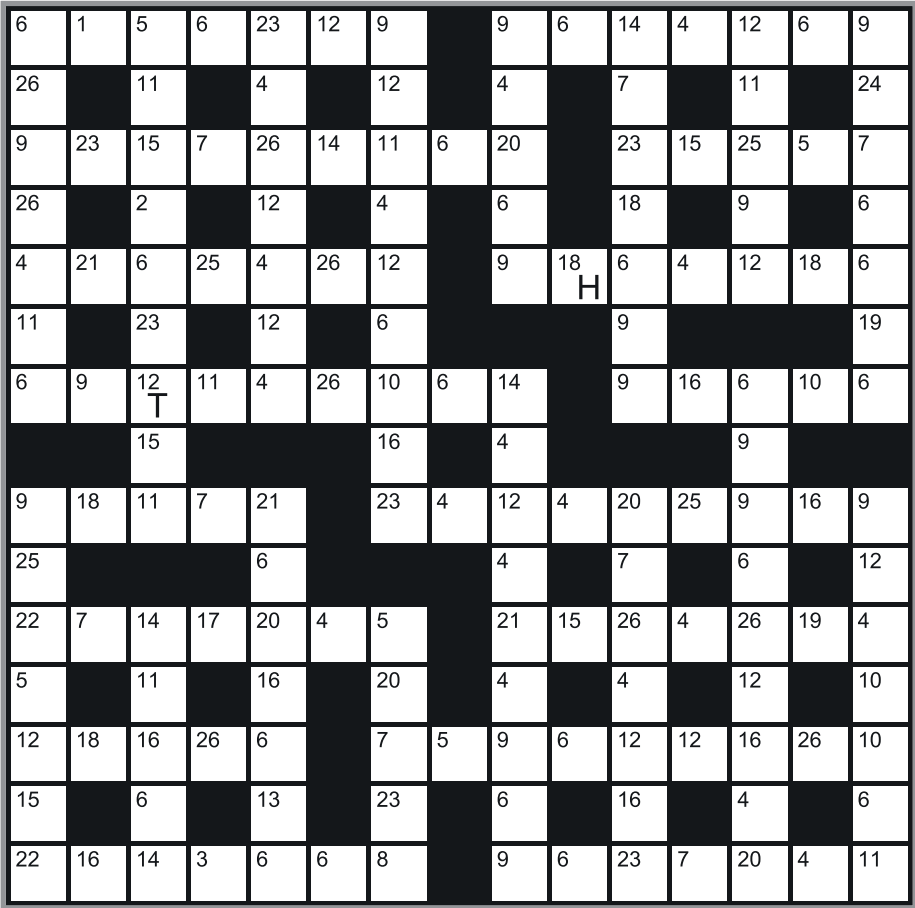
- Across**
- 1 Giggles start to interrupt dreadful sad song (5)
  - 4 Hopelessness I spread about (7)
  - 8 Head of flower, partly developed, that catches insects (7)
  - 9 Primate uniting church with devil (5)
  - 10 Practical folks damaged the saltires (8)
  - 11 Join knight outside in turn (4)
  - 13 Salad vegetable which is hard to chop up (6)
  - 14 Received hot stuff - crossed swords (6)
  - 17 Bighead, is elderly, yet daring (4)
  - 19 Need break after quick bound (8)
  - 22 Pick-me-up that's too nice not to finish (5)
  - 23 Alternatively, some of Britain's tea drinkers (7)
  - 24 Withdraw because of a very minor injury (7)
  - 25 For example, brown back or elbow (5)
- Down**
- 1 Hold off being freed in error (5)
  - 2 By the end of December, any red sort of fox (7)
  - 3 Rise late, panic and be the first to arrive (8)



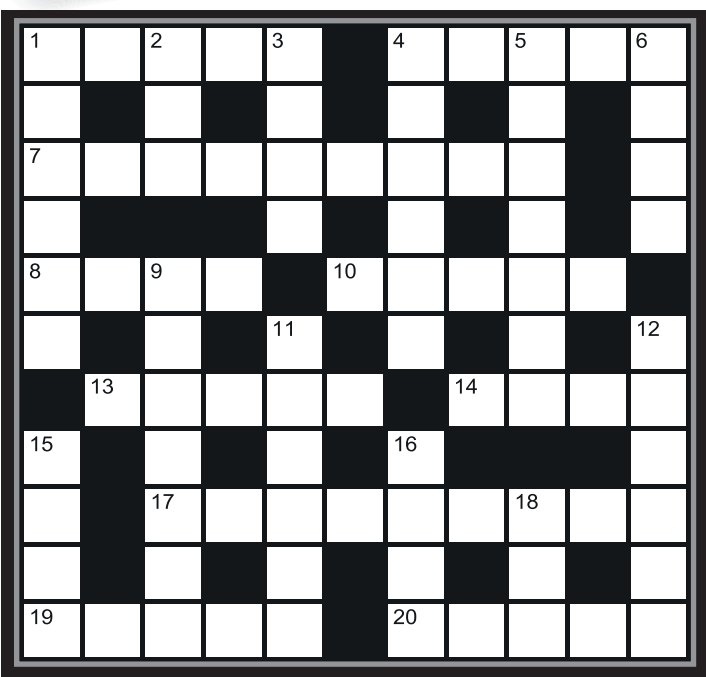
- 4 Assistant put in the wrong dye (6)
- 5 Fire container (4)
- 6 A falsehood pointed to a foreigner (5)
- 7 Supposed it's erupted at sea (7)
- 12 To scrap plane is not unusual (8)
- 13 Refunds are best when resolved (7)
- 15 The deacon tends to demonstrate deal (7)
- 16 Church area making capital hot (6)
- 18 Left one recipe for a solitary sole (5)
- 20 Avoid a western city (5)
- 21 Stupid cats flee (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents T and 18 represents H, so fill in T every time the figure 12 appears and H every time the figure 18 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



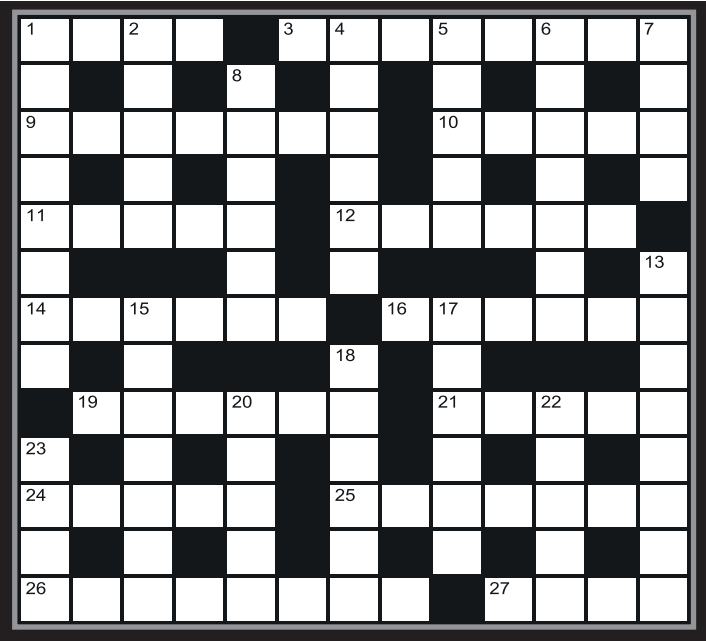
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- Across**
- 1 Meet at a point (5)
  - 4 Hold firmly (5)
  - 7 Asylum (9)
  - 8 friendly nation (4)
  - 10 Strong and sharp (5)
  - 13 Proprietor (5)
  - 14 Money, goods or services owed by one person to another (4)
  - 17 Come upon, as if by accident (9)
  - 19 Spend thoughtlessly (5)
  - 20 Slightly intoxicated (5)
- Down**
- 1 Relaxed and unconcerned (6)
  - 2 Possess (3)
  - 3 Badger's burrow (4)
  - 4 Quick look (6)
  - 5 Whenever (7)
  - 6 Written agreement between two states or sovereigns (4)
  - 9 Anarchic (7)
  - 11 Free from harm or evil (6)
  - 12 Robust (6)
  - 15 Be informed or assured of (4)
  - 16 Fair, impartial (4)
  - 18 Extreme end of something (3)

English - Spanish

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



- Across**
- 1 Lamer (4)
  - 3 Scoreboard (8)
  - 9/6 Toothpaste (5,2,7)
  - 10 Barrer (5)
  - 11 Cansado (5)
  - 12 Oil (6)
  - 14 Carnation (6)
  - 16 Sad (6)
  - 19 Marble (6)
  - 21 Short (length) (5)
  - 24 Lino (ropa) (5)
  - 25 Mop (for floor) (7)
  - 26 Asterisco (8)
  - 27 Eastern (side, part) (4)
- Down**
- 1 Lápiz de labios (8)
  - 2 To sew (5)
  - 4 Bees (6)
  - 5 Swan (5)
  - 6 See 9 Across
  - 7 Maduro (4)
  - 8 Silla de montar (6)
  - 13 Limonada (8)
  - 15 En contra de (7)
  - 17 Cohete (6)
  - 18 Acantilados (6)
  - 20 Smaller (in size) (5)
  - 22 Habitaciones (5)
  - 23 Pan (pot) (4)



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## Kakuro

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



## Nonagram

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



## TARGET:

- Average: 9
- Very good: 18
- Good: 13
- Excellent: 23

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

arty aryl awry dart dory dour drat draw dray lard lord lory lour oral road  
rota rout taro tour trad tray trod trow troy tyro ward wart wary word  
wort yard your yurt dowry drawl dural lardy rawly rowdy royal tardy  
trawl truly ultra warty wordy world dourly tawdry toward outdraw  
outward outlawry OUTWARDLY

## 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

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

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## LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL  
LOTTERY  
Saturday June 09IRISH LOTTO  
Saturday June 09

EURO MILLIONS

Tuesday June 05



Friday June 08



EL MILLON: DJR42594

LA PRIMITIVA

Thursday June 07



JOKER: 6 363 148

Saturday June 09



JOKER: 2 897 864

EL GORDO DE  
LA PRIMITIVA  
Sunday June 10YOUR STARS  
FOR NEXT 7 DAYSAQUARIUS  
(January 21 - February 19)

Primarily, you are wanting to see some appreciation. That is understandable given the efforts that you have made. Do not be annoyed, however, if it is a while coming yet. Others are not always as well tuned in as you. If necessary, use a go-between discreetly to make sure of progress.

PISCES  
(February 20 - March 20)

Increased activity in your love life means less time to really concentrate on business. Make sure that priority financial matters are dealt with. Not doing so will see you kicking yourself later on. A close relationship is going well. There's no reason to wonder why, the charm offensive is obviously working.

ARIES  
(March 21 - April 20)

Keeping an eye on your health is particularly important at the moment. Because you have been active, it could be that you need to give yourself a bit of time. Pampering and just plain relaxing are all going to stand you in good stead during the coming week.

TAURUS  
(April 21 - May 21)

Opening your mind to a new idea has convinced you that it is time for a change in direction. This is such a time, but not all changes will be permanent. Give yourself a way out of any situation this week. Using your tact and charm, it will require only a little application to please everyone.

GEMINI  
(May 22 - June 21)

Improvising within a new business situation may not give you the perfect answer to a problem. What it will do, however, is give you an insight into the way others live. Until now, your approach to life may have been a little one-sided.

CANCER  
(June 22 - July 23)

A recent holiday has set your mind racing. This being a romantic time means that you can get a little over-excited. Your romance may not be set to last but you should fully enjoy it nonetheless.

Relatives issue words of warning but they have only your best interests at heart.

LEO  
(July 24 - August 23)

Opposing opinions on a matter close to your heart see you hesitating. There is nothing wrong with asking for advice. The chances are that you know someone who has already been through your situation. Don't let pride make you miss out on a solution.

VIRGO  
(August 24 - September 23)

Not everything in the garden is rosy but you are made of strong stuff. Your conviction that something is right helps you in discussions. Support given to a loved one may be misguided, especially if it is a huge financial gamble.

LIBRA  
(September 24 - October 23)

This is a time to enjoy the present and look forward to the future. Don't forget, along the way, to congratulate yourself for all that you have achieved in the last year. Sometimes you do not blow your own trumpet and people appreciate you in a quiet way.

SCORPIO  
(October 24 - November 22)

An appetite for something new means that you tread unknown ground. It's an exciting time when you may find it easier to do things alone. This does not mean you have to feel alone as others can be told of your progress.

SAGITTARIUS  
(November 23 - December 21)

Part of being 'you' is your independent mind. Some may try to change that this week. Why would someone want to make you more dependent on them? Could it be that they feel insecure? Giving reassurance may be all that is needed. We all feel the need for appreciation.

CAPRICORN  
(December 22 - January 20)

Trying to be everything to all people is tiring. No one knows this more than you. Give yourself a little time and space this week because it will make a great difference to your spirits.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

## ENGLISH-SPANISH

## Across:

1 Faroles, 5 Socks, 8 Robin, 9 Gerente, 10 Enemigo, 11 Which, 12 Grueso, 14 Manner, 17 Helar, 19 Bruises, 21 Lechuga, 22 Spoon, 24 Style, 25 Nearest.

## Down:

1 Fur, 2 Roble, 3 Lentils, 4 Siglos, 5 Screw, 6 Cancion, 7 Shepherds, 10 Eggshells, 13 Unlucky, 15 Apuesta, 16 Obtain, 18 Route, 20 Stone, 23 Net.

## CRYPTIC

## Across:

1 Spliced, 5 Shear, 8 Revenue, 9 Ogres, 10 Palma, 11 Rapture, 12 Erupts, 14 Talent, 17 Dictate, 19 Rheas, 22 Wheat, 23 Reading, 24 Doric, 25 Sleuths.

## Down:

1 Scrap, 2 Level, 3 Contact, 4 Dreary, 5 Sloop, 6 En route, 7 Rosiest, 12 Endowed, 13 Undear, 15 Airfare, 16 Hearts, 18 Aztec, 20 Exist, 21 Sagas.

## QUICK

## Across:

1 Curate, 4 Spread, 9 Abstain, 10 Ocean, 11 Toys, 12 Delicate, 14 Handy, 16 Cider, 20 Agitated, 21 Cage, 24 Evade, 25 Examine, 26 Siesta, 27 Reject.

## Down:

1 Chaste, 2 Risky, 3 Thaw, 5 Prohibit, 6 Elevate, 7 Dinner, 8 Under, 13 Adjacent, 15 Agitate, 17 Bakers, 18 Rebel, 19 Repeat, 22 Alike, 23 Fake.

## CODE BREAKER

1	K	B	C	G	W	S	L	Q	F	R	T	D	I
14	Y	A	E	H	U	O	P	J	N	V	M	X	Z

## KAKURO



## QUIZ: UNDER THE WEATHER

1. Brontophobia is a morbid fear of which dramatic weather phenomenon?
2. From Spanish for 'the little boy', what name is given to a periodic large-scale warming of the surface of the Eastern Pacific Ocean, especially off the coast of Peru and Ecuador, associated with extreme meteorological phenomena in the Pacific region?
3. In which year was TIROS I, the first successful low-Earth orbital weather satellite, launched? (± two years)
4. Released in September 1982, what was the title of the Weather Girls only UK hit single?
5. What name is given to a dark cloud of great vertical extent charged with electricity, often associated with thunderstorms?
6. What name is given to the branch of science concerned with the processes and phenomena of the atmosphere, especially as a means of forecasting the weather?

7. Which actor played the television weatherman, Phil Connors in the 1993 comedy film Groundhog Day?
8. Which famous 1970s UK number one hit single contains the lines 'Thunderbolt and lightning. Very, very frightening me'?
9. Which fictional superhero character from Marvel Comics' X-Men, has the psionic ability to manipulate weather patterns over vast areas?
10. Which international scale of wind force, named after the English admiral and naval hydrographer who devised it, ranges from from 0 (calm air) to 12 (hurricane)?

Not a lot of people know that... the fastest a raindrop can fall is 18 mph (29 km/h)

## Answers:

1. THUNDER (astrophobia is a morbid fear of thunder and lightning).
2. EL NIÑO.
3. (April 1) 1960 (except 1958 to 1962).
4. IT'S RAINING MEN.
5. CUMULONIMBUS.
6. METEOROLOGY.
7. BILL MURRAY.
8. BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY.
9. STORM.
10. BEAUFORT SCALE.



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## Spain would be great but for the Spanish

I LOVE living here on the coast... wonderful weather, most of the time, meet so many interesting people... wonderful food.

But, what is it with the Spanish?

They seem to obey no laws. From the former prime minister being caught up in corruption/bribery scandal to the lady mayor of Madrid, eventually resigning when caught on camera apparently shoplifting!

The president of our community is in the same position.

I know the idea of democracy is still relatively new to Spain... post Franco, 1974?

On the roads it is anarchy... Is it the national hobby to disobey traffic signs?

Just returning from the supermarket, the traffic signs clearly show the direction of flow... but no, every other Spanish registered car (not rented) was determined to go in the other direction!

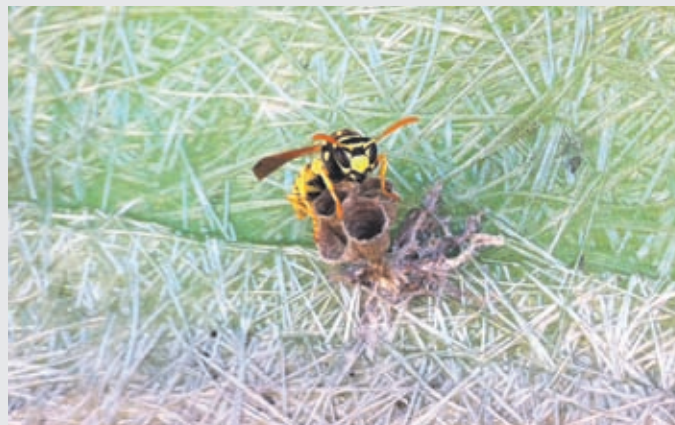
I know I am a 'grumpy old Englishman' but am I alone in having this problem?

*Michael Colin, Estepona*

### No matter be it humble here's home

AS I opened the lid of our bottle bank I was amazed to see a wasp busily making its home - it's still there working away in its rubbish house, at least until the bin is emptied! Then it will probably have to buzz off.

*Tom Gibson, Costa Blanca*



Credit: Tom Gibson

**| BUSY WASP: It's not just ants that work hard.**

### Waiting time

I HAVE received a bill of €4,700 for external repairs to the building that has finally been almost completed, but still not quite right to move in, although it was started in 2005.

It's not only me that has to pay, but to wait eight years to obtain the building li-

cence from Elche Council is another joke. I really wouldn't mind if the building was old, but now 13 years in and I'm still having dramas.

I now wish that I hadn't bought in Spain, but been like many others who sold and now rent.

I'm sick of property problems.

*Paul Butler, Elche*

### Con and pro

Leapy

I AM normally a great advocate of your column and agree with a majority of your views. Unfortunately your latest subject has left me angry and disappointed. I am a retired 30-year police officer who spent time in uniform and as a de-

tective in the Metropolitan Police. Your article in some respects is wholly inaccurate and portraying what is one of the hardest jobs any person could undertake.

Addressing your points on reality shows, I have to say my wife makes me watch them. The shows themselves follow officers in real time. I and my colleagues have given access to the media on occasions, and I don't recall after kicking a door in or questioning a subject getting a director shout 'take two!'

The programmes highlight the type of work and people they have to deal with. The thing that encourages these idiots is the courts handing them such paltry punishments.

After all the police are racist, homophobic and every other ist and phobic that can be thrown at them. The poor female officer subjected to the behaviour at Notting Hill was part of the usual order from above, 'Don't arrest anyone, it might kick off.'

If you want to have an opinion, it is good to have done some research and at least have some facts at your fingertips.

*Dave, Porto Petro.*

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## 'Aggressive' passenger banned for life

They shouldn't let people board if they are intoxicated. They should also take away their 'duty free' bottles.

*Eileen Hanworth*

Make it a criminal offence, heavy fines plus all costs involved. Ban for life. Why should flight staff have to put up with this behaviour? Why too should French police have to deal with these ignorant louts?

*Chris Symington*

Yup and it should work like the pub blackwatch scheme and their details handed to all the other airlines so they can't fly with them either.

*Andrew Fitzgerald*

Good don't need this behaviour, make it clear it will not be tolerated.

*Val Anderson*

### €17.2 million compensation for crushed hand

How can anyone justify that, if she had carried on working for the rest of her life she wouldn't earn anything like that amount, which is what compensation is for.

*Bill Newall*

### Comments from EWN online

Not entirely Bill, big insurance payouts are also to force the industry involved to make sweeping safety improvements to avoid further big losses.

*Matt Silver*

### Scot OAP spends birthday trapped in Spain

This is typical, no thanks or acknowledgment of a job well done. All the hospitals have interpreters, but they are there to interpret medical and welfare matters. I wonder how many British hospital, or Scottish ones have multilingual interpreters. People like this make my blood boil.

*Kathryn Ramsden*

You couldn't drag me back to the UK if I was ill, Spanish hospitals all day long. A friend of mine who lives here broke her leg in the UK visiting her family and was TRAPPED over there, that's even worse but she didn't whinge.

*Kaye Jane Riley*

He received excellent treatment, the doctors maybe even saved his leg and this family is whining over a language barrier? Utter arrogance, that is all I want say about this. They could have complained about the heat on top of that to round it up. Show some gratitude instead.

*Peter Sauer*

### Uber begins operating on the Costa del Sol

I used Uber a lot in the UK because to be honest they were miles cheaper than black taxis but looking this morning at the cost of fares of destinations I use regularly, here in Calahonda I'm seeing it as a lot cheaper to use the local taxi company.. eg Calahonda to La Cala cost us 10-11€, Uber quoting 13.75€ - big difference... just something to keep in mind Mr and Mrs Holidaymaker.

*Señor Simon and Dee*

About TIME, taxis here are a rip off, cost me €10 before I even got off my urbanisation the other day as I needed picked up and I'm on the border with Marbella and Mijas and I was crossing over it straight away.

*Matt Silver*

### Gone too far

Leapy,

ONCE again you've hit the nail on the head and vocalised what I have been thinking about these police shows for a long time. Every time some skank sees a fellow criminal on TV abusing the police and behaving like an ass, then getting no more than a slap on the wrist, it will just encourage him to do the same. Why respect the law if doing so makes no difference to your sentence?

For me though one of the worst things about those cop shows is seeing the huge amount of effort the police put into apprehending some violent idiot who then resists arrest, screams and swears, and lies about his details, and at the end the announcer says 'no charges were brought.'

How about the resisting arrest and telling lies? No, just a 'don't do it again, son' and be on your way. If that doesn't encourage criminals and general disrespect and bad behaviour towards the police, what will?

Problem is, the liberals would scream human rights the minute they said anything that might offend the criminal, so I guess they have to be careful. But I feel it has gone too far if those TV shows are any guide.

*Angus Silvie, Torre del Mar*



# Exercising your jaw

ALTHOUGH banned in Singapore, many people love chewing gum whilst going about their daily business.

For some it's a habit, whilst others love the range of juicy flavours that certain gums can offer.

But most won't have realised that chewing gum whilst you walk could help you to lose weight.

According to new research, when you chew gum you actually walk faster which in turn means that your body burns more calories.

Walking faster also increases your heart rate which is another important factor in losing weight.

The study, from Waseda University in Tokyo, was the first to look at how chewing gum affects the body whilst walking. All previous studies had set out

**GOOD GUM:** A chewing gum a day might keep the doctor away.



to discover how it impacts the body whilst resting.

The research team which presented the findings at the recent European Congress of Obesity in Vienna concluded that: "chewing gum while walking affects

a number of physical and physiological functions in men and women of all ages."

This is welcome news for the chewing gum industry and not the first time that chewing gum has been as-

sociated with health benefits.

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SUGAR is a natural component of food like fruits and vegetables, but eating too much of it comes with consequences. We are now more aware of the risks of too many sweets, but there are still plenty of myths about sugar and what it does to us.

The industry has long denied it plays any role in chronic disease, but research suggests otherwise. Studies have connected excessive consumption with memory loss, high blood pressure, heart disease, cavities and weight gain. However, quitting sugar completely is unlikely to improve your health. Some sugar-free diets encourage people to cut out foods such as fruit and dairy, without evidence to support their exclusion.

But whole fruit is a great source of fructose as well as other essential minerals and vitamins. However, research does show that reducing your intake of sugar in drinks such as coffee, tea and fizzy drinks does have a positive effect on your health. So, if you want to start somewhere, this is the place.

Remember, as with carbs and fat, it's important not to quickly and completely eliminate any one food group from your diet.

## Not so sweet



**SUGAR CONTENT:** Most fruits, vegetables and sweets contain sugar.



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# How to get through to Boris - the pranksters' way

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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HEARD about the hoax call that duped Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson into talking to a man he thought was the Armenian prime minister for 18 minutes? During the phone conversation Boris was asked about the Salisbury poisoning and how to deal with President Putin. He's just the latest victim of two Russian pranksters who previously called Sir Elton John in the guise of Mr Putin, and who also convinced President Erdogan of Turkey he was speaking to his Ukrainian counterpart.

Well, this won't be the first - or the last - prank call. There was, reportedly, an incident over 20 years ago when a radio presenter from Quebec managed to get through to the Queen claiming to be the Canadian Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien. Her Majesty thus appeared live on a radio programme, demonstrating an excellent



**BORIS BLUFFED:** The UK Foreign Secretary was tricked by an impersonator.

grasp of Quebec politics, in fluent French!

Clearly this isn't - for once - a lapse by Boris, but rather a security breach by his aides in not adequately vetting calls put through to him. I'd suggest he uses the same automated systems that most of the companies in the UK use and then these pranksters would never get through or simply hang up in the process!

Maybe an automated system like the following:

1. If you want to discuss the latest faux pas of Mr Johnson, please press 1.

2. If you want to discuss our world-class, leading-edge strategy: 'Taking Back Control,' please press 2.

3. If you want our Three Brexiteers to appear at your next stag do, please press 3.

4. If you want to discuss the UK's foreign relations, you are held in a queue of 250,000.

5. If you want to discuss or offer a free trade deal (however unilateral), forward the contract clearly marked where to sign.

6. If you want to discuss Mr Johnson's next attempt at getting fired or staging a coup, please call 007.

'Buffoon Boris' is a featherweight, a blundering featherweight, in a heavy-weight contest. Get him out of the ring before he does any more damage. Please!

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

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Can they use 'Proceso Monitorio'?

**Q.** *I am the president of our urbanisation. We have two owners who do not pay the community fees and give no response to the administration.*

*For each of the properties the debt is now more than €20,000. We are taking the necessary court actions to obtain embargoes on the two properties. One of our members has read an article which refers to the 'proceso monitorio' as a means of asking the court to order payment or even a forced sale of the property within three months to cover the debt. It is particularly the aspect of forced sale which attracts our interest.*

*A M (Costa del Sol)*

**A.** *The 'Proceso Monitorio' is a sort of small claims court procedure which can be useful in some*

*cases. Unfortunately, for any debt over €6,000 it turns out to be almost the same procedure as a normal court case. It appears that you have already gone to court to claim the debt in a normal proceeding, so you are doing the right thing, even if it takes a long time in the over-loaded Spanish courts.*

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# Sports utility vehicles or luxury road cars

**Nick Horne** *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



NEW YORK, March 2018 - The Range Rover Velar judged the most beautifully designed vehicle on the planet, winning the World Car Design of the Year title at the 2018 World Car Awards.

Bringing glamour, modernity and elegance to the Range Rover family, the €65,000 Velar offers a unique combination of design excellence and engineering integrity.

The distinctive design of the Range Rover Velar features perfectly optimised proportions and a stunning silhouette. Its super-slim Matrix Laser-LED headlights, flush deployable door handles and sleek Touch Pro Duo infotainment are all hallmarks of Range Rover's reductionist design philosophy.

Gerry McGovern, Chief Design Officer, Land Rover, said: "The continued evolution of our design philosophy is driven by a relentless focus on creating highly desirable vehicles our customers will love for life. The Range Rover Velar brings a new dimension



**AWARD-WINNING:** Sports utility vehicles or luxury road cars.

of modernity to the Range Rover family with an abundance of innovative technologies, all making this vehicle a joy to drive and be driven in.

"We're honoured that the jury recognised the tireless endeavours of our designers and engineers in delivering a vehicle with compelling design, tailored technology and relevant innovation which come together to create a vehicle of instant desirability."

Land Rover and Range Rover have travelled a long road in 70 years from dominating the farm yard to dominate the Luxury SUV market and playing major roles on battlefields, the current generation represented by the Range Rover Velar is the SUV of choice for Oligarch Technocrat or Sheikh besides sundry Royalty! Such dominance can only be challenged.

No surprise then that weeks later Rolls-

Royce Motor Cars launched the much anticipated 'Cullinan' - starting from €285,000 - named after the largest diamond ever discovered now set among the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom.

A challenge to the dominance of the Range Rover, Giles Taylor, Director of Design, Rolls-Royce Motor Cars said: "From the very beginning the design team treated this brand new Rolls-Royce as a unique, high bodied car. With global customer expectations in mind, our aim was two-fold - realise a presence to match the magnificent capability of Cullinan, whilst setting sector defining standards for luxury and elegance. We know that many of our luxury patrons pursue sports or leisure hobbies that require precisely this type of go anywhere vehicle - Cullinan's design gesture had to possess an immediate sense of effortless accomplishment."

Perhaps recognising the merest suggestion of following rather than leading what is now a crowded choice of SUV's Giles Taylor acknowledged, "The label SUV is now applied to anything with a two-box silhouette and the least suggestion of going off tarmac. We envisioned an authentic, three-box high-bodied all-terrain car with a convention-challenging design and absolute capability that would satisfy the adventurous urges of our clients." Interesting to note that both are British brands.



# Triumphant return of two local singers

THERE is to be a very special concert at the municipal sports centre Mateu Cañellas de Inca next Wednesday.

It features former contestants from Operación Triunfo also known as OT (which is similar to the X Factor) which promotes new singers who are also chosen to represent Spain in the Eurovision Song Contest.

This will be the only performance in Mallorca and is of particular interest as amongst those taking part are Ricky Merino, a native of Palma, and Mimi Doblas, who spends most summers on the Island.

This event was announced by the mayor of Inca, Virgilio Moreno who called it "the event of the



Credit: @incacutat Twitter

## Surprise announcement of the concert.

summer" alongside the two performers and jury member Joe Pérez.

Both artists said that they were delighted to be able to perform in Mallorca, Ricky as he comes from here and Mimi because her father is a resident.

It won't all be about these two performers as the two-hour show will include a number of different musical genres, but it appears that

word about the concert is spreading fast and tickets are in great demand.

The Inca Council expects large numbers of visitors and is taking action to increase the number of car parking spaces available as well as agreeing with local train operator Serveis Ferroviaris to lay on extra train services in the hope that those with tickets will use public transport.

## Festa de la Musica

INCA and Palma are also sharing a music festival in the same week with eight artists performing each day.

The Inca event takes place in the Placa Santa Maria la Major next Thursday with one act every hour starting at 11am whilst the Palma event takes place the following day in the Placa D'Espanya.

## Eat Well to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



IT is the start of summer and also the start of the barbecue season, this week and next I will include two of mine, my relatives and my friend's favourite recipes.

First of all, a few words about barbecuing. The characteristic flavour of barbecued food comes from juices and fats dripping on to the heat source creating smoke and undesirable flames (quench with a water spray) when the fats and oils catch fire.

Whether the heat source is burning charcoal, an electric element, or lava rock heated by a gas flame the flavours are all the same. I have never used an electric barbecue, but have used charcoal and gas, my personal preference is for bottled gas, because it is quicker to reach the required temperature, is more controllable and it is much cheaper especially if your domestic water is heated by bottles of butane.

You can use the last dregs of butane heating the barbecue instead of gambling on a

## Home-made burgers



### MEATY TREATS: Home-made burgers.

shower that may or may not be hot, as you rinse off the soap and shampoo. The following is my original recipe, enjoy!

#### Andy's ultimate beefburgers

Serves 4

- 2 small onions, chopped
- 3 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 700 grammes good quality minced beef
- 4 teaspoons mustard powder
- 2 teaspoons black (or green) peppercorns, coarsely ground
- 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated

- 3 whole beef stock cubes, crumbled
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1. Fry onions in olive oil until golden, add garlic and continue to fry until cooked through, place to one side to cool and then liquidise in a blender.

2. Add to ground beef together with all the other ingredients, mix by hand until mixed thoroughly.

3. Leave in fridge for two hours in a covered bowl.

4. Using kitchen roll and a cheap cooking oil, coat the barbecue grill plates with a thin film of oil to prevent food from sticking. Light the barbecue, when hot, take a tangerine size piece of beef mix and flatten, then cook until crisp on outside and cooked on inside (or, pink if you prefer and you trust the source of the meat to avoid food-poisoning), put to one side and keep warm. If you want cheeseburgers, place thinly sliced cheese on top of the almost-cooked burgers and pull the hood down on the barbecue and leave until the cheese has melted.

5. Serve

**Hint:** I hate lettuce, tomato and gherkins added to hot burgers, this destroys both the taste and texture of all four items. I serve the burgers in a bun, spread with olive oil and placed cut side down on the grill for about a minute, until slightly toasted. Fried onion, mushroom and cheese on top of the burger takes it to a new level! Salad and gherkins should be a side dish

**Hint:** Don't overwork the beef when mixing with the other

ingredients, the texture of the beef, as well as its flavour, needs to be just right. Most propriety burgers fail on all counts, but especially on texture.

**Hint:** Liquidising the onion/garlic is not essential provided they are finely chopped.

**Tip:** Peppercorns need to be freshly ground, when bought finely ground it loses flavour very quickly.

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# Not just a pretty place

THE transformation of Palma de Mallorca in recent years has been dramatic.

In the days before the likes of easyJet, most tourists would bypass the city on their way to one of the many coastal resorts.

Its revival began with the first wave of investment by the local council to tackle petty crime and clean up the streets.

Over the past five years a group of very successful Swedish entrepreneurs have turned ancient buildings, with their lofty terraces, into spacious city centre apartments.

In their wake, lifestyle stores like Rialto Living have opened, art galleries have ex-

panded and numerous restaurants and boutique hotels have launched.

Property prices have now shot past the peak of 2007, with average prices in the Old Town reaching €3.8 million.

Local government figures show that the number of properties being sold to foreigners has increased from 23 per cent in 2007 to 44 per cent last year.

Even more expensive real estate can be found heading west down the coast to Puer to Andratx, as well as a string of resorts that are investing millions trying to shake off their reputation as teenage party destinations.



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**PALMA SPRINGS UP:** The city is enjoying a boom in popularity and development.

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# American tycoon lands €3.2 million island



Credit: Minorca.com/Facebook

**IDYLIC ISLAND:** The islet is part of the Albufera des Grau natural park.

AN American-Cuban entrepreneur has bought the Illa d'en Colom islet, off the coast of Menorca in Spain's Balearic Islands, for €3.2 million.

The purchase was made through the company Meruelo Investments, and the new owner, Alex Meruelo, had to negotiate with the 16 heirs to the property to secure the deal.

Meruelo, a businessman born in New York to

Cuban parents who had left the Caribbean island in the 1960s, also had to outbid a French businessman who made offers up to the last minute.

The 16 heirs and their family members will be allowed to use the islet until October.

This 58-hectare islet has spent three decades on the market, and in 2010 was on sale for as much as €6 million.

In the mid-1980s, Alex Meruelo started his business ventures, acquiring a pizza chain before expanding into the construction and property sector in southern California.

Meruelo's holding company currently encompasses electricity companies, television and hotel chains like SLS Las Vegas and the former Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City.

He is also the first American of Hispanic origin to acquire an NBA team with a majority shareholding: the Atlanta Hawks.

The islet is located 200 metres from the northeastern coast of Menorca, and features a beautiful landscape with two beaches.

There is a country house running on solar power, as well as a summer home and wooden cabin.





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HANGING BASKETS are very much a part of the tradition of gardening in Spain.

Balconies decorated with abundant geranium flowers are a hallmark of Spanish village homes.

When space is limited at your home, the imagination is still able to create inspiring ways to create a wonderful garden using containers and hanging baskets to achieve a garden on the walls and in open spaces.

The value of a hanging basket is that they can be placed to use space that otherwise is not used. On a balcony they can be placed to provide shade in summer instead of using blinds by making a row of baskets that capture the sun so that the balcony stays shaded. In winter they can be taken down to allow more of the sunlight to warm the zone.

The flexibility of hanging baskets makes them very versatile to always have the best flowering plants on display in prominent positions so that your hanging garden always looks its best. There is also the advantage of growing a wider range of different types of plants as they can be moved to shelter when adverse conditions prevail.

The choice of plants will depend, to a degree, on the time you can devote to your plants. Hanging baskets do need attention as they need regular watering and occasional feeding with liquid nutrients to stay healthy.

## Hanging baskets

### Minimum space and maximum growth



Credit: Aipingstone Wikimedia

**HANGING BASKETS:** Can look beautiful anywhere.

Succulents and low water use plants such as the ever popular geranium require less attention but many annuals such as lobelia, petunias, marigold, pansies, primroses, polyanthus and forget-me-nots do need to be

looked after. Flowering annuals will provide an abundance of flowers with a little more care than succulents.

You can grow bulbs such as freesias, crocus, iris and anemones that flower less but

are hardier. If you wish to grow herbs, thyme, weeping rosemary, oregano, parsley, sage and many more can be grown in hanging baskets. Herbs may only last a season but you can enjoy them fresh and replace them the next year.

Hanging baskets are not really for larger growing plants or plants with a long life expectancy as the pot size will limit growth and the soil can become depleted of nutrients quicker than garden grown plants. They may seem to need frequent attention but the work is not heavy or difficult and does not require much bending. So placing them at a good height suitable for your care is important to make care easier.

The right container is important. There is a great variety of different types available. Ceramic pots give a good choice to select from. Some ceramic pots are made to be hung on walls with simply a hook installed on the wall or you can use wire to attach them to an existing support.

Ceramic is better than plastic for the plant as they allow the pot to breathe but they do evaporate more moisture. Wire baskets with coco fibre work very well, they are light to handle but do need more water than ceramic and plastic pots.

For the best success it is best to use a deep pot rather than shallow ones to hold more moisture, nutrients and reduce evaporation. Whatever you choose they can brighten your balcony or terrace.

WITH summer just around the corner now is the time to start those interior decorations to be sure that you bring a sense of summer sensation into your home.

Although we all need to keep out the light and heat during those important hours of siesta, for the remainder of the day, it's important that your home feels open and light. So take down those heavy winter curtains and re-

place them with something light and breezy. This will allow natural light into your spaces and let you take advantage of solar energy.

It's important that cool air can circulate around your home. So, if you don't have the air-con on, then leave your windows open. Placing

scented flowers or plants around your home will ensure that pleasant aromas invade your spaces. The best flowers to decorate your home in summer include roses, daisies, petunia, sunflowers, lavender and geraniums.

In fact, if you have the space, create an internal gar-

den. This gives you a great opportunity to breathe fresh air into a select area of your home. Paint the flower pots different colours to introduce some colour and strik-

ing tones.

An additional advantage of creating such a space is that it can offer you a novel space to retreat to when you need some 'me-time.'

Finally, place some fruit bowls around your home and always have them filled with fresh colourful fruits.



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# Your dog and exercise

DON'T exercise a dog strenuously straight after feeding. Always wait for a minimum of one hour, otherwise it can be extremely dangerous and result in stomach torsion, a twisting which prevents gasses from escaping. Unless prompt veterinary attention is sought, this condition can be fatal.

Likewise, do not feed your dog directly after exercise as stomach torsion can also result.

However, gentle exercise after eating burns up more calories by raising the body's rate of metabolism. It is better than allowing the dog to lie down to digest its food, for while sleeping a pet will burn up only a few calories, just enough to keep its heart and lungs going. This can result in weight gain.

It makes sense to take your dog for a walk of not more than a half-hour after the two meals of the day. This very gentle exercise will also stimulate its digestion.



**KEEPING FIT:** It's important to regulate your dog's exercise.

Then, after a few hours have passed, you can let the dog enjoy more strenuous exercise.

For smaller breeds, simply tak-

ing a dog outdoors to relieve itself gives a certain amount of exercise. This assists but does not cause defecation, for a dog does

not need exercise to loosen his bowels unless it is ill.

Taking a dog on a daily run is not necessarily in its best interest. Dogs should never be run on hard surfaces such as pavements or paved roads but on earth, and certainly should not be made to run behind your car. If you insist on having your dog jog with you, then make the pace a fast walk or trot rather than a run, but don't do this in hot weather and always check the dog's feet after a run for cuts and rawness.

Medium and large breeds should not be allowed excessive exercise, or do agility work, until at least 18-months old, and even then with caution.

Often a weakness will remain dormant in young bones if they are subjected to extreme exercise. Throwing a ball in a park for an hour could bring on a problem. Dogs do not need as much exercise as many think.

A dog should never be allowed out alone even if it has a name tag on its collar. It is an offence in most European countries for it to be roaming on public streets or highways where it can still be classified as a stray dog and impounded by the police or a dog warden.

Dog owners are legally responsible for any damage caused by their dog. If your dog's actions result in a traffic accident you may well have to pay compensation for damaged vehicles or injured persons and this could be substantial. No dog can ever be 100 per cent reliable when walking along a road off its lead.

A sudden noise, a car back-firing, or the sight of a cat could cause the dog to bolt. Only luck will determine if the dog runs out in front of a car. So don't show off by walking your dog without a lead besides a busy road.

A living dog on a lead is better than a dead one off it.

## Keeping the cat at bay

IT is actually possible that you don't like cats. Or perhaps you only like your cat and you want to deter your neighbour's furry feline from overstepping the mark into

your territory.

Well, there are steps you can take to discreetly mark your boundary and stop other cats from prowling onto your patch.

The very first step is to clear away any cat excrement around the place, as this attracts more cats to foul in that area.

Once this is done, block gaps in the boundary with prickly plants or prunings such as holly. You can fit string or wire to the top of a fence to make it more difficult for cats to walk on it.

Then half fill some plastic bottles with water and place these along your boundary. Along the same lines, dangle some old CDs as the reflecting light will deter the cats.

Cats love to dig up exposed soil, so cover your ground soil with a layer of mulch as cats hate a moist surface.

Finally, a little known secret is to drop tea bags which have been infused with Olbas oil around the edges of your area.

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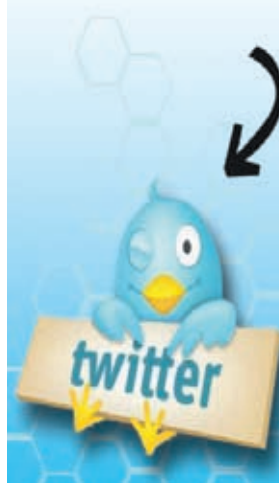
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## Turn right at Scotland

THE short LEG 10 of the Volvo Ocean Race is under-way and this time the Spanish MAPFRE boat is showing its determination.

Whilst there are really just three boats left fighting for the eventual championship, it looks as if it is going to be a 'toe to toe slugfest' between MAPFRE (leaders on this leg) and Dongfeng Race Team who are overall leaders by just one point.

This is actually a close race with only 40 nautical miles between first and last at the time of writing.

Once the fleet reaches Gothenburg, Sweden in a



**Team Brunel in the waters off Scotland.**

few days time, there will be a short lay over before they set off on the last leg, the 700 nautical mile trip to The Hague which is due to start next Thursday and by then, the race will be 125 days old.

## Tiger Woods values Privacy

ALTHOUGH he has not been as successful as in the past, golfer Tiger Woods can still afford to run his €17 million Superyacht christened Privacy.

He brought the vessel to the Hamptons on Long Island and used it as his base in advance of the US Open tournament which starts today (Thursday).

He has reportedly docked the 155-foot long Superyacht at Montauk Yacht Club just down the road from the Shinnecock Hills Golf Course as he tries to win his 15th major title.

With five guest rooms, a Jacuzzi, gym, bar and a dining area on deck, he will certainly have comfortable surroundings.

## 22nd Superyacht Cup starts next week

THE Superyacht Cup is the longest running Superyacht regatta in Europe and will start its four days of events next Wednesday.

The racing is run by the highly experienced international Race Officers and the team at Real Club Nautico de Palma.

The participating Superyachts which are still arriving will be moored together stern-to in the Superyacht Cup Regatta Village located at Muelle Viejo with the iconic Palma Cathedral and palm tree lined Paseo Marítimo providing a stunning back-drop.

Yachts from all corners of the globe have responded to the call with some arriving from Asia and the Pacific whilst others have found their way to Palma from the Caribbean.

With so many yachts returning to the Mediterranean for the Superyacht Cup, Palma has been delivering on its global reputation as the go-to place for outstanding maintenance, refit and repair facilities.



**ATHOS: The biggest boat of the fleet, measuring 62 metres.**

"The sense of excitement around Palma is growing with every passing day as the start of the Superyacht Cup gets closer," said Event Manager Kate Branagh.

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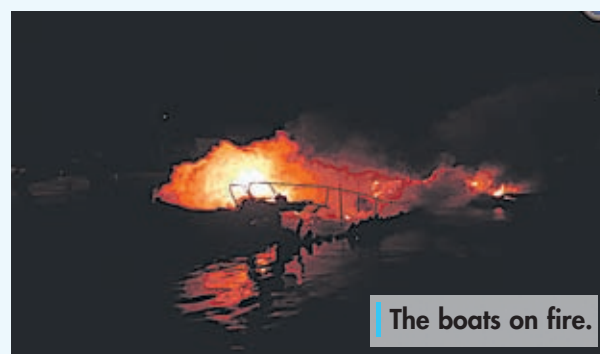
Meanwhile, organisers have confirmed that the Superyacht Cup will this year include a Corinthian class, which will allow owners to share the thrills of racing without a spinaker and with a smaller crew.

## Lightning strikes once

FOLLOWING a storm in Puerto Pollensa last Sunday, three boats caught fire and were destroyed.

The first vessel to catch fire was a local boat known as a llaut and the fire then spread to the two small boats on either side.

Fire crews from Inca and Alcudia were called out and their work was hampered by the fact



**The boats on fire.**

that they were alerted in the middle of the night which meant that whilst they were able to contain the fire, all three boats were destroyed and sank.

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The name can be roughly translated as 'lively young horse,' referencing the imagery at the heart of the Porsche crest, which has featured a leaping steed since 1952.

Oliver Blume, Chairman of the Executive Board of Porsche AG said:

# If anyone can Taycan

"Our new electric sports car is strong and dependable; it's a vehicle that can consistently cover long distances and that epitomises freedom."

The name was announced as part of Porsche's 70th anniversary celebrations since it started mak-

ing sports cars.

It will be Porsche's first all-electric car, and was previewed by the Mission E Concept, although the brand has been building plug-in hybrid models of some of its cars for several years.

The power figures are certainly

impressive, with 592 bhp and 0-60mph in 'well under' 3.3 seconds.

Porsche is also being ambitious with its range estimates too, and claims the Taycan will be able to achieve 310 miles on a single charge.

Elsewhere, the sports car maker has committed to a €6 billion investment in electromobility - including new versions of the Taycan, electrification of its current cars, expanding production sites and developing charging infrastructure.

The Taycan will also lead to 1,200 new jobs being created at a new factory for the model in Zuffenhausen, Germany.

**ELECTRIFYING STYLE:** The Taycan represents Porsche's commitment to electromobility.



Credit: Porsche

# Nissan Qashqai Tekna+

## ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

WHEN first launched in 2007, the Nissan Qashqai was one of the crossover pioneers, paving the way for the welter of SUV models now dominating the new car market.

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There are petrol and diesel options, with prices starting at €22,140 (£19,300), but a top-spec version such as my Tekna+ test model, laden with extra kit and with a 1.6 litre turbo-petrol engine, costs €34,410 (£29,995).

You get a lot for the money - highlights include premium BOSE sound system, sports seats, leather trim, panoramic glass roof, front, rear and side cameras, alloy wheels, park as-



sist, front and rear parking sensors, touch-screen entertainment and navigation system, connectivity features, and a raft of safety kit including blind spot warning, moving object detection and lane departure warning. It also has LED lights, chrome detailing, roof rails and rear privacy glass.

The 1.6 litre 163 hp petrol engine has a 0-100 kph time of 8.9 seconds, top speed of 200 kph (124 mph), emissions of 134 g/km and fuel economy of 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg).

On the road, the Qashqai is

smooth and refined, helped by revised suspension providing a more composed ride. The precise steering and slick manual gearshift give the driver a feeling of complete control.

Externally, Qashqai has revised sharper-looking front and rear styling and inside, upgraded materials give the cabin a smarter appearance.

The dashboard layout is well designed for easy use and there is good occupant space front and rear and lots of oddment storage places. The 410-litre boot, while not largest in the

class, easily accommodates normal needs, and can be boosted to 1,569 litres by folding the rear seats.

The Qashqai competes in a vastly enlarged crossover/SUV sector which includes the likes of the Peugeot 3008, SEAT Ateca and the Skoda Karoq, but the British-built Nissan holds enough ace cards to ensure it stays firmly with the pack leaders.

**VALUE FOR MONEY:** The revamped Nissan Qashqai comes full of extras.

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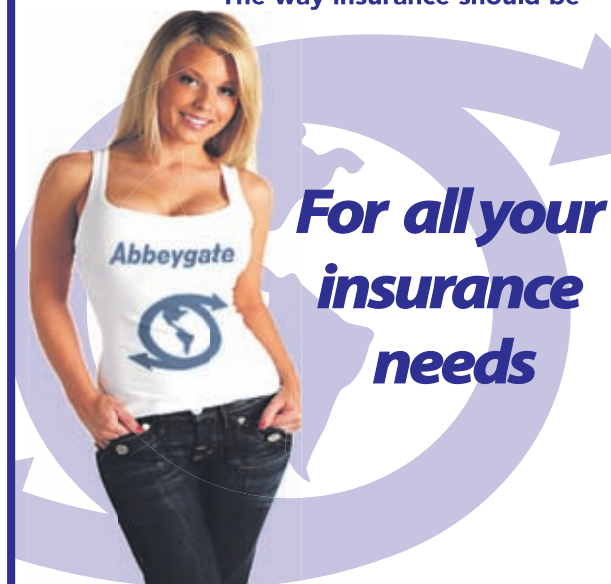
## STATS PANEL

- **Model:** Nissan Qashqai Tekna+
- **Engine:** 1.6 litre petrol
- **Transmission:** 6-speed manual
- **Performance:** 0-100 kph 8.9 seconds, top speed 200 kph (124 mph)
- **Economy:** 17.2 kpl (48.7 mpg)
- **Emissions:** 134 g/km

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



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**LION HEARTED:** The England team are calmly confident that they can make a mark.

## World Cup 2018: England unfazed by great expectations

THE biggest sporting event on the planet begins today (Thursday) in Russia, where 32 national football teams will compete for glory and sporting immortality.

England's World Cup preparations concluded with a promising 2-0 victory over Costa Rica at Elland Road, and Gareth Southgate's squad will approach the tournament with quiet optimism.

It has been an unusually tranquil build-up for England, so far devoid of injury dramas, tabloid scandals or selection sagas.

There are signs that Southgate knows the style of play he wants his team to adopt, and that he has the personnel to deliver it.

Gone is the iron grip of the Fabio Capello regime, or the muddled selections and positioning of players under Hodgson.

Southgate's men were all happy to take part in an open-media session that would have been unthinkable not so long ago.

The England manager has talked about learning the art of 'calm leadership' from Euro '96 manager Terry Venables, and has grown visibly in his role.

"Pressure is what you perceive it to be and is influenced by what you read and watch," said Southgate. "We had some guys in from the Marines who had lost limbs. What is the pressure on us?"

Southgate has a squad with plenty of youthful enthusiasm, not scarred by previous failures, and one that seems to be growing in confidence.

"We are mates going to play in a World Cup, the highlight of everyone's career," he added.

"It's fantastic."

Spain meanwhile, tore their way through World Cup qualifying, scoring 36 goals while winning nine out of 10 games.

They have also been outstanding in

friendlies, beating Belgium, France, drawing with world champions Germany and smashing Argentina 6-1.

Above all, manager Julen Lopetegui has restored the excitement and joy which typified the teams that won the European Championship in 2008 and 2012, and the World Cup in 2010.

This can be seen in the speed at which they recover the ball and their desire to keep searching for more goals even when the games have been won.

"Most of all I've been impressed by the passion of the players to be a team, their desire to use their individual qualities for the collective good," said Lopetegui.

Only 11 players from the squads that flopped over the last four years have made it into the 23-man group, and linchpin Andres Iniesta will want to finish his international career on a high.

WORLD number one Rafael Nadal won an incredible 11th French Open title by beating Austrian Dominic Thiem in straight sets.

Nadal, 32, won 6-4 6-3 6-2 to earn his 17th Grand Slam on Sunday, putting him three behind Roger Federer's all-time record.

The Spaniard edged an intense opening set, before tightening his grip on the second with an early break of serve.

Despite having cramp in the third set he somehow managed to increase the tempo, and 24-year-old Thiem in his first major final, had no answer.

"It's a dream to win 11 times," said Nadal. "I played a great match against a great player."

"He is a player who pushes you to the limit."

## Nadal serves up 11th French Open title

Nadal's victory means that the past six Grand Slam titles have been won by either him or Roger Federer, with the next generation of players struggling to break their dominance.

Nadal is only the second player in history to win the same Grand Slam 11 times after Margaret Court, who won 11 Australian Open titles between 1960 and 1973.

The Spaniard had been the hot favourite to win at Roland

Garros, after warming up with three clay-court titles in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Rome.

Against seventh seed Thiem he was at his destructive best. "What you have done - to win this tournament 11 times - is one of the greatest things in sport," Thiem said to Nadal afterwards.

**CLAY KING:** Nadal is the greatest player ever on clay.



## Transfer rumours

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

**Arsenal** are in talks to sign Sampdoria's €25 million defensive midfielder Lucas Torriera, 22, who is playing for Uruguay at the World Cup. (*Daily Mail*)

**Real Madrid** have made contact with former Chelsea and Tottenham boss Andre Villas-Boas about succeeding Zinedine Zidane as manager. (*Express*)

**Fiorentina** have increased the asking price of Italy international midfielder Federico Chiesa, 20, to €70 million amid interest from Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United. (*Talksport*)

**Barcelona** left-back, Joel Lopez, 15, has agreed terms with Arsenal. (*Metro*)

**Liverpool** will step up their efforts to sign Switzerland's Stoke midfielder Xherdan Shaqiri when he returns from the World Cup. (*Mirror*)



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**COURTING COURTOIS:** The keeper is believed to want a move to Spain.

**Chelsea** goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois is reportedly ready to push hard for a summer transfer to Real Madrid this year. (*Sun*)

**Tottenham** have emerged as contenders in the race for Barcelona midfielder Rafinha. (*BBC*)

**Real Madrid** are preparing a €150 million bid for Lazio and Serbia midfielder Sergej Milinkovic-Savic. (*ESPN*)

**CSKA Moscow** are willing to sell Arsenal target Aleksandr Golovin this summer, but are likely to demand at least €25 million for the Russian international. (*Talksport*)

**Paris St-Germain** are interested in signing Chelsea's French midfielder N'Golo Kante. (*Sky Sports*)

**Chelsea** and Liverpool are set to compete for Dutch Barcelona goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen, 29. (*Daily Mail*)



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BRITAIN'S Zhanel Hughes ran 9.91 seconds - the fastest time in the world this year - as he went under 10 seconds for the first time in Jamaica. Only Linford Christie has ever run faster for Britain.

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## Seb storms to victory

FERRARI'S Sebastian Vettel dominated the Canadian Formula 1 Grand Prix to retake the Championship lead, with Lewis Hamilton settling for fifth.

Vettel converted pole position into a lead at the first corner, and managed to keep Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas at arm's length throughout the race.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen took third after a brave but unsuccessful attempt to pass Bottas through the first two corners.

Hamilton started fourth but dropped back a place, leaving him a point behind Vettel with a third of the season gone.

In a bizarre end, the che-

quered flag was waved a lap too early, and Vettel blasted: "Tell them not to wave the flag when it's not done."

He continued on his way to complete the 70 laps, but the race was declared at 68 laps, based on official count back rules, as a result of the mistake.

World champion Hamilton was struggling with engine temperatures in the first part of

the race, which forced Mercedes into an earlier than planned pit stop.

It meant the Briton lost a place to Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo at his stop, but he did manage to fend Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen off.

Vettel, for whom this was a 50th career victory, said:

"Perfect is a good way to describe it. To have a race like we have today is unbelievable."



Credit: @F1/Twitter

**VICTORIOUS VETTEL:** The German is a four-time F1 champion.



Credit: @fscjmemphis/Twitter

**DUSTIN TIME:** Johnson's win comes just before the US Open begins.

## Dominant Dustin takes St Jude Classic

DUSTIN JOHNSON cruised to a six-shot victory at the St Jude Classic on Sunday to regain the world number one ranking.

Johnson started the day as joint leader with fellow American Andrew Putnam, and hit a four-under par 66 at TPC Southwind in Memphis.

The 33 year-old put the seal on his victory by holing from 171 yards on the 18th fairway for an eagle two.

The 2016 US Open champion finished 19 under-par, six shots ahead of Putnam who started with a double-bogey on the first.

Sunday's victory was the 18th PGA Tour win of Johnson's career, and his first since the Tournament of Champions in Hawaii in January.

Johnson had lost his number one spot to Justin Thomas last month after 64 weeks at the top of the rankings.

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