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Almeria saving lives

ALMERIA has not been found wanting as the humanitarian crisis of migrants risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean Sea has made international headlines.

Hundreds are thought to have drowned on the perilous crossing, while Spanish coast guards have rescued thousands of others.

Last weekend alone, Almeria took care of 53 migrants rescued from the Alboran Sea - with a total of 271 landed by the authorities on Andalusian shores after three rescues in just two days.

In our last edition the *EWN* reported how a total of 236 people were brought ashore in Almeria and Motril on Monday. In June a total of 1,500 people were transferred to Almeria, with the Red Cross predicting a total of between 7,000 and 8,000 by the



end of 2018.

So far this year, 3,600 migrants have been helped after being rescued at sea and landed at Almeria - this is twice the number seen in the same period of 2017, which in turn was double the figures seen in 2016.

Overall, according to Red Cross provincial coordinator Francisco Vicente, "The number of people arriving on the Almerian coast has multiplied by six in two years. The intensification is evident." He added that Almeria alone now handles

the same number of migrants as were landed in the whole of Andalusia in 2016.

Spain's Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez recently returned from an EU summit on migration which saw leaders strike a deal on the issue (*see page 20*).

A SECOND body in just 24 hours has been found at Cabo de Gata, making it the fifth to be pulled from the sea off the Almerian coast in just a week.

Emergency services were called to the San Miguel de Cabo de Gata beach by a passer-by. According to the witness, the body was on the shore, upside down and in an advanced state of decomposition.

Just a few hours earlier lifeguards had pulled from the

Second body washes ashore

sea a body that was ensnared in a string of buoys. Guardia Civil are investigating both incidents.

In the course of two weeks five bodies have been found along the coastline of Almeria. Investigations continue in each

case, but it is thought several of them may be the corpses of migrants who did not survive the Mediterranean Sea crossing.

Tragic death

A SIX-YEAR-OLD girl died in hospital after being in collision with a car.

The incident happened on Avenida Curro Romero in Roquetas de Mar last week. The victim was waiting near a bus stop when the tragedy occurred.

Emergency services took her to the Torrecardenas hospital, where she was put in intensive care.

Unfortunately the child died on Friday, two days after the incident.

Fire evacuation

FIREFIGHTERS rescued four people from a house fire in Almeria City.

A mother and her two young children were led to safety from a second floor apartment on Avenida Antonio Mairena.

An elderly resident of a third floor apartment was also evacuated by firefighters. He complained of smoke inhalation, but did not need hospital treatment.

Neighbours had alerted the emergency services when they spotted smoke billowing from a window.

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Smoke screen

THE number of smokers in Spain has fallen to 22 per cent of the population, the lowest for 30 years, according to the 2017 National Health Survey, although obesity has risen from 10 to 17 per cent.

Whale joy

SPAIN'S Council of Ministers has agreed to create a giant marine reserve critical in the migration of whales, dolphins and other cetaceans, stretching from the Gulf of Roses near France to the Canal de Ibiza undersea mountain range south of Valencia.

Family hell

A 35-YEAR-OLD Spanish man has been held in Sevilla for allegedly locking his mother and sister in a room with 10 dogs which were allowed to urinate and defecate on the floor, police said.

'Smelly passenger' dies

Guitarist had flesh-rotting disease

By Matt Ford

A MAN who forced a Spanish flight packed with holidaymakers to make an emergency landing due to his 'unbearable' stench has died from a flesh-eating disease.

Russian musician Andrey Suchilin was travelling on a Transavia service from Gran Canaria to Amsterdam's Schipol Airport when passengers began to complain of his smell.

Some reportedly started fainting and vomiting, and the Boeing 737 aircraft was diverted to Faro on Portugal's Algarve so he could be removed after cabin crew tried to make him sit in the toilet.

Belgian flyer Piet van Haut at the time described the reek as 'unbearable.'

He added: "It was like he hadn't washed himself for several weeks."

"Several passengers got ill and



DIVERTED: The Transavia flight on which Andrey Suchilin was a passenger was forced to land in Portugal.

had to be sick."

A Transavia official said: "The aeroplane diverted because of medical reasons, but it is indeed right that he smelled quite a bit."

But now it has emerged that the 58-year-old was subsequently diagnosed with gangrene, a form of tissue necrosis caused by a loss of blood supply to the skin.

He later posted on Facebook how he had picked up an infection while on holiday, as he wrote: "The tragic and comic

component of this whole situation is that I caught a disease, which (let's not say how and why) makes a man quite stinky."

He added his health insurance had expired, leaving him with no 'money, consular support or medical care.'

He had tried to arrange treatment before leaving Spain, but his partner Lidia Tikhonovich said a doctor gave him antibiotics for what he told them was an 'ordinary beach infection.'

On landing in Portugal he was hospitalised, but his condition worsened as medics struggled to unearth the cause of the infection.

Lidia even tried to raise money from friends when he was moved into intensive care.

Mr Suchilin was later placed in a medically-induced coma and underwent several operations before she wrote, "there is nothing more to cut," adding that antibiotics were not working.

A fortnight later his heart, lungs and kidneys began to fail, before he died last week.

A Transavia statement said that the airline 'sympathises with the family and wishes them strength in processing their loss.'

According to local media in Russia, Mr Suchilin had been considered a 'rock music pioneer' in the former Soviet Union, and was 'one of the top guitar players in Russia.'

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Summertime dreaming...

WORK has started to prepare 230,000 square metres of beachside land for the giant Dreambeach Villaricos electronic music festival. About 50,000 visitors a day are expected for the festival in the municipality of Cuevas, which runs from August 8 to 12. Facilities for 30,000 campers are being provided.

Candidate calls

CANDIDATE to take over from Mariano Rajoy as president of the Partido Popular (PP), Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría, has been in Almería on the election trail. She positioned herself as the feminists' choice, claiming that while other parties had women in the cabinet, she gave women the chance to have a female Prime Minister.

Nuclear fallout

JOSEP BORRELL, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been asked to release a document sent by the USA concerning a nuclear incident that left land at Palomares, Cuevas del Almonzara, contaminated. Ecologists en Accion say it is 'key' in kick-starting the slow judicial process to force the government to enact a decontamination plan approved in 2010.

Early closing

HEALTH centres will be closing their doors after 3pm from July 15 to September 15. Only emergency/casualty services will be available from this time until 8am. However, centres in Aguadulce, Roquetas, Almerimar, Balerma, Balanegra Ejido Sur, San Jose, Aguamarga, Cabo de Gata, San Juan de los Terros, Garrucha, Vera and Mojacar Playa will get more staff.

Culture club

CULTURE vultures should head over to Almería's Alcazabar this month. More than 20 activities including displays of dance, medieval music, a poetic recital by Manuel Galiana, a play in tribute to Carmen de Burgos, as well as night visits are planned. The most intense week of activities is between July 18 and 21.

Water palaver

THE villages of Maria and Velez-Blanco will benefit from cleaner water after a €57,596 budget for water purification measures was passed by the water board. Preliminary work to identify the best purification solution for each municipality based on population studies, water analytics and topography will now be carried out.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 21

GORE BLIMEY: Spectators watch adrenalin-seekers as the bulls pass by below.

Feeling bullish?

IT'S among the most controversial animal festivals in the world.

And the 2018 San Fermin celebrations get underway tomorrow (Friday), with the notorious Running of the Bulls, encierro in Spanish, taking place daily for a week from Saturday.

Each run sees more than 1,000 thrill-seekers take part in a hair-raising four-minute dash in front of half-a-dozen bulls over a course through the city's cobbled streets.

Most entrants dress in the event's traditional clothing which includes a white shirt and trousers with a red waistband (faja) and neckerchief (pañuelo).

Broadcast live on national television each morning, a rocket set off at 8am lets the runners know that the corral gate is open, with a second signalling the release of the bulls. Two more rockets are fired when all six of the animals have reached the bull ring, where they are normally killed in fights later the same day.

Injuries and even deaths are quite common, with three people gored on the first day last year, including one who was impaled through the testicles, while in 2016 a 29-year-old was killed.

And while it attracts hundreds of thousands of revellers every year, the festival has also been routinely slammed by animal rights campaigners.

New seafront homes

THE growth of Mojacar continues to pick up after the town hall gave the green light to a project for 98 new homes.

They will be built on a 15,805 square metre site facing the Avenida del Mediterraneo. It is said to be one of the last seaside plots left in Mojacar Costa that has permission to build on under present and envisioned future planning regulations.

As part of the deal the devel-

oper, Neinor Peninsula, has agreed to spend €270,370 building a new public road to improve access to the whole district, as well as a new roundabout connecting to the main road.

The plan was passed by eight votes to three, with the opposition (PSOE and Somos Mojacar) voting against as they wanted three bedroom homes built, rather than the planned two bedrooms.

People left in the dark

IT would appear that the activity of marihuana growers has spoiled the party for hundreds of householders in one of the most notorious neighbourhoods of Almería City.

Fed up with losing an estimated €150 million every year to marihuana plantations illegally hooked into the electricity system, electricity provider Endesa decided to update the systems in El Puche - dubbed by media as the most dangerous neighbourhood in the province.

All went well until they reached the streets Antonio Mairena and Manolo Caracol. Here they found almost no one was actually legally connected to the network. Now in a joint operation between National Police and Endesa, 254 illegally connected homes have been cut off.

But the local residents are made of stern stuff. Rather than hold their hands up to being illegally connected, they have now complained that they 'were given no notice' before being disconnected.

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DIGGING DEEP: One of the sites at the Gran Dolina and (inset) Homo antecessor skull fragments analysed in the study.

Jaw dropping find

AN ancient series of bones found in a Spanish cave have been confirmed as the oldest-known fossils of a human ancestor found in Western Europe.

The skeleton belonged to an individual of the species Homo antecessor, believed to be the last shared relative between modern Homo sapiens and Neanderthals before the two diverged.

It has been dated to between 772,000 to 949,000 years old, pushing earlier estimates of the split back by at least 250,000 and up to 433,000 years.

And while some older human remains have been found in Europe, this new discovery is unique because none could be identified to species level.

It means that the evolution of modern humans could have taken far longer than genetic studies have suggested.

The fossils were found at the Gran Dolina archaeological site near Atapuerca in Burgos Province, Castilla y Leon, where experts have been working since the 1990s.

Remains and artefacts from a range of early humans, including hunter-gatherer groups, Bronze Age occupants and much later settlers have been

unearthed from a series of caves in the surrounding hills.

A tooth from the latest find was used in a complex carbon dating process to estimate its age by Professor Rainer Grün and Dr Mathieu Duval of the Australian Research Centre for Human Evolution and an international team of researchers.

The team also analysed soil samples from the dig site, and Professor Grün said: "We had to use the most advanced analytical techniques to date this tooth fragment, and had to go several times to the site in order to accurately reconstruct the sedimentary environment."

Homo antecessor is one of the earliest human species with remains dating back to around a million years ago.

It is said to have been around as tall as modern humans, although its brain was significantly smaller, and could have used a very basic language.

Previous studies claimed that modern humans and Neanderthals split around 516,000 years ago, but this new Spanish discovery appears set to rewrite such beliefs.

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Once Upon a Time in Nijar...

NIJAR'S historic Cortijo de Fraile has featured in many a western movie.

Last week, memories of some of the most iconic scenes from Hollywood's golden years were resurrected as bandits and cowboys once more rode into town.

Amateur actors dusted off their Stetsons and saddled up their horses as they re-enacted scenes from Once Upon a Time in the West - one of spaghetti western director Sergio Leone's greatest films.

An audience of western enthusiasts - many dressed in their best duds for the occasion - were treated to an action-packed display.



SADDLE UP: Cortijo de Fraile was the setting for cowboys once again.

The reason for the show was to unveil a new information board detailing the history of the farmstead and its

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OUR VIEW

Another cunning plan

AS both Plan A and Plan B covering Britain and the Customs Union have fallen foul of different factions of the Conservative Party, Plan C is due to be unveiled tomorrow (Friday).

What can be described as a schism within the government is becoming more apparent and there are even rumours that up to six current ministers are planning to challenge Mrs May for the leadership. The old saying about the difficulty of herding cats seems to apply to the current situation and this plan which is being trailed as offering 'the best of both worlds' will be discussed by the Cabinet at Chequers and then may form the basis of a white paper if agreement can be reached.

That is a big 'if' and the fact that the government finally has an agreed position, doesn't then mean that the 27 European Member States will agree unanimously to the British position.

On a wider platform, the EU itself appears to be in a fairly parlous state, with immigration in particular causing splits and with so many coalition governments in place around the Union, those Nationalist parties who would normally be in the minority are heavily involved in dictating policy.

Even Angela Merkel who is considered to be the most liberal of politicians has had to agree to open border camps for immigrants and to tighten control between Germany and Austria despite the Schengen agreement.

Spain is once again ruled by a minority government which attracted support not necessarily because of its policies but because so many opposition politicians wanted to see the end of Mariano Rajoy. Hopefully however, the next few weeks will see a clearer road to Brexit.

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Mojacar is making friends

IF you want to get ahead - get on social media.

This is the message that Mojacar has taken on board, as it launches a series of short videos to showcase the town's 17 kilometres of beaches.

The town's department of tourism hopes the four two-minute long promotional films will help boost the area's international profile at little cost by using the power of social media 'likes' and 'shares.'

Each video highlights the municipalities' different beaches with a series of impressive aerial images. They show the town's coastline has wide appeal.

These include the natural, unspoilt beaches away from the urban centre, as well as the town's family friendly beaches with their lifeguards, protected bathing areas and awards.

Robber jailed

A MAN who held what appeared to be a metal punch to a woman shop worker's neck as he robbed her has been jailed for four years and three months.

The attacker, named in a court judgment only as JAS, aged 28, had entered a 24-hour store in Almeria at 9am on May 28. Seeing a staff member with her back turned he grabbed her, at the same time pushing a metal object into her neck.

The worker, who was said in court documents to be 'paralysed by fear' felt a sharp metal instrument, probably a metal punch or knife, although the attacker later told the court it was a spoon he used as part of his drugs paraphernalia.

He made off with €65 cash and the victim's mobile phone. The attacker admitted all facts in the case, except the use of a metal punch or

knife. The judge deemed this irrelevant, as whatever was used was enough to intimidate the employee - who was left shaking with fear - into complying.

The court heard that the robber said he needed the money in order to feed a drug addiction, a claim not entirely accepted by the judge, who said reports provided by the defence did not fully support the declaration.

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Beach ready

FORMER The Only Way Is Essex star Ferne McCann has been living it up in Marbella.

The 27-year-old posted a series of snaps to social media as she flaunted her washboard abs in a series of racy swimsuits.

Ferne gave birth to daughter Sunday in November, and recently said of her post-baby body: "My body shape has changed completely. I'm not totally ripped but my thighs have shrunk."



RED HOT MAMA: Ferne in Marbella.

Photo credit: Ferne McCann/Instagram

Hot date

HE'S the British dating coach and YouTube sensation with a pop star girlfriend.

And Matthew Hussey, 31, certainly seems lucky in love after being snapped with 21-year-old squeeze and ex-Fifth Harmony songstress Camila Cabello in Barcelona. The pair appeared head over heels in love as they kissed passionately in the Catalan capital.



Photo credit: Twitter

NO LOVE LOST: Matthew Hussey and Camila Cabello.

SHE recently gushed that Prince William is "the best looking prince in the world" after meeting the British royal at a Tel Aviv garden party.

And Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio's ex-girlfriend Bar Rafaeli, 33, certainly appeared a true lady as she made an appearance at the Africa en la Piel [Africa in the Skin] charity gala in Spanish capital Madrid.

The Israeli-born model wowed in a silk blouse, flared

Raising the Bar

trousers with floral lace and silver stilettos.

It came after she was introduced to the Duke of Cambridge at British ambassador David Quarrey's private residence.

Afterwards, she enthused:



Photo credit: Bar Rafaeli/Instagram

LADYLIKE VISION: Bar Rafaeli in Madrid.

"He is very, very charming. I think both he and his brother are good looking. But he is the best looking

prince in the world." She dated Titanic star DiCaprio for five years but the pair split in 2011.

Ab's fab!

SHE recently gave birth to her third child. And Abbey Clancy, 32, seems to be taking advantage of life as a new mum as she jetted to Mallorca for a third break in three weeks.

The model and television personality sent temperatures soaring after slipping into a tiny white bikini and heading to the beach.

She was visiting the island with footballer hubby Peter Crouch and

their children Sophia, six, Liberty, two, and Johnny, five months.

It came days after the family flew back from a sun-soaked Caribbean holiday in Barbados, before which they had been pictured in Dubai.

The Britain's Next Top Model presenter recently told *Women's Fitness Magazine* how she worries about her body, admitting: "All girls have insecurities, whether it's worrying about love handles or a wobbly bum."



Photo credit: Abbey Clancy/Instagram

FANCY CLANCY: Abbey and Peter in Mallorca.

Rear window

THEY'RE the real life couple who prefer to keep their private life out of the public eye.

But Spanish film stars Penelope Cruz, 44, and Javier Bardem, 49, enjoy a mo-



STEAMY ROMP: Penelope and Javier in the movie.

ment of passion pressed up against a window in new Spanish flick *Loving Pablo*.

The film tells the story of a Colombian drug lord's four-year affair with journalist Virginia Vallejo between 1983 and 1987.

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MOJACAR has added an ancient string to its bow as it seeks to target tourists this summer.

An international team of archeologists led by the University of Granada has descended on the ancient settlement of Mojacar la Vieja (Mojacar the Old) to investigate and preserve the remains of the original settlement.

The site is set on a steeply sloping hill that dominates the low-lying land by the Rio Aguas.

Digging into Mojacar's Islamic past

Although occupied since pre-history, it was eventually abandoned for the present 'white village.'

The local council has recognised that the dig gives the town an opportunity to showcase the history of the municipality, and as such the Department of Tourism has stepped in to offer activities to residents and tourists.

During the current project - which is due to

last until July 27 - a series of cultural activities have been planned to highlight some of the most important aspects of the archeological site.

There will be guided tours in Spanish and English, talks and activities including the opportunity to be an archeologist for a day and to participate in a pottery workshop. There will also be special days set aside for visits by children.

Mojacar la Vieja is thought to date back thousands of years, although the visible remains are mainly from the early Islamic period.

The 55 volunteer archeologists will work in 15-day shifts to uncover information on the architecture and lifestyles of the first Islamic communities to settle in the Levant of Almeria.

A programme of events is due to be published on the Mojacar Council website in the coming days.

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Jaws-dropping!

Huge great white shark spotted

by Staff Reporter

A GIANT great white shark has been spotted off the coast of Mallorca.

The five-metre long predator was filmed for 70 minutes as it cruised in clear water in the Cabrera Archipelago National Park, 10 kilometres to the south of the holiday island.

Biologists from the ALNITAK 2018 Scientific Expedition announced the historic sighting on their Facebook page, writing that it is the first time one of the huge fish, known scientifically as *Carcharodon carcharias*, has been spotted in Spanish waters for three decades.

"There have been unconfirmed sightings and rumours in recent years, but this is the first scientific observation of *Carcharodon* in Spanish waters for at least 30 years," the post said.



Photo credit: ALNITAK/Beat von Niederhausern

SOME FIN REMARKABLE: It is the first documented sighting of the predator in Spain for 30 years.

"On this occasion the historic sighting was photographed, filmed and observed by a crew of 10 people from five countries."

Led by Spanish-Dutch biologist Ricardo Sagarminaga van Buiten, the team also included 16-year-old scholarship students Miguel Felix Arboledas and Nahim

Lasгаа Capo, plus British environmentalist and writer Georgina Stevens.

Alnitak is a Spanish marine research and education centre dedicated to the conservation of marine habitats.

There are at least 47 species of shark in the Mediterranean.



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NO DRAMA: Emergency services drill on a Vera beach.

Safety foremost on Vera beaches

BEACHGOERS could have been forgiven for thinking there was high drama at Playa de las Marinas-Bolaga, Vera. Six lifeguards supported by a fast buggy and the rescue

boat came together with Local Police to 'rescue' a suspected heart attack victim.

Despite the dramatic scenes, it was in fact a drill, designed to ensure any future medical emergencies will be dealt with efficiently.

The lifeguard service of the four Vera beaches (Las Marinas-Bolaga, El Playazo, Cala Marques and Puerto Rey) is composed of 19 permanent posts, lookout chairs and watchtowers on the beach, as well as the rescue boat and nursing service.

Each beach is equipped with a defibrillator machine to help resuscitate patients.

The first aid service has been operating daily between 11.30am and 7.30pm along the entire Vera coast since June 15.

The service will stay in place until the October bank holidays.

Sexual assault sparks outcry



CREDIT: Sindicato de estudiantes Gran Canaria, via Twitter

UPROAR: Students have demonstrated in Gran Canaria against the ruling.

THE arrest of four men and one male youth in Gran Canaria in connection with allegations of sexual assault has sparked outrage across Spain.

The suspects were reportedly members of a group self-styled as 'La nueva manada,' or new wolf pack in English. The attack is alleged to have taken place during the recent San Juan festival, with the victim reportedly aged 16.

The name is believed to be a reference to five men who were convicted of sexu-

ally assaulting a girl at the San Fermin Running of the Bulls festival in Pamplona. The group coined the term for themselves while being held, according to Spanish media.

They were members of a group they dubbed 'La Manada' (the wolf pack), the court heard during their trial.

The five new suspects, one aged 15, were arrested in the town of Maspalomas with four bailed after appearing before a court in San Bartolome de Tirajana last week.

They have been barred from leaving Gran Canaria or from going to the town where the alleged victim lives as part of their bail conditions. The 15-year-old has been held in custody by a juvenile court.

A students' union called protests in Gran Canaria over the case in the island's capital of Las Palmas on Saturday.

"We are tired of this patriarchal justice system, we're not going to shut up," the group said on Twitter.

The case continues.

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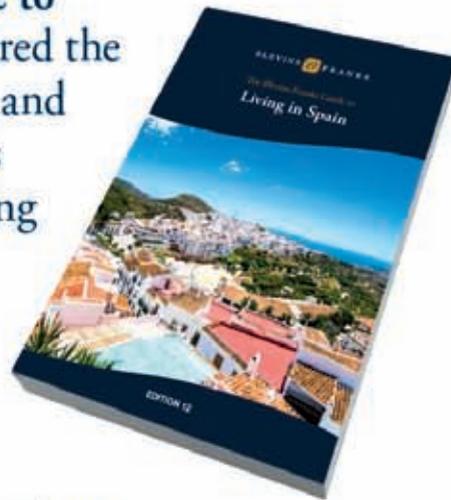
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VICTIMS: Christian and Jayne Hickey.

Doorstep shooting

Man held over UK doorstep attack on boy and his mum

By Matt Ford

A MAN has been held in Spain in connection with the shooting of a seven-year-old boy and his mother on the doorstep of their UK home.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) confirmed that the unnamed 28-year-old was wanted for conspiracy to murder after Christian Hickey and mum Jane, 30, were gunned down in Winton, Salford.

Both victims were shot in the legs when they answered the door on October 12, 2015.

The suspect was held at an unconfirmed location in Spain after a European Arrest Warrant was issued in his name and he is likely to be extradited shortly.

GMP's Det Ch Insp, Carl Jones, said the swoop was completed by Spanish National Police with help from the UK's National Crime Agency.

He added it was 'part of the wider investigation and follows the years of extensive enquiries carried out by dedicated officers.'

It comes after six other men this week appeared in Manchester and Salford Magistrates' Court and were remanded in custody after being charged with conspiracy to murder, conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, or both.

Christian was hit in the left

thigh after Jayne opened their front door to two men, one holding a gun, while Jayne was shot in both legs above the knee.

Investigators later released images of the young victim with both his legs bandaged, and both underwent several operations.

Detectives have said they believe the attack was linked to a violent gangland drugs feud.

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Sun shines on water supply

SORBAS will have a clean supply of fresh water, with its pumping network powered by the sun after approval was given to a new solar plant.

Costing €144,000, the new energy supply will ensure the municipality's water needs are met without pumping any more CO2 into the atmosphere.

Some €190,000 has already been

spent by the Provincial Council of Almeria to connect the new water supply to the La Mela network. The solar farm - the biggest associated with water supply in Almeria - will guarantee the needs of Sorbas are met without interruption.

The local council has welcomed the initiative, saying not only will the solar

plant save money on running costs, but also remove the visual blight of power cables. The fact the works have not cost the town a penny - all costs are covered by the Provincial Council - is even more good news, according to Sorbas.

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Theft on the beach

THIEVES in the holiday resort of Magaluf have been making off with the clothes and belongings of British tourists while they cavort on the beach at night.

Holidaymakers in the area popular with British travellers have returned to where they left their possessions after swimming nude or making love to find they have vanished, according to reports.

It comes as tourists have recently been slapped with fines for rowdy behaviour in

Magaluf. Police there and in the neighbouring Palma Nova have stepped up night patrols on beaches and have also made a number of arrests.

The crackdown follows vows made by local politicians to clean up the area's reputation. Magaluf is known for rowdy behaviour on the part of holidaying revellers.

Eight people have been arrested recently for having sex in public, with fines of around €226 dished out by authorities.

A total of 411 violations of bylaws passed in a bid to control rowdy behaviour were recorded by authorities in May, up from 66 at the same time last year.

The majority, 267 were handed down for illegal street selling and there were 34 recorded for 'unauthorised massages,' 31 for drinking in the streets and 28 for drugs offences.

'Fake' Viagra suspicions stand up



Photo Credit: Guardia Civil

LET DOWN: Drugs don't measure up.

GUARDIA CIVIL have arrested a man after he took delivery of 2,810 tablets of 'fake' Viagra.

Officers traced a shipment that had been flagged as 'suspicious' at security scans at Madrid airport. They realised it was one of eight packages sent from India, and on further investigation their suspicions stood up.

Analysis showed that the tablets contained sildenafil - the active ingredient of Viagra. However, although the pills contained the substance, they were produced without the necessary sanitary control.

In order to track down the alleged importer of the 'fake' Viagra, police allowed the delivery of the packages to continue before arresting their eventual recipient, PFJZ, 49, a resident of Huerca-Overa.

The investigation is still open, and more arrests have not been ruled out.

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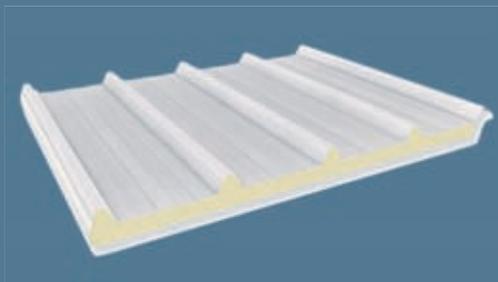
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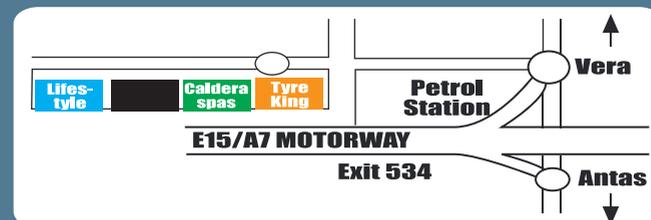
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BUSINESS CRASS: Asa.

Asa Hallonqvist, 43, from Sweden, living in Fuengirola

"I used to work as an air stewardess on SAS airlines and to be honest with you, the businessmen were the worst. Most problems happened when confronting those who had drunk too much. Imagine a young steward telling an important Managing Director he wasn't allowed any more! That's when the problems happened, and the rudeness started.

"I think it is up to each airline to deal with people on a case-by-case basis, but I know from experience it is tricky. Some people are absolutely fine after a few glasses of wine. It's just a small percentage who cause a problem."

BOOZE YOU LOSE: Muchini.



Muchini Meruni, 42, Spanish resident from Morocco

"I am against alcohol in general, it's no good anywhere. I once saw some English people fighting on a flight. You just don't know what a person could do when they are drunk on a plane. Who knows, one drunkard could spark a mass brawl. But it's not just security but the comfort of the other passengers at stake."

Steven, 70, from Plymouth but lives in Germany

"I know the Brits have a bad reputation, but I was once on a flight with a German football team and there is no other way to describe it



BRAWL INCLUSIVE: Steven.

STREET TALK

Time for airport booze ban?

RYANAIR has urged airports to ban passengers from drinking alcohol before 10am. But how many holidaymakers and residents agree with the Irish carrier's call for a crackdown on unruly pre-flight behaviour?

than a f***king nightmare! It was the flight from hell and the young stewards just couldn't handle it. Upon landing, one of the lads had a kind of psychotic frenzy, he just started losing it.

"The funniest thing was the way they sat like rabbits on the return flight, probably still recovering a week on. I think the airport duty free shops are irresponsible. They make huge profits and pass on the problem

to somebody else, ie the passengers! If it were up to

me, I would give flyers two drinks vouchers to use at airport bars and limit them to that."

Luke, 21, from Hastings, sunning it up with his girlfriend on the beach

"It would put me off flying with Ryanair if it brought in an anti-alcohol policy. There is nothing wrong with having a few beers on a plane, especially when you are coming to a holiday location known for drinking. You can't tar everyone with the same brush. I flew with easyJet this time around and they completely ran out of alcohol, but there was absolutely no rowdiness, just holiday spirits."

Jim Hughes, 78, on holiday with his wife from Wrexham

"I don't agree with anything Ryanair do. They are robbing scumbags! But I would proba-

bly ban alcohol on short-haul flights because they tend to be dominated by youngsters in big groups who don't always know how to control their drinking. But airports would definitely be against banning duty free because of the amount they rake in from it."

Mads Ramsvatn, 17 and Marius Gjertsen, 18, on holiday from Norway



CONFLICT COMING: Mads and Marius.



NO MORE HOLIDAZE: Jim.

"I don't think they should ban it completely, but maybe introduce a two-drink limit. Some people can get unnecessarily mean and rude if they drink too much. It also depends on the destination. If it's a rowdy hotspot then the limits should be tighter. A ban wouldn't stop me flying but could cause problems with those who want to drink. It will be interesting to see the conflict play out."



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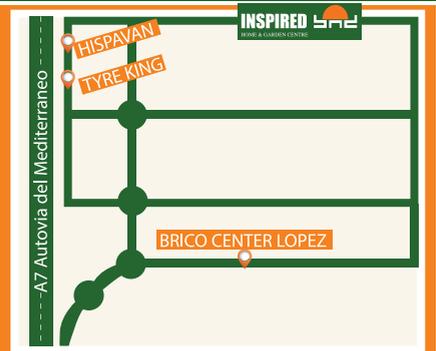
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Fraud arrests

THREE people have been arrested for fraud after one woman used the papers of another in order to work. A woman who was on maternity leave gave her papers to another as part of the scam in Nijar.

Tornado aid

A TOTAL of 18 Almerian farmers have put in claims with the Andalusian regional government for compensation after greenhouses were damaged during a January tornado in El Ejido. Claims start at a minimum €3,000 and can reach 100 per cent of repair costs.

Bumper year

IT has been a bumper year for the Andalusian citrus crop. Production for the 2017-2018 season has reached 2.15 million tonnes, up 4 per cent on the previous year and 8.3 per cent on the average over four years.

Helping hand

MORE than 35,000 people have been attended to by Almeria's 13 Community Social Services Centres in the past six months. The centres cover 97 municipalities, with 58 per cent of those seeking advice on welfare matters being women.

Jobless up

UNEMPLOYMENT in Almeria province rose by 1,606 in June (+ 2.65 per cent) compared to May, according to the Ministry of Labor, Migration and Social Security. It is still 1.6 per cent less than June 2017.

THE latest stage in renovation works to the Almanzora

Valley's water supply infrastructure has been put out to tender.

More than €400,000 has been set aside by the Provincial Delegation of Almeria to pay for the Cuevas del Almanzora project. It aims to save substantial water losses in seven districts that have been plagued by leaks from creaky

and outdated infrastructure.

This tender involves the improvement of more than three kilometres of pipes in the districts of Villaricos, Palomares, Las Herrerías, El Martinete, La Portilla, Burjúlú, and Los Guiraos. A second tender is due to be announced which will bring the total investment in the Cuevas del Al-

manzora municipal water network to around €850,000.

The project also includes the replacement of meters, gate valves, household connections and the installation of a tele-control system that will detect faults remotely.

The Almeria Deputy for Develop-

ment, Oscar Liria, said that this tender is in addition

to those already approved, which means that projects worth more than € 2.1 million are already underway in the Almanzora Valley.

"The Provincial Government continues to back the public company Galasa to carry on the renewal of its networks to make it a more efficient system," he said.

Millions spent on stopping water leaks



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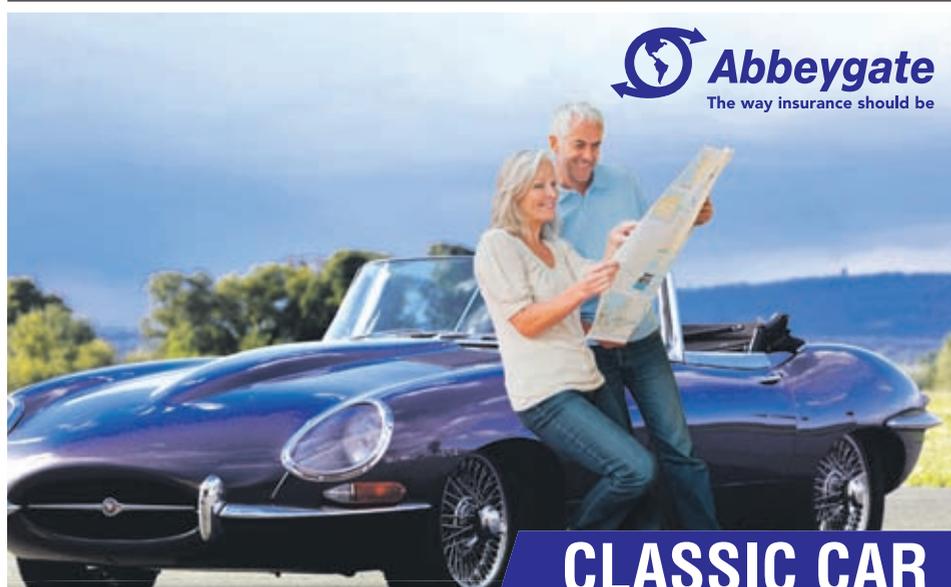
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ALMERIA City Council is hoping for an €8million EU windfall to help it fight unemployment and tackle poverty. **European hand out** (EFC). The rest would come from town hall coffers.

The council's Department of Employment and Neighborhood Movement is preparing a proposal that would need €10 million, 80 per cent of which would come from European Social Funds

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Sanchez's EU summit deal

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Prime Minister has returned from a European Union summit in Brussels which saw a pact reached on migration following nine hours of talks.

The 27 heads of government agreed to send migrants rescued in the Mediterranean to designated 'control centres' in states which volunteer to house them. Plans to strengthen the EU's border and provide funds to help Turkey and Morocco to keep migrants in their countries were also agreed.

Pedro Sanchez, Spain's left-leaning Partido Socialista (PSOE) Prime Minister, said on Twitter that the EU was moving in the right direction.

"We have achieved a fundamental objective, an agreement. Our position is more ambitious and this agreement will allow us to continue moving towards bringing migration to the European level," he said.

He added he thought the deal could have gone much further.

Sanchez previously said unilateralism and negative language would not solve the migration crisis, as he gathered with fellow European Union leaders for the summit last week.

He added in a joint interview with British, French and German media that a shared response was needed to deal with the issue.



CREDIT: La Moncloa, via Twitter

DEAL REACHED: Sanchez (centre) with German Chancellor Angela Merkel (left) and Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras (right) at the summit.

"I think the Italian government needs to reflect on whether unilateralism is an effective response to a global challenge such as migrants," Sanchez told reporters.

He added that he was in favour of cooperating with the government of Libya to ensure their borders were functioning properly.

"As effective as the inflammatory rhetoric from some Italian leaders may be in electoral terms, from the point of view of responding effectively to a humanitarian crisis like the one we're seeing in the Mediterranean and on the Italian coast, it's not the answer," he said.

That comment has been interpreted as a reference to Italian Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Matteo Salvini.

The leader of the far-right

Legia Nord, appointed following recent elections, said migrants are cargo of 'human flesh' and those on the Aquarius would only see Italy 'on a postcard.'

Those comments came as Spain previously agreed to allow the Aquarius and another boat carrying 630 people in total to dock in Valencia after it was turned away by Italy and Malta.

"I think the fundamental philosophy should be that when a small boat arrives on the shores of Tarifa, Malta or Lesbos, it's arriving in Europe. It's not arriving in Spain, Malta or Greece," he said.

"The fundamental point is that you can't have a national or unilateral perspective when it comes to a shared challenge. I'm calling for a shared response to a shared challenge," he added.

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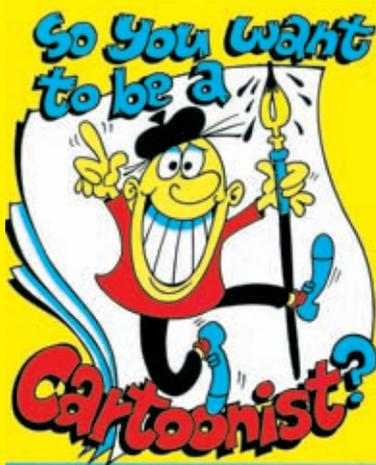
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New PP leader later this month

FORMER Foreign Minister José Manuel García-Margallo is touring Spain, drumming up support for his bid to become leader of the Partido Popular (PP) following the resignation of Mariano Rajoy.

On Friday, he hit Malaga City, Estepona and Granada as part of his whistle stop tour and on Saturday he was in Palma de Mallorca speaking to PP supporters there.

Recognising that he is very much an outsider in the race to take over leadership, he believes that he can defend the basic aims of the party better than those who were in power during the time of the vote of no confidence.

He is quoted as saying that he is standing because he has dedicated his whole life to the PP and is not prepared to "stand by and watch the ship



Credit: Twitter

ON THE ROAD: Mr García-Margallo with a supporter in Palma.

being shipwrecked."

There are six candidates for the election which takes place on July 20 and 21 including the former deputy Prime Minister Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría and Defence Secretary María Dolores de Cospedal.

The 73-year-old Margallo (who is a strong believer in Spain taking over sovereignty

of Gibraltar) is also facing the 37-year-old Pablo Casado and 47-year-old José Ramón García-Hernández both from Avila and with less than 10 per cent of those eligible to vote registering to do so, the outcome could surprise many.

The eventual winner will lead the largest individual party in the Spanish Parliament.

Helping school children fulfil their potential

A PARTY marked the end of a multicultural programme that helped children from Vera at risk of social exclusion.

Designed to 'promote respect and tolerance between cultures,' it involved more than 100 schoolchildren of different ethnicities and nationalities, all of whom live in the town.

Called 'Positive Reinforcement' the programme provided extra teaching as well as education against racism and discrimination. The course is aimed at lowering the rates of absenteeism and early school leaving and encouraging students into higher education.

The mayor of Vera, Félix López, and the Councillor for Equality and Social Services, Yolanda Torres, attended the closing ceremony of the Positive Reinforcement Programme, where they presented diplomas to the participants.

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DUG UP: Researchers have been working at a site in Cadiz.

Bodies unearthed

By Joe Gerrard

ARCHAEOLOGISTS working in Cadiz City have found the remains of two people in what they believe could be a mass grave dating from the Spanish Civil War. The researchers, from the city's council and a historical association, found the bodies after five months of working at the site in the San Jose cemetery. They said the skulls of the skeletons showed signs of bullet wounds.

Archaeologists believe there are two mass graves in the

cemetery. They estimate there are the corpses of at least 141 victims of dictator Francisco Franco's reprisals against his opponents after his forces took the city in July 1936 in one.

The other burial pit is yet to be properly surveyed but initial estimates place the number of those buried there at anything up to 550.

Jose Luis Gutierrez, a historian with the Platform of Historical Memory in Cadiz, said many of those who died were likely killed during reprisals in August 1936.

"We must bear in mind that a council of war was established in Cadiz and that was where the sentences were issued," he said.

Researchers are now set to document the physical characteristics of the remains found and to undertake DNA analysis to identify them and trace any surviving relatives.

Martin Vila, the Cadiz council's democratic memory spokesperson, said works in the area in 1979 left a part of the grave emptied making a full documentation of the bodies difficult.

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MOURNING: The vigil held in Santa Brigada following Jayne's death.

THE man who beat his British wife in their home in Gran Canaria has been jailed.

Jayne Railton, 58, was so severely beaten she had virtually all her ribs broken and her pancreas split in a vicious attack in July 2016.

She died just over a month after the assault at Doctor Negrin Hospital in Gran Canaria after failing to recover from her injuries.

Jayne's husband Angel Perez Reyes, 64, has been sentenced to 22 years, six months and one day in prison after a jury found him guilty at a court in Las Palmas.

The pair had been together for 11 years and shared a home in La Angostura but on July 21, Reyes beat his partner so hard one rib was frac-

tured four times according to reports.

He then tried to cover up his assault by telling one of Jayne's daughters she had fallen after drinking too much and insisted on putting her to bed himself.

Judge Nicolas Acosta Gonzalez said jurors had agreed Jayne's common-law husband had "dealt her a series of direct and very violent blows with kicks to her chest and abdomen with which he intended not only to cause her death, but also to increase her suffering."

A doctor who gave evidence at the trial described her injuries as some of the most severe she had ever seen. Reyes has also been ordered to pay his victim's children €150,000.

Youngsters in search of a job

WITH youth unemployment remaining stubbornly high, an employment fair aimed at under 30's proved a popular event.

More than 200 youngsters attended the fair at Vera, where 20 participating companies were offering more than 100 jobs in total.

Called the Levante Almeiriense Employment and Entrepreneurship Fair, the event was promoted by the Chamber of Commerce. From the moment the doors opened at the Convento de Victoria, a steady stream of unemployed young people enrolled in the System of Youth Guarantee, which aims to find them jobs.

The fair was inaugurated by Councillor Jerónimo Parra, Carmen Belen López, Provincial Deputy of Employment and Economic Promotion and Félix López, mayor of Vera.



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DENMARK



Grave error

A WOMAN has been slapped with a fine worth around €2,414 for digging a hole in the top of a 3,000-year-old protected burial mound at Mosegade in Hedensted, with authorities initially suspecting it had been targeted by grave robbers.



DIGGING DEEP: The hole landed the woman a hefty fine.

Fighter stuck

A 24-YEAR-OLD Copenhagen man who travelled to Syria to fight with the Islamic State in 2013 is now stranded in Turkey after he was denied a new passport following the confiscation of his old one by the terror group.

More members

THE number of Danish Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) is set to be increased from 13 to 14 in elections to the body next May, with

the country's Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen welcoming the decision.

Gang targeted

A DANISH court is set to rule on

whether to ban an alleged criminal gang in a historic decision that would be the first instance of an organisation being outlawed since the Second World War if approved.

GERMANY



What a blast

FOOTAGE has emerged of an explosion aboard a German warship after one of its missiles misfired, with the resulting fireball covering the deck of the Saxony while it was undertaking a training exercise off the coast of Norway.

with firearms in 2017 according to the country's police college, up from 11 dead and 28 injured the previous year.

Jobless fall

THE number of people out of work in Germany dropped to almost 2.3 million people or a rate of 5 per cent, the lowest figure since the country unified in 1990 according

to the Federal Employment Agency.

Site rituals

NEW research at the Bronze Age Pommelte site in Saxony-Anhalt has suggested ancient rituals similar to the ones performed at Britain's Stonehenge were once undertaken there which could mean in turn there were historical links between the two.

Gun figures

POLICE in Germany shot dead some 14 people and wounded a further 39

NETHERLANDS



Probe backed

EUROPEAN UNION member state leaders have backed Dutch efforts to prosecute those behind the attack on flight MH17 following a meeting of heads of government in Brussels, with authorities in The Netherlands still probing the crash.

PM visits US

PRIME MINISTER Mark Rutte met with US President Donald Trump in Washington DC last Monday, with trade discussed in the first visit from a European Union head of government since the recent introduction of import tariffs.

Data concerns

MORE than 600 people have filed complaints with a government data watchdog since new EU privacy rules came into effect, according to the Dutch Data Protection Authority which has reportedly investigated 400 of the cases.

Mayor first

FEMKE HALSEMA has become the first female mayor of Amsterdam after being nominated by the city's council, with the 52-year-old former leader of the left-leaning Groenlinks party saying she was happy and humbled by her appointment.

SWEDEN



Drawing heat

POLICE in Valdemarsvik were called out after two men were spotted waving what looked like firearms at a barbecue, with officers arriving to find that the two 20-year-old brothers were instead brandishing three 'very realistic' toy guns.

Record year

THE skiing industry in Sweden has been helped by plentiful snowfall which allowed the season to begin early last year, with around 10 resorts having opened by the end of November and a record number of passes sold.

Boycott over

GOVERNMENT officials have decided to end their diplomatic boycott of the World Cup in Russia after Sweden reached the tournament's knockout stage, with some now set to travel to the competition after not doing so in solidarity with Britain.

New laws

A RAFT of new laws have come into force in Sweden as of last Sunday, including one which classes non-consensual sex as rape and another which makes it illegal to profit from the begging of another person.

NORWAY



Man dead

A MAN in his late 70's has died while hiking on the Besseggen mountain trail after falling around 10 metres from a ridge and hitting his head on a rock according to local emergency services.

Tree plans

NORWAY'S government has announced €15.3 million in funding to help combat international 'forest crime' including illegal logging with the money set to be shared between Interpol, a UN crime agency and the Rhipito Norwegian Centre for Global Analyses.

Refugee move

A TOTAL of 15 migrants from the rescue ship Lifeline will be transferred to Norway after the government agreed to take some of the passengers, with the vessel having docked in Malta with more than 200 people on board.

Feline found

A CAT which vanished from Norway last month has turned up in Iceland after reportedly stowing away on a container ship, with Pus believed to have gotten into a furniture shipment of his owner's Icelandic neighbours.

FRANCE



Forces plans

A PROPOSAL put forward by President Emmanuel Macron to reintroduce National Service has been officially tabled by the government, with 16-year-old boys and girls to serve two stints in the armed forces under the plans.

'Plot' probe

A TOTAL of 10 people have been charged by authorities in connection with an alleged far-right plot targeting Muslims after the nine men and one woman were arrested in raids across France.

Law update

LAWMAKERS have backed changes to France's constitution which remove the word 'race' and replace it with 'gender' in a sentence which originally stated no one would be discriminated against on the grounds of 'origin, race or religion.'

Envoy named

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron has named Francois Senemaud as his personal representative in Syria, with the former ambassador to Iran set to be France's envoy to the country but with the reopening of an embassy in Damascus ruled out.

BELGIUM



Suspect free

A 24-YEAR-OLD Belgian man arrested in connection with the Paris terror attacks in November 2015 has been released under conditions by an investigative judge, with Ayoud Bazarouj having denied any involvement in the incident.

Two dead

TWO men aged around 20 have died in a car crash after the driver lost control of the vehicle while overtaking and hit a tree on the road between Givry and Rouvery in the Mons area.

Don't brothel

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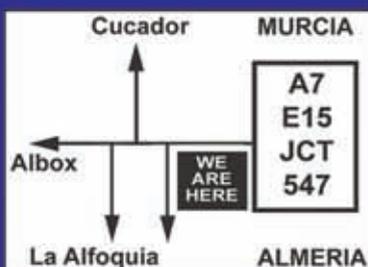
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TALKS: Putin (left) and Trump (right) are due to meet on Monday.

Trump and Putin set for meeting

GOVERNMENT officials from the United States and Russia have struck a deal to hold a joint summit between Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin this coming Monday. The two leaders are set to meet in Helsinki with their relations and a range of national security issues on the agenda, according to statements from the White House and the Kremlin.

Power break off plans

POLAND and the Baltic states have signed a deal to reconnect their energy grids to the European Union (EU) and break off those with Russia by 2025. The EU has also signed the agreement which was drafted in a bid to overcome security concerns the countries have over Russia power links.

Historian held in probe

A PROMINENT Russian historian who gained fame for exposing Stalin-era mass killings has been arrested in the north of the country in connection with a child pornog-

raphy investigation. Yury Dmitriev was detained by officers in Karelia, with his supporters having claimed the arrest was politically motivated.

'Toxic' dump warning

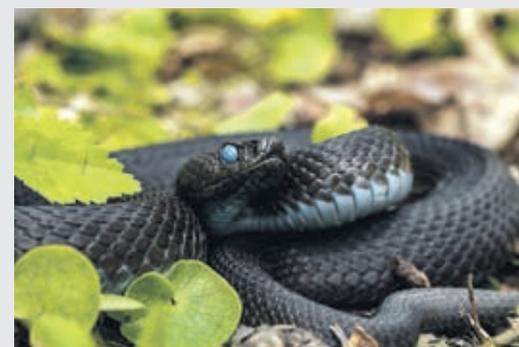
LAWMAKERS in Russia's parliament have warned the health of some 17 million people is at risk from 'toxic' landfill sites that have been filled to 'catastrophic' levels. The call comes as protests erupted in small towns in the Moscow area with demonstrators demanding the closure of dumps.

Weapons group vote

A GOVERNMENT official has said the future of a chemical armaments watchdog was in question after a British-led proposal to expand its powers was passed. Industry Minister Georgy Kalamonov said the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPWC) was the Titanic starting to sink after members agreed to let it assign blame for attacks.

Snake invaders

AUTHORITIES in Volgograd warned football fans travelling to the city for the Japan-Poland match last Tuesday to be prepared for swarms of venomous snakes as temperatures rise. The city's council sprayed roads with vanilla extract and handed out wipes laced with insect repellent to spectators after vipers were sighted crossing Volga River. It was claimed they were crawling towards Volgograd arena.



WARNING: Officials said snakes were on the loose.



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STAT OF WEEK

€8.4 billion The amount to be invested by Gas Natural Fenosa, rebranded as Naturgy, in a bid to grow its renewables business threefold over the next five years, the Spanish energy firm revealed in a statement.

Politician owes more than €1m

FORMER Spanish Economy Minister Rodrigo Rato, 69, has been included on a national Tax Office list of individuals owing more than €1 million in unpaid duties.

The political figure, also an ex-chief of the International Monetary Fund, was last year found guilty of misappropriating funds while head of Bankia, which in 2012 was bailed out by the Spanish government after it almost collapsed.

Pop star Miguel Bose and footballer Dani Alves, who played for Barcelona from 2008-2016, also appear on the list.

IAG takes it to the next level

BRITISH AIRWAYS owner IAG is to expand its low-cost long-haul airline Level with the launch of short-haul flights from a base in Austria.

The Madrid-based firm, which also owns Spanish flag-bearing carrier Iberia, launched the new brand last year as a direct rival to Norwegian.

It currently flies from Buenos Aires, Los Angeles, Boston, and San Francisco to Barcelona, and New York to Paris and Madrid.

But it will from July 17 begin flights from Vienna to 14 destinations including London Gatwick, Barcelona,

by Matt Ford

Madrid, and Mallorca using four Airbus A321 planes in a bid to take on established budget carriers.

Simon Calder, travel editor of the *Independent* said the bold move by IAG would spark a "massive fares war."

He added: "British Airways' parent company has astonished the aviation market by launching a new Vienna-based subsidiary with less than three weeks' notice."

IAG's chief executive Willie Walsh said there will be "more flight choices

across Europe."

He added: "These flights will be branded as Level to build upon the huge success of our new long-haul low-cost operation.

Flights from London to the Austrian capital with Level currently start at €24, although as with rivals, passengers must pay extra fees to choose a seat or to check in a hold bag.

IAG recently tried to buy its low-cost long-haul rival Norwegian Air Shuttle and Vienna-based Niki, losing out to Irish airline Ryanair in the latter battle.

EU agrees hike in migrant cash

SPAIN is to receive a boost in European Union (EU) funding as it battles to cope with a surge in migrant arrivals.

It comes after new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez spoke with EU lawmakers in Brussels following bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The money will be used to improve cooperation with migrant origin and transit nations, with Morocco seen as a key collaborator, the leader said.



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Telefonica lands footy monopoly



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REAL DEAL: The agreement is worth €1.08 billion.

SPANISH broadband and telecommunications provider Telefonica has snapped up the rights to broadcast UEFA Champions League and Europa League football from rival Mediapro.

The firm will fork out €1.08 billion for the 2018-2021 period, paying €360 million for each of the next three seasons, it said in a statement.

It comes after its recent acquisition of La Liga football from 2019-2022, with the multinational now holding a monopoly on

pay-per-view football rights in the Spanish domestic market.

The agreement includes shared advertising rights for a set of new Movistar-branded channels to be launched in the coming weeks.

Telefonica Spain's president, Emilio Gayo, said: "The award of the main lots of the rights of La Liga last Monday cements Telefonica's commitment to television with our customers' most-watched content, now completed with the Champions and the Europa League."

» BUSINESS EXTRA

Taco-bout a revolution

MEXICAN-INSPIRED US fast food chain Taco Bell is to open more than 200 new eateries in Spain after agreeing a new deal with Madrid-based Casual Brands Group, which already operates 40 of the brand's restaurants across the country.

Rates rise

SPAIN'S consumer price inflation soared to a 14-month high in June, advancing 2.3 per cent year-on-year, the fastest increase since April 2017 according to data from the National Statistics Office.

Power on

MADRID-BASED energy firm Repsol has snapped up the electricity assets of Cantabrian rival Viesgo for €750 million as it intensifies its bid to diversify into low-emissions businesses, the company said in a statement.

Delayed budget passed

SPAIN'S parliament has passed its long-delayed 2018 budget.

It leaves the new minority Socialist government led by Pedro Sanchez able to start work on next year's accounts after months of holdups sparked by last year's Catalan independence crisis.

The budget was drafted by the recently ousted

conservative administration, and includes a bid to bring the public deficit below 3 per cent of economic output for the first time in a decade.

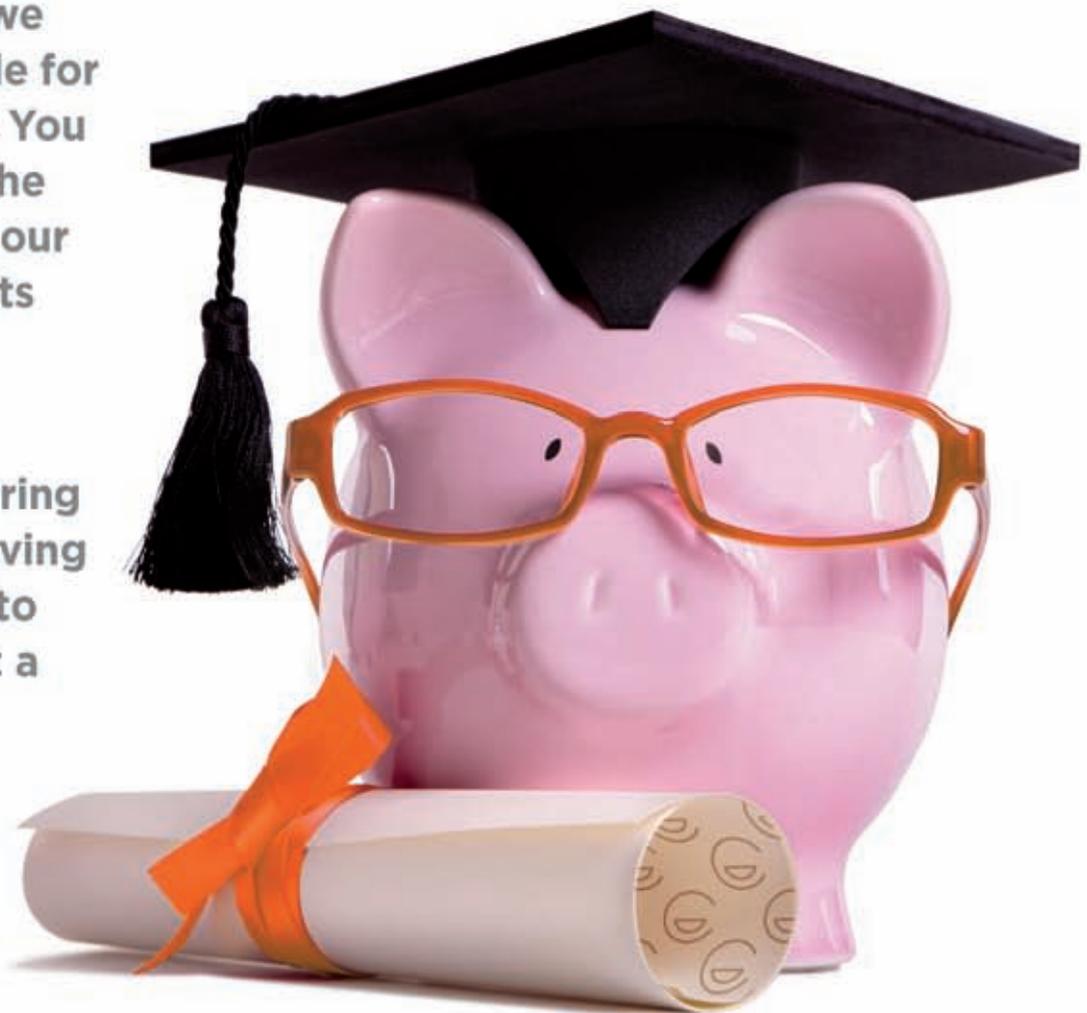
The European Union has set Spain a target of 2.2 per cent for 2018, but Bank of Spain forecasts suggest it will be closer to 2.7 per cent.

Work on next year's budget is set to get underway immediately, the Socialists have said.

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COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Anglo American	1,681.00	-13.80	-0.81	22,982.03
Associated British Foods	2,859.00	121.00	4.42	21,691.87
Admiral Group	1,907.50	0.00	0.00	5,492.98
Ashtead Group	2,255.00	-18.00	-0.79	10,878.79
Antofagasta	1,065.00	75.00	7.58	9,671.25
Aviva	509.00	5.00	0.99	19,958.45
AstraZeneca	5,235.00	-18.00	-0.34	66,169.66
BAE Systems	620.00	-26.80	-4.14	20,179.99
Barclays	189.10	0.10	0.05	32,492.48
British American Tobacco	3,885.00	55.00	1.44	88,926.95
Barratt Developments	522.70	7.30	1.42	5,192.34
Berkeley Group Holdings (The)	3,891.50	106.50	2.81	5,004.04
British Land Co	671.30	-0.90	-0.13	6,582.09
BHP Billiton	1,697.50	-8.50	-0.50	35,651.77
Bunzl	2,280.00	-15.00	-0.65	7,673.26
BP	579.50	1.20	0.21	116,398.40
Burberry Group	2,179.50	19.50	0.90	8,942.72
BT Group	216.00	-1.80	-0.83	21,555.33
Coca-Cola HBC	2,420.00	-111.00	-4.39	9,155.38
Carnival	4,723.50	376.50	8.66	9,082.13
Centrica	159.00	1.35	0.86	8,973.87
Compass Group	1,555.00	-63.50	-3.92	25,647.67
Croda International	4,652.00	-150.00	-3.12	6,275.42
CRH	2,518.50	-156.50	-5.85	22,421.85
DCC	6,895.00	0.00	0.00	6,100.69
Diageo	2,737.50	15.50	0.57	67,328.52
Direct Line Insurance Group	345.85	2.95	0.86	4,709.38
Evrax	508.40	0.00	0.00	7,260.51
Experian	1,871.00	-3.50	-0.19	17,100.64
easyJet	1,675.00	2.00	0.12	6,633.38
Ferguson	6,150.00	8.00	0.13	14,053.96
Fresnillo	1,214.00	70.50	6.17	8,407.96
Glencore	364.00	2.00	0.55	51,755.97
GlaxoSmithKline	1,520.60	-9.20	-0.60	74,759.83
GVC Holdings	1,060.50	9.50	0.90	6,011.38
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,938.50	-33.00	-1.67	9,270.56
Halma	1,410.00	40.00	2.92	5,159.33
HSBC Holdings	710.50	-0.20	-0.03	141,939.02
International Consoltd Airs Grp	661.50	-2.50	-0.38	13,427.26
InterContinental Hotels Grp	4,705.00	-15.00	-0.32	8,986.27
3i Group	936.00	35.40	3.93	8,691.95
Imperial Brands	2,815.00	-7.00	-0.25	26,814.31
Informa	835.00	-2.00	-0.24	10,350.25
Intertek Group	5,690.00	-26.00	-0.45	9,131.62
ITV	174.75	0.75	0.43	6,943.83
Just Eat	810.00	31.00	3.98	5,246.47
Johnson Matthey	3,585.00	-34.00	-0.94	6,920.76
Kingfisher	307.50	10.50	3.54	6,354.04
Land Securities Group	959.00	2.10	0.22	7,110.60
Legal & General Group	264.25	-1.75	-0.66	15,647.96

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Lloyds Banking Group ORD	63.75	0.70	1.11	45,018.68
London Stock Exchange Grp	4,525.50	54.50	1.22	15,360.14
Micro Focus International	1,307.50	-16.00	-1.21	5,558.70
Marks & Spencer Group	300.00	4.90	1.66	4,815.84
Mondi	2,025.00	-26.00	-1.27	7,436.63
Melrose	208.50	-4.20	-1.97	9,964.30
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	250.25	-1.75	-0.69	5,927.57
National Grid	836.50	-1.90	-0.23	28,141.47
NMC Health	3,420.00	-162.00	-4.52	7,349.84
Next	6,070.00	20.00	0.33	8,552.67
Ocado Group	1,035.00	7.50	0.73	7,198.14
Paddy Power Betfair	7,460.00	-840.00	-10.12	6,905.67
Prudential	1,740.00	5.50	0.32	44,865.12
Persimmon	2,566.50	33.50	1.32	7,826.40
Pearson	881.50	-3.50	-0.40	6,843.36
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,180.00	-59.00	-0.95	43,685.21
Royal Bank of Scotland Group	265.50	9.40	3.67	30,621.56
Royal Dutch Shell	2,567.50	-61.50	-2.34	121,709.18
Royal Dutch Shell	2,725.00	11.50	0.42	102,195.61
RELX	1,502.50	-120.00	-7.40	16,843.58
Rio Tinto	4,275.00	74.00	1.76	55,417.61
Royal Mail	500.00	-5.40	-1.07	5,060.00
Rightmove	5,160.00	-150.00	-2.82	4,709.36
Rolls-Royce Group	972.00	-16.20	-1.64	17,940.47
Randgold Resources	5,735.00	-85.00	-1.46	5,439.45
RSA Insurance Group	675.00	-4.40	-0.65	6,915.95
Rentokil Initial	317.95	-32.85	-9.36	6,330.01
Sainsbury (J)	320.00	-1.20	-0.37	7,036.92
Schroders	3,158.00	0.00	0.00	7,002.17
Sage Group (The)	624.00	-4.60	-0.73	6,724.34
Segro	672.10	2.70	0.40	6,718.74
Shire	4,220.00	-45.00	-1.06	38,583.10
Smurfit Kappa Group	3,283.00	217.00	7.08	7,163.79
Sky	1,461.50	0.00	0.00	24,985.92
Standard Life Aberdeen	326.00	0.30	0.09	9,689.08
Smith (DS)	502.60	-18.60	-3.57	5,557.63
Smiths Group	1,680.00	-18.00	-1.06	6,666.57
Scottish Mortgage Invstmnt Trst	527.50	-2.50	-0.47	7,540.51
Smith & Nephew	1,391.00	-7.00	-0.50	12,198.98
SSE	1,345.00	-10.00	-0.74	13,781.14
Standard Chartered	695.00	2.40	0.35	22,948.64
St James's Place	1,147.50	0.00	0.00	6,047.25
Severn Trent	1,715.00	-264.50	-13.36	4,684.08
Tesco	258.50	1.80	0.70	25,158.75
TUI AG	1,662.50	0.00	0.00	9,782.93
Taylor Wimpey	190.00	11.10	6.20	5,817.66
Unilever	4,175.00	-17.00	-0.41	50,403.98
United Utilities Group	758.00	-5.20	-0.68	5,208.26
Vodafone Group	184.50	0.68	0.37	48,967.50
WPP Group	1,200.50	7.50	0.63	15,084.01
Whitbread	3,975.00	16.00	0.40	7,334.87

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AMERICAN EXPRESS	98,000	+1.06%	1,0300	84,324,10
APPLE	185,110	-0.21%	-0,390	909,841,20
BOEING CO	335,510	+0.26%	0,860	195,461,74
CATERPILLAR	135,670	-0.26%	-0,360	81,123,84
CISCO SYSTEMS	43,030	+0.21%	0,090	207,297,76
COCA-COLA	43,86	+0.90%	0,39	186,635,82
DOWDUPONT	65,92	-0.35%	-0,23	153,009,47
EXXON MOBIL	82,73	+0.93%	0,76	350,222,78
GOLDMAN SACHS	220,57	-1.28%	-2,85	83,313,28
HOME DEPOT	195,100	-0.06%	-0,1100	225,079,43
IBM	139,70	-0.24%	-0,34	128,267,71
INTEL CORP	49,7100	+0.93%	0,4600	232,046,28
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	104,2000	-0.70%	-0,7300	354,777,76
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	121,3400	-0.54%	-0,6600	325,452,08
MC DONALD'S CORP	156,6900	+0.24%	0,3700	123,076,56
MERCK AND CO. NEW	60,70	+0.66%	0,40	163,247,64
MICROSOFT	98,610	-0.02%	-0,020	759,276,59
NIKE	79,68	+11.13%	7,98	102,205,03
PFIZER	36,2800	-0.22%	-0,0800	212,280,93
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	78,060	+0.01%	0,010	196,264,49
VERIZON COMMS	50,31	-1.08%	-0,55	207,999,67
VISA	132,45	-0.22%	-0,29	237,006,07
WAL-MART STORES	85,6500	-0.24%	-0,2100	252,739,82
WALGREENS BOOTS	60,02	+0.53%	0,32	59,514,81
WALT DISNEY CO	104,8100	+0.04%	0,0400	155,960,13

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CLOSING PRICES JULY 2

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
Most Advanced		
Echelon Corporation	\$ 8.24	4.08 ▲ 98.08%
Gemphire Therapeutics Inc.	\$ 10.19	4.95 ▲ 94.47%
Acceleron Pharma Inc.	\$ 48.52	14.54 ▲ 42.79%
Aquinox Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.65	0.39 ▲ 17.26%
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	\$ 169.96	22.37 ▲ 15.16%
Tricida, Inc.	\$ 29.90	3.90 ▲ 15%
ASLAN Pharmaceuticals Limited	\$ 8.90	1.12 ▲ 14.40%
IRIDEX Corporation	\$ 6.96	0.85 ▲ 13.91%
Overstock.com, Inc.	\$ 33.65	3.75 ▲ 12.54%
Atlanticus Holdings Corporation	\$ 2.07	0.23 ▲ 12.50%
EyePoint Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.08	0.23 ▲ 12.43%
Most Declined		
ATA Inc.	\$ 4.19	0.8152 ▼ 16.29%
Verona Pharma plc	\$ 13.66	1.77 ▼ 11.47%
Arsanis, Inc.	\$ 3.63	0.37 ▼ 9.25%
Aceto Corporation	\$ 3.35	0.33 ▼ 8.97%
Pain Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 2.06	0.195 ▼ 8.65%
Hanwha Q CELLS Co., Ltd.	\$ 6.46	0.60 ▼ 8.50%
Fossil Group, Inc.	\$ 26.87	2.47 ▼ 8.42%
Uxin Limited	\$ 9.04	0.73 ▼ 7.47%
Iteum Therapeutics plc	\$ 10.67	0.83 ▼ 7.22%
Secoo Holding Limited	\$ 8.08	0.62 ▼ 7.13%
NuCan plc	\$ 19	1.41 ▼ 6.91%

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Pound stumbles, US dollar accelerates

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Euro

EUR/GBP: Up from £0.87 to £0.88

EUR/USD: Down from \$1.17 to \$1.16

The euro (EUR) has traded in wide range again in June, with easing concerns over Italy's commitment to the Eurozone being unwound by the European Central Bank's (ECB) latest policy meeting.

Initially the single currency strengthened this month as Italy's new government dispelled fears that it was planning to ditch the euro.

However this meant little in the face of June's ECB policy meeting.

This saw the single currency nosedive as the bank's announcement of plans to unwind its stimulus programme was undermined by the ECB's accompanying pledge to leave interest rates on hold well into 2019.

The single currency did a serviceable job in clawing back some of these gains by the end of the month however, with some upbeat PMI figures aiding its road to recovery.



JULY: Could see a more substantial lift in the euro.

Looking ahead, July could see a more substantial lift in the euro should Eurozone data continue to print positively, which would help ease fears of a sustained slowdown across the bloc.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Down from €1.14 to €1.13

GBP/USD: Down from \$1.33 to \$1.32

Sterling (GBP) fell back once again in June, with the pound bowing before the pressures on rising Brexit uncertainty and subdued economic expansion.

While May's better-than-expected PMI readings helped Sterling to get off to a positive start this month, it was soon undone by the UK's latest wage growth and inflation figures, both of which dragged on the pound as they printed below expectations.

The only notable lifeline offered to GBP in June came in the form of a hawkish swift from within the Bank of England (BoE), with Chief

Economist Andy Haldane's shock vote for an immediate rate hike at this month's policy meeting prompting markets to be on the lookout for an August rate hike.

Indeed, if there is any more evidence supporting a summer rate hike, it may be possible for the pound to find some strength in July, so long as the shadow of Brexit doesn't return to drag on sentiment.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.74 to £0.75

USD/EUR: Unmoved at €0.85

While the US dollar (USD) continued to appreciate in June, its advance slowed noticeably in comparison to its meteoric rise in May.

Just as in May, this month has seen the US dollar continue to find support from some solid domestic data, while a widely-anticipated rate hike from the Federal Reserve also lent strength to the currency.

However the dominant force behind USD in June proved to be the sharp rise in global trade tensions, with the currency fluctuating as Donald Trump stepped up the rhetoric.

This trend is likely to continue throughout July as well, with the US dollar likely to remain in a position of strength as upbeat economic data and ongoing trade uncertainty helps to drive demand for the 'Greenback.'

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LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



WHY is it always the black and Asian minorities that constantly whine on about racism?

What about the white majorities, that have to put up with racist insinuations on an almost daily basis?

White people are accused of just about every injustice that ever befell humankind: 'The white man pillaged our land,' 'White people get all the best jobs,' 'White people are more likely to be accepted in Universities,' 'White people are first in line for promotion,' 'It's wrong to allow a white man/woman to portray a black man in some play or another,' 'It's a white man's world.'

It simply goes on and on. Substitute the word white with black in these situations and there would be a spate of law suits, self-righteous uproar and probably rioting across the land.

How many more times do we have to hear some toe-rag crook, caught bang to rights committing some heinous crime or another, scream out



TOGETHER AS ONE: There is no place for any form of racism.

that he was only being nicked because he was black? Even the brave firemen that risked life and limb trying to save the victims of the Grenfell disaster were accused of racism for not acting quickly enough. How disgraceful is that?

Well quite frankly I'm sick of being made to feel guilty because of the

colour of my skin. I'm also sick of white people being frightened to open their mouths against some injustice or another because they may be accused of racism or Islamophobia, or some other 'Obia' or 'Ism,' dreamed up to crush the freedom of speech. I am not a racist, never have been, and hopefully never will be.

However, if, heaven forbid, I ever did begin to lean in that direction, it would be purely because I had been driven there by these bigoted individuals, who are in fact the biggest racists of all.

It's time to stop blaming the failures and shortcomings of the so-called minorities on the oppression of the white

race majority. I realise that we have committed some horrendous atrocities in the past but have now been bending over backwards for years trying to atone for our historical mistakes. These days, in the name of 'diversity,' people are more likely to gain positions because they are members of a minority, rather than be left in line.

That, in itself, is blatant racism, but I don't see hordes of long suffering whites taking to the streets or bleating in the media because of it. For God's sake give us all a break. If this reversed racist attitude doesn't ease up soon, it could (basically because the white majority are becoming utterly peeved) completely backfire, allowing the far right-wing faction to gain the upper hand in British politics.

If it does, heaven help Great Britain and everyone who sails in her. Don't kill the goose. Just be thankful to live in a country that still actually cares - for now!

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



THE other day a friend invited me to fondle her new equipment. No, not that. She had bought a very fancy, state-of-the-art laptop. And she simply got too much for her money.

Straight out of the box, her shiny new notebook was full of junk. Bloatware, as it's known in IT circles, or indeed its other far less user-friendly name, which we shall rename slightly in this family newspaper as clapware.

A time-limited trial office suite, anti-virus, toolbars, games and questionably useful apps squatted flatulently on what should have been a clean new hard-drive, all hoping to lock her into clicking Yes when their period of grace (soon) expired, and the consequent pain in the purse.

Those of us with plenty of ICT savvy, and no life, would show the junk the door with some fairly radical uninstalling. But we're not the target in what is, essentially, advertising what the buyer has actually paid to have.

"Can I safely delete this?," my friend would ask plaintively each time, and all power to her timidity.

Pushing out the bloat

Terence Kennedy suggests what to do when your new lean, mean machine isn't.



BATTLE OF THE BLOAT: Clean up your new PC.

It's what these digital intruders count on. Who wants to cripple a lovely new laptop by zapping something vital by mistake?

It's not just your storage which is affected by this pre-loaded junk. A survey comparing two otherwise identical top-of-the-range laptops, one with the

pre-loaded bloatware and the other without, revealed that the lean machine started 104 per cent faster, shut down 35 per cent quicker and had 28 more minutes of battery life. Ouch.

If you're reasonably confident, you can safely uninstall anything you know you won't need, Microsoft Of-

fice trialware eats up lots of disk space and can safely be zapped by going to PC Settings | Apps | Apps & Features and then clicking it. Then download LibreOffice as a perfectly serviceable free alternative.

You can also safely uninstall pre-loaded virus and security suites to replace them with the (free) solution of your choice - or live a little more dangerously and depend on the adequate Windows Defender built into your operating system.

When in doubt, there are several safe and free solutions for reclaiming all the hard-drive space, and processing power, that you paid for in a new computer.

Should I Remove It is exactly what its title suggests, or you could go for Slim Computer or AdwCleaner - and in all cases read their websites carefully so you know exactly what it will do.

Or you could just download PC Decrapifier. It's the registered name of the best-known of the cleaner-uppers, so please don't sue me for obscenity.

Phone clog

TODAY'S Android phones are notorious for their pre-loaded junk, and most of it can be safely disabled or deleted.

All it takes is a quick trip to the Settings menu, then Apps (or Applications), then click each unwanted app in turn. Third-party apps generally have an Uninstall button, while many of Android's, or the manufacturer's, own apps will only allow you to Disable them. If there are unintended consequences simply go back and Enable again.

Or you can download Disable Bloatware from the Google Play store, but be aware this generally just hides unwanted junk rather than actually deleting it.

The bottom line is that the great populist philosopher Mick Jagger was wrong: you CAN always get what you want - with a little de-clapifying.



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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

REGULAR readers (thank you by the way, for being regular) will know that I like to pick a nice spot to pen this piece each week, usually somewhere with an abundance of Rioja on offer. So this week I am writing from the wonderful terrace of Restaurante Sarmiento in Casares village, it's smashing and I hope you have watched some smashing TV over the last seven days?

Love Island is still going...

I'm going to risk another fumble into football territory following the Spain v Russia match on Sunday, *BBC1* and *ITV*. It was edge of your seat stuff. My phone was buzzing with messages from local friends in the village and from family and friends back in the UK. No idea what you say when things pan out as they did. I settled with 'felicitaciones por la forma en que España jugó.'

My copy deadline this week is too early for any comment on the England match, probably for the best, don't you think?

It was quite tricky to avoid sport on Sunday with football, athletics and the Motor Racing all nudging each other for air time, but *BBC2* tried to offer something different by showing *Into the Woods*.

Now if you caught this one and managed to watch to the end, well done, I just about made it, with the help of, you guessed it, a massive glass of Rioja.

I suppose this would be billed as 'a musical adaptation of a gaggle of fairy-tales a l l mixed

Summer is here, Love Island continues and the off-side rule...



Photo credit: BBC2

FAIRY TALE: Adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's Broadway hit.

WHAT A DAME: Judy Dench stars in CH4's blockbuster on Saturday.



up,' with Meryl Streep and James Corden thrown in for good measure. Ah, lovely Meryl Streep you cry, must have been fantastic. Well, err, no. Little Red Riding Hood and Cinderella did make an appearance, as did Cinder's wicked step sisters. I particularly enjoyed the bit where Mum cut off bits of the sisters' toes and feet so that the glass slipper (which I don't think was glass) might fit them. I bet glasses of something healthy were spilt all over Highgate at that point.

The cast list should have ensured this was much better than it was. I mean, what on earth was Johnny

Depp trying to do with the Big Bad Wolf character? If the brief was sleaze, he nailed it. The Broadway version was a massive hit, so maybe it just lost something in translation to TV. A little bit like my 'well done Spain' attempt above.

Nothing fairy-tale about *Channel 4's* look *Inside the American Embassy* on Monday night. Last week we were introduced to the US Ambassador to the UK. He's a Trump guy and a billionaire. It feels like there should be a Red and a Green button here to gauge your views on that last sentence. I have no views, on anything. Well, I do on telly but other than that, no views. This is an interesting watch, concludes next Monday, CH4.

Looking forward, TV schedules are a load of balls. Footballs and tennis, how very dare you! And for a movie break from the balls, how about *The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, CH4 Saturday?

Happy viewing.

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From the living room, a corridor leads to the three double bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes, and two bathrooms. The master bedroom is larger than average and has its own en suite shower room. It also has double doors leading out to the swimming pool. The other two bedrooms share a large family bathroom.

The villa benefits from double glazed windows with mosquito nets and security grills and H&C air condition-



VILLA POPPY: Immaculately maintained.

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All in a day's work

Cassandra Nash

A weekly look

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

QUIM TORRA, regional president of Cataluña and acknowledged front man for his self-exiled predecessor Carles Puigdemont, is the charmer who once described the Spanish as dirty and lazy.

Since the regional parliament declared the Catalan republic on October 27, it's no surprise that Torra - like many Catalans and even Spanish nationalists - is not a monarchist.

He wasn't welcoming when Felipe VI opened the Mediterranean Games in Tarragona and announced that the king is henceforth not wanted in Cataluña.

That's tough on exquisitely-polite Felipe but no-one believes in the divine right of kings anymore and being a monarch is Felipe's well-paid job. As all employees find at some stage in their careers, some of his colleagues will be more bearable than others.

The name game

PODEMOS supremo Pablo Iglesias and his partner, Podemos sub-supremo Irene Montero, announced that the twins she is expecting will be called Manuel and Leo.

Manuel is a nice old-fashioned name and Leo is rather more New Age but thank goodness the nippers are the same sex.

Had there been one of each we would not have endured the equally New Age *niña y niño* (with girl conscientiously preceding boy) instead of *niños*.

Iglesias and Montero can now refer, with unequivocal political correctness, to *mellizos* or *gemelos*, depending on whether they are identical or not, as well as *chicos*, *nenes* or *chavales* (and yes, well done the eagle-eyed, that last word does have the same root as *chav*).

Job well done

THE Franco-era policeman and torturer Antonio Gonzalez Pacheco, known as Billy the Kid, has more than the 1972 Police Merit Medal

that adds 15 per cent to his pension.

It turns out that he has four medals and they bump up the 72-year-old's pension by 50 per cent.

The remainder were awarded by Adolfo Suarez's government, one of them for Gonzalez Pacheco's part in freeing two high-profile kidnap victims in 1977. The fourth went to all members of the sinister plain-clothes Brigada de Informacion in 1982, months before Felipe Gonzalez's first socialist government was voted in.

Although Gonzalez Pacheco received the medal he went to court in 2010 to claim a 15 per cent pension increment.

Rules are rules - the eternal excuse for dodgy decisions - so the case went through the courts without a hitch and Billy the Kid got his money without a murmur.

Nobody wants to see a poor old torturer forego his pension, but should he receive 50 per cent more for having tortured so often and so well?

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UNWELCOME: The king of Spain was told he wasn't wanted in Cataluña.

The millstone

THERE are three frontrunners in the race for presidency of the Partido Popular and they are probably the wrong people for the role.

Soraya Saenz de Santamaria was vice-president in both of Mariano Rajoy's governments. Dolores de Cospedal was minister of Defence, as well as the Partido Popular's secretary general. Pablo Casado was one of Rajoy's spokesmen.

Whatever their individual merits, from the PP's point of view

those links will give their opponents a big stick to beat them with. They are going to have one hell of a job getting rid of the millstone of corruption that hangs round the party's neck and ousted them all from power.

Regardless of what these three might pledge about clearing away the miasma of corruption, their opponents and voters will always want to know why - if it's such an easy and doable task - they didn't do it while the party was in power.

Nick Horne *The Rich Pick*

Freelance correspondent, London, England



ASTON MARTIN the UK sports car manufacturer is reviving one of the world's most famous nameplates for its latest model, the DBS Superleggera.

First presaged in April 2018 the DBS Superleggera was finally revealed last week. The latest DBS Superleggera will replace the Vanquish S to become the flagship of Aston Martin's product line-up.

This super GT revives the badge last seen on the car James Bond famously 'rolled' in the movie 'Casino Royale' in 2006, the new car also gets the Superleggera suffix which is Italian for 'super light' and recalls the original DBS of 1967 designed by William Towns.

Executive Vice President & Chief Creative Officer, Marek Reichman said: "With DBS Superleggera we had the perfect opportunity to celebrate Aston Martin's unrivalled Super GT pedigree. We wanted to create a car that combined cutting edge aerodynamics with the classic muscularity and presence for which our most potent series production models are renowned. The result is a shape of true purity and exceptional efficiency -

Aston Martin : Revives the DBS and Superleggera in one epic sports car



Photo credit: Aston Martin

DASHING: The DBS Superleggera is muscular and athletic. **SPACIOUS:** A Super GT that packs a breathtaking punch.

one that generates a significant increase in downforce without any drag penalty. Explicit but not exaggerated, it exudes a sense of immense potency."

Aston Martin claim the DBS Superleggera is capable of going from zero to 62mph in 3.4 seconds and hit a top speed of 211mph. Clad in

carbon fibre body panels the DBS Superleggera is a muscular model with epic performance.

A design characterised by a bold grille in the front between new headlights and tail-lights, the generous proportions in between evoke aggression and athleticism. Beneath the bonnet the super-GT shares Aston's turbocharged 5.2-litre V12 engine with the DB11, however the

engine has been retuned to make 715 horsepower at 6,500 rpm and 664 pound-feet of torque between 1,800 and 5,000 rpm or 85 more horses than the DB11 AMR. Taking only 4.2 seconds in fourth gear to accelerate from 50 mph to 100 mph!

Dr Andy Palmer, Aston Martin President and CEO, said: "DBS Superleggera not only marks the return of a great Aston Martin name, but signals our return to the very pinnacle of the Super GT sector.

"Handsome beyond measure, its lightweight carbon composite and aluminium body is sculpted into a shape with tremendous presence and charisma. Thanks to the remarkable torque available from its twin-turbo V12, DBS Superleggera also packs a breathtaking punch, yet its dynamics have been carefully honed to engage drivers of all ability levels.

"Immaculately styled, obsessively engineered and outrageously potent, the new DBS Superleggera is every inch the Aston Martin flagship." Costing €274,995 in Europe and £225,000 in the UK, deliveries of the DBS Superleggera are scheduled to begin in the third quarter of 2018. Bag one as soon as you can!



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LORD RICHARDS of Herstmonceux, former top brass in the British Army, gave an example of how news can be twisted into, err, fake news. Before the US election last year, he was quoted as saying that Donald Trump was not necessarily as awful as people say. This duly appeared in the *Daily Mail* as 'Chief of defence staff endorses Trump' and then, on Trump's own website, as 'Best ever defence chief favours Trump.' So much for Trumpplomacy!

But that's nothing compared to the bizarre BBC subtitle gaffes on its News, Sport and Weather channels that have left the BBC lost for words. One blunder quoted Jeremy Corbyn praising Prince Harry 'and Hezbollah,' rather than 'Harry and his brother.'

Another howler welcomed Chinese New Year viewers into the 'year of the whores' - quickly corrected to 'horse.' A news report on pigs that 'nibble anything, even willies' was swiftly corrected to 'wellies.'

Former Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi became 'Mr Beryl Beryl,' ex-Labour leader

Fake news that leaves us lost for words



TRUMPED: Lord Richards' words were turned into fake news by the media.

Ed Miliband renamed 'Ed Miller Band,' and Eurovision star Engelbert Humperdinck dubbed 'engle Bert humper distinct.'

And when one BBC announcer revealed the government was 'making helpful decisions,' deaf members of the audience would have been confused as to why politicians were 'making holes for surgeons.' Likewise, a weather presenter was subtitled as saying there would be a 'few

more mist and fox patches' while news that '500 actors are set to be killed' later became '500 badgers.'

Other gaffes have seen the sale of millions of 'puppies' - not 'poppies' - in Britain on Remembrance Day, a 'cat's pornography reading' disclosed during a court report and a solemn call for 'silence' become 'a moment's violence' during the Queen Mother's funeral in 2002. Oops!

The communications' watchdog Ofcom has found that subtitling errors make some programmes 'unwatchable' for deaf viewers - hardly surprising as regards some of these blunders. Some of those quoted in its reports include 'they need a man' rather than 'they need a mum,' lemon written as 'lepl on' and 'be given to ayatollas' instead of 'to our toddlers.' Nuff said!

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Must they pay wealth tax?

Q. With reference to your advice regarding property wealth tax. We have owned a property in Torrevieja for 18 years but have only paid tax on it for four years. The property is now valued at €50,000. We are non-residents.

If we start to pay tax now, will we open a can of worms and what would be the worst-case scenario?

D.C. (Costa Blanca)

A. There is no 'property wealth tax.'

1. There is an annual property tax, the IBI

(Impuesto sobre Bienes Inmuebles), which is the equivalent of the 'rates' in the UK. You pay this tax every year, based on the rated value of your property. In your case, it should not be more than a few hundred euros.

2. Then there is the Spanish 'wealth tax,' the Impuesto sobre el Patrimonio. This is a tax on all capital assets, not only houses and flats. It includes stocks and shares, money in bank accounts, yachts and gold bars under the mattress. Even non-residents have an exemption of €700,000 per person, so you probably are exempt.

If you have not paid the IBI, the Tax Agency can claim back tax on the previous four years.

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I don't like the cheating

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I'M quite enjoying watching the World Cup and, at the time of writing, both England and Spain are doing OK. I also love the VAR system of being able to check questionable decisions. What I don't like is the cheating that goes on. It's diabolical the way some of these highly paid professional 'sportsmen' behave on the pitch. When I watched the first match I thought there was a sniper in the crowd the way they were going down and rolling about.

It was ridiculous when all they were trying to do was get a decision for a free kick or a penalty and, in turn, either gets the other player booked and/or sent off. As the week has gone on it's got worse. What is even more incredible is how they celebrate when they get the decision - hugging, fist pumping and back slapping and this is for cheating, not scoring.

They have fooled, or tried to fool, the referee into giving them a decision. I love watching all sorts of sport. My favourite is snooker which is a sport that is proud of its gentlemanly conduct. The players actually call a foul shot even if the ref hasn't seen it. I believe if you have to cheat to win a sports event and

you get caught, you should be banned, end of. That goes for the overpaid footballers - if they get caught cheating, which includes the holding and obstructing of players, they should get an instant red card and be out for the rest of the tournament or season. Do that and they will soon stop.

Having bought quite a bit of furniture over the years I have lived in Spain, I have always been very impressed with the service you get from the delivery people. The goods are delivered and, sometimes, that's no easy task if you live in an apartment. They take it out of the boxes, fix it all up, put it in the location you want it and take away the old stuff a lot of the time and even the empty packaging is removed. So I was surprised when my daughter told me of her experience in the UK.

She bought a small shed, not a wooden one, a plastic one - you know the type which come flat packed and just slots together. Anyway a guy knocks on her door and basically says, 'Here's your shed.' She asks if he could just take it through to her small garden. 'Nah love, can't do that. We are only allowed to take it as far as the front door. Why? How is she meant to get it through the house?' 'Sorry only insured up to the front door. If you don't want it I'll shove it back on the van.' Jobsworths!

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THURSDAY	BBC one	BBC TWO	itv	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	sky sports main event
5 JULY	2:45pm Wimbledon 2018	8:15am Coast	7:30pm ITV Evening News	5:00pm The £100k Drop	6:00pm 5 News at 5	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	9:00am Britain in Bloom	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm Neighbours	11:00am Sky Sports News
6 JULY	7:30pm BBC London News	9:30am Trust Me, I'm a Doctor	8:30pm Violent Britain: Drugs, Knives and Gangs - Tonight	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	7:00pm Home and Away	11:30am Live European Tour Golf
	8:00pm Fake Britain	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm Emmerdale	7:00pm The Simpsons	7:30pm The NHS at 70: A 5 News Tonight Special	7:00pm Cricket
	8:30pm EastEnders	12:00pm The Daily Politics	9:30pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury	7:30pm Hollyoaks	8:00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies	10:30pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	9:00pm Would I Lie to You?	12:30pm Wimbledon 2018	10:00pm Police Tapes	8:00pm Channel 4 News	9:00pm Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords	12:30am European Tour Highlights
	9:30pm EastEnders	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Supershoppers	10:00pm Nando's: A Peri Peri Big Success Story	1:30am Sporting Triumphs
	10:00pm Celebrities on the NHS Frontline	10:30pm RHS Hampton Court Flower Show 2018		10:00pm Humans		1:45am Sporting Triumphs
	11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:00pm Mock the Week		11:00pm First Dates		
	11:30pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight		12:05am Bride and Prejudice		
				1:05am Naked Attraction		
FRIDAY	2:00pm BBC News at One	8:15am Coast	6:15pm Catchphrase	2:55pm Formula 1	2:45pm Neighbours	12:50pm Live European Tour Golf
	2:30pm BBC London News	9:00am Gardeners' World	7:00pm ITV News London	5:00pm The £100k Drop	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey	6:00pm Cricket
7 JULY	2:45pm Wimbledon 2018	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	7:30pm ITV Evening News	6:00pm Come Dine with Me	4:15pm Jesse Stone: Thin Ice	10:00pm Live PGA Tour Golf
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	12:00pm The Daily Politic	8:00pm Emmerdale	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	6:00pm 5 News at 5	12:30am European Tour Highlights
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	10:45pm Our Friend Victoria	11:30pm Newsnight	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	8:00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces	8:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald	3:00am Sky Sports News
	11:15pm BBC News at Ten	12:05am Romper Stomper		9:00pm The Crystal Maze	9:00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald	4:00am Sky Sports News
	11:40pm BBC London News	12:55am Romper Stomper		10:00pm The Last Leg		
	11:50pm Room 101			11:00pm The Last Leg		
SATURDAY	3:30pm Match of the Day Live	10:30am Second Chance Summer: Tuscany	6:15pm Catchphrase	4:50pm Location, Location, Location	6:45pm 5 News	9:30am Rugby Union
	6:15pm Wimbledon 2018	11:30am Athletics	7:00pm ITV Evening News	5:50pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	6:50pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	11:30am Cricket
8 JULY	7:10pm BBC News	12:30pm Wimbledon 2018	7:15pm Regional News and Weather	6:35pm Escape to the Chateau: DIY	7:45pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	2:00pm Live British F1 GP: Quali Pre-Show
	7:20pm Regional News	9:30pm Today at Wimbledon	7:30pm FIFA World Cup 2018: Quarter-Finals	7:30pm Channel 4 News	8:40pm Britain's Greatest Magician: Paul Daniels	2:55pm Live British F1 GP: Qualifying
	7:25pm Weather	10:30pm RHS: Hampton Court Palace Flower Show	10:15pm Bear's Mission with Rob Brydon	8:00pm Great Canal Journeys	10:00pm TV's 50 Greatest	4:40pm Cricket
	7:30pm Match of the Day Live	11:00pm Joanna and Jennifer: Absolutely Champs	11:00pm ITV News	9:00pm The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	12:50am Magic Tricks	6:00pm Live Netball
	10:15pm Mrs. Brown's Boys	12:00am Absolutely Fabulous	11:20pm The Bourne Identity	11:25pm The World's End	1:50am Cricket on 5	7:45pm Superleague Final
	10:45pm BBC News	12:30am Behind the Candelabra	1:40am Jackpot247		1:50am Super Casino	12:00am Live LPGA Golf
	11:00pm Weather					
	11:05pm Avengers: Age of Ultron					
	1:15am Match of the Day					
SUNDAY	4:30pm Money for Nothing	5:00pm Operation Grand Canyon with Dan Snow	3:00pm Catchphrase	2:40pm Formula 1	10:05am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom	2:30pm Live British F1 GP: On the Grid
	5:15pm Songs of Praise	6:00pm Flog It!	3:45pm Tenable	5:30pm Formula 1	10:20am Shimmer and Shine	3:05pm Live British F1 Grand Prix
9 JULY	5:50pm Attenborough and the Giant Elephant	6:50pm Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing	4:45pm Tipping Point	6:35pm Bang on Budget	10:35am Digby Dragon	5:30pm Cricket
	6:50pm Pointless	7:20pm Strokes of Genius: Federer v Nadal	5:45pm Despicable Me 2	7:30pm Channel 4 News	10:55am Peppa Pig	6:30pm My Icon
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	9:00pm Antiques Roadshow		11:00pm ITV News	12:05am The Eagle		1:10am Football
	10:00pm Poldark		11:20pm Tommy Cooper Forever			
	11:00pm BBC News					
MONDAY	2:00pm BBC News at One	7:30am Right on the Money	7:00pm ITV News London	6:30pm The Posh Frock Shop	3:15pm Cagney and Lacey	2:00pm Sky Sports News
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	9:30pm Panorama	11:00pm Newsnight			10:00pm 50 Years of the Jumbo Jet	10:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
	10:00pm Who Do You Think You Are?	12:15am North Korea: Murder in the Family			11:00pm Traffic Cops	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
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TUESDAY	2:50pm BBC London News	10:15am Right on the Money	4:00pm Tenable	4:00pm A Place in the Sun	6:00pm 5 News at 5	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
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	8:30pm Fake Britain	9:00pm Today at Wimbledon	7:30pm FIFA World Cup 2018	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm The Dog Rescuers: Best in Show	9:30pm Sky Sports Tonight
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	2:45pm Wimbledon 2018	10:05pm Rock	7:30pm ITV Evening News	9:00pm Location, Location, Location	9:00pm The Highland Midwife	7:00pm Cricket
	7:00pm BBC News at Six	11:00pm Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing	8:00pm Emmerdale	10:00pm 24 Hours in a and e	10:00pm Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh	10:45pm To be Announced
	7:15pm BBC London News	11:30pm Newsnight	9:00pm Coronation Street	11:00pm Stath Lets Flats	11:00pm Britain's Cocaine Epidemic	11:00pm Sky Sports News at Ten
	7:30pm Match of the Day Live	12:15am The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan	10:00pm Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans	11:30pm Lookalikes		12:00am Sky Sports News
	10:15pm EastEnders		11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:00am 24 Hours in Police Custody		1:00am Sky Sports News
	10:45pm Room 101					
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Los Lobos

€70,000

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Los Gallardos

€139,950

REF ARB3VEP06



Fantastic 3 bedroom 2 bathroom detached villa measuring 120m² on a plot of 690m² in the hamlet of El Prado in Arboleas. The property boasts lovely views & plentiful outdoor space, with room for a pool, if required.

Arboleas

€159,950

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This 2 bed 1 bath apartment measures 68m² and is well-located near the centre of Turre. Immaculately presented with two terraces, A/C, communal pool, underground parking, lift access and a huge communal roof solarium with wonderful views of the Sierra Cabrera mountains and the Mediterranean.

Turre

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REF ARB4VC04



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Palomares

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New tourist licence could hurt expat owners

I'M now told that the application for a Valenciana Tourist Licence will not only require owners having to provide loads of information, but it appears that the current processing time is two months! That I think is from the point that they receive all the information.

So assuming it's June 6, if I got my application in by say July 6 I would be able to advertise my villa online by mid-September by which time of course the holiday season will be over!

So well done to all concerned, another stroke of government incompetence and I thought that only the British-government had the monopoly on that and stupidity!

If this affects as many properties as I think then there will be a shortage of villa and apartments followed by a migration of holidaymakers to other regions of Spain taking their spending money with them. Brilliantly done as by this change in the law owners will lose thousands of pounds and some rely on their villa earnings to make their mortgage payments!

Ken Scott, Costa Blanca

Parted at birth

DEAR Leapy, I just wondered if your Dad ever had an affair with a woman from Barnsley? I'm sure I'm your twin sister as we think exactly the same, and say exactly the same things unless we happen to go to the same church, cos we sing from the same hymn sheet.

Seriously I love your column it's the first page I go to before reading the rest of the paper.

Love the way you tell it AS IT IS no holds barred, keep it up and I agree wholeheartedly every week.

Coleen Bryan, Barnsley

Spain is friendly

I WAS very interested in Mr Ian Grant's letter of May 31.

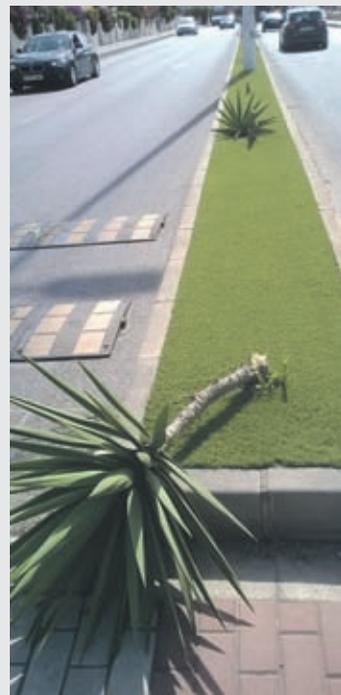
I have lived here for 17 years and have always found the Spanish very welcoming and friendly to an expat like me. I respect their culture and traditions.

If Mr Grant is unhappy with any of

Vandalism is pointless and causes upset

THIS picture shows vandalism in Calle Villamartin (outside Consum Supermarket) to the plants in the centre of the road which happened the other night. This absolutely disgraceful behaviour is believed to have been caused by night time drunken holidaymakers.

Paul Carpenter, Orihuela



his, then why not go back to the UK, 'the land of milk and honey'?

As to animal cruelty in the UK, has

he seen the harrowing adverts put out by the RSPCA? It is also the country of awful puppy farms.

Look at the treatment of the elderly. Many are pushed into homes, while the children wait for them to die, to get the inheritance.

Then there are the terrible cases of the ill treatment, torture and murder of helpless babies and young children.

On the whole, Spanish people think the world of their children, old people and look after them.

I would suggest Mr Grant goes back to the UK, if he is not happy here.

John Frensham, Quesada

About cyclists

THANK you for your article on cyclists, but I am unsure about whether we can ride on the road or the pavement or the rules applying to wheelchairs. I own a Segway which I refer to as my wheelchair without a chair.

I used to go down to the beach on the road, because of the state of the pavement which is unsafe due to tree roots breaking it up in places, but the Local Police told me I had to keep to the pavements as I did not have a matriculación, but what about cyclists?

Robert Archibald, Gran Alacant

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easyJet cancels Alicante flight

If he had holiday insurance they will pay him out! Can't blame easyJet for what the French air traffic control do, the French government need to get their act together!

Paula Bush

They blamed the French last week but out of all the flights easyJet were the only ones cancelled or delayed.

Jackie Waters

Huge great white shark spotted

There is a Great White breeding ground around Malta which is in the Med so they can pop up anytime anywhere.

Ian Loder

What a great looking fish, I do hope no one hunts it down.

Michael Ridgway

Brit's 'looky looky' outfit sparks fury

What's happened to having a laugh? If a looky looky

Comments from EWN online

man whitened his face and staggered round with a pint like a pissed up Brit I wouldn't be offended. All too serious these days...

Kevin Airey

I don't know if it's racist or not (personally I think it is) but it's just so unkind and not needed.

Nikki Shortridge

Tactless, disrespectful and not funny, these guys have enough to put up with without idiots doing this.

Kathryn Ramsden

Cruelty claims trigger donkey 'taxi' ban plea

It was really upsetting. It was so hot, they had no shelter from the sun, they were standing in their own urine and the smell was awful.

Brenda Gammon

I certainly don't like seeing fat gits riding some poor little don-

key, but if they ban it I dread to think what would happen to them. Ideally they would go to a refuge. However, a lot of donkeys have gone to slaughter because there's a huge demand for hides in China. So careful what you wish for.

Mt Tipa

I definitely agree that these donkeys should not be used any longer. It's an outdated and cruel tradition.

Debbie Tobin

England fan smashes car screen

Makes me embarrassed to be British when there are morons who can't hold their beer behaving like that. Personally I hope England get knocked out in the next round. Can you imagine the behaviour if they get to the final???

Kev Lowe

That's after a win!! Why can't they enjoy the moment without having to become animals and causing offence to innocent people around, these idiots spoil it for others without a thought and give the Brits a bad name, no shame any more!!

Linda Rogers

Just find the culprit and ban him from returning to Spain.

Sandra Lyons

Cat care

YOUR anonymous correspondent (EWN 21-27th June 2018) asks if any group or organisation is neutering or spaying feral cats with the objective of reducing their numbers.

My German neighbour and her colleagues spend much of their time doing precisely that in the Benissa and Moraira area.

They catch the cats, take them to the vet for checking and neutering and insert an identity chip in the cat's ear. Litters of kittens and their feral mums are taken home for care and attention.

They foster many, find homes for many and some go to Germany for rehoming through a German sister organisation. They set up feeding stations when appropriate. They get many requests for help including occasionally from the town hall and respond to all requests.

They receive no official funding and thus have a charity shop at Moravit to help defray costs. They are called Pluto Protectora Animales.

If you would like to know more about them, check out their English language website at <http://pluto-protectora-animales-en.org>.

M Collins, Moraira

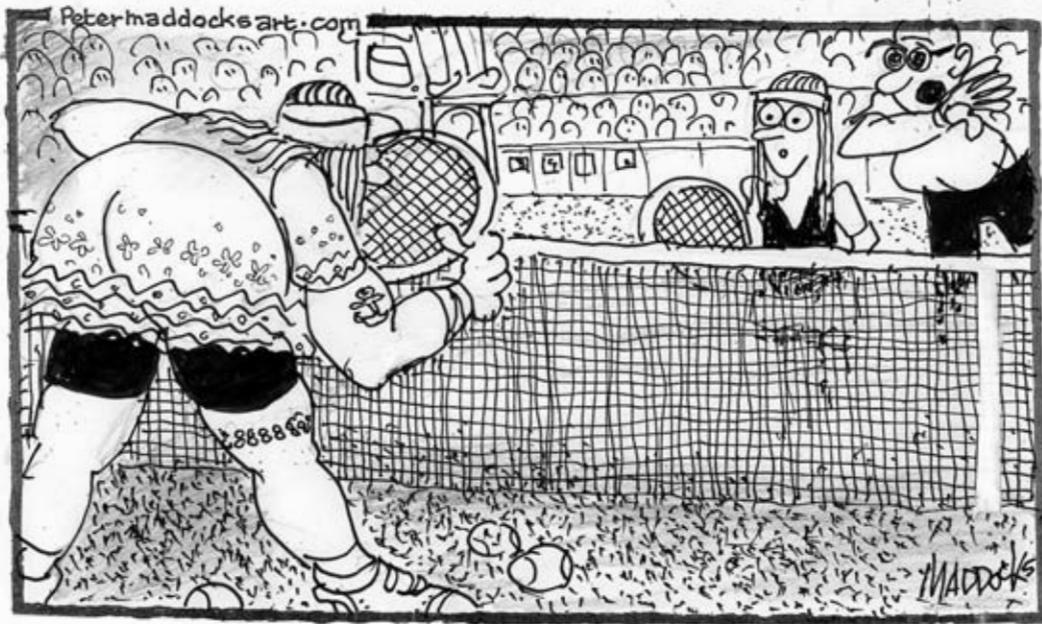
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MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' TAKE A TIP FROM FOOTBALL - LOSE THIS ONE, NEXT IS EASY! '

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

You like to do your own things in your own way and in your own time. That certainly shows this week. It can cause a bit of a stir with family. Even so, it will inspire someone close to step forward and make their own stand. Put someone straight when they step out of line.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

The kind nature that is so much a part of you is only too evident this week. A situation makes you feel frustrated and you need to find a way forward. A bit of expert advice goes a long way even if it does mean that you still have to go it alone. Be strong and remind yourself that this is for someone else.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

As you prefer living in the here and now, you find it difficult to understand and tolerate people who plot and plan in advance. It is tedious in the extreme to consider every little detail of something which may never happen. Because there is this relaxed attitude, you have developed a larger-than-life personality.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

This time of year reminds you just how much you enjoy home comforts. Plan ahead now for those chilly winter nights when the air is crisp and the wine is mulled. The urge is to work with others this week and that in itself throws up plans for evenings ahead. Having planned a romantic weekend there may need to be some adjustments.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Your mind, as ever, is changeable. This is a fun time to dabble at this and that to bring a bit of variety to your life and work. Meeting new people and starting new projects means that it is a busy time at work but the rewards are high.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is an emotional week, when it is difficult to keep things to yourself. Get together with others and do a bit of social networking. Talk, and if you cannot bring yourself to confess to a problem, say that it is a friend of yours who has it. Certainly, you need to share this

concern to get a balanced picture.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

There is a highly social week ahead with social gatherings here and there. A trip means that finances start to look brighter. You may find it necessary, if you are to progress, to consider a move to another job or area. Get involved with people who have been in the same situation. This gives you a good guide as to exactly where you want to be.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

There is a great impatience this week when someone flatly refuses to see something through to the end. You do not admire sloppiness and your reaction shows this. It may be necessary for you to sort out a situation which has been going on far too long. As you dislike loose ends in any respect, your patience may come to an end.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Energy is high and there is a lot of fun to be had. An invitation sent out brings an old friend to your table. This is not as straightforward as you think it will be.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

You feel like a fish out of water in a confused and noisy situation. Perhaps you are not making the right kind of friends, so take control of the quality of people who you associate with. Maybe it is relatives that are causing concern. You cannot choose your relatives, but it is possible to see less of them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)

This is a great social week. Your puppy-like enthusiasm attracts others and a barrage of good vibes comes your way. Indeed, your relaxed attitude allows someone close to get their own life a bit more into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)

People look to you to guide them through the maze of right and wrong this week. Your talent for bringing humour into the most tense situations is invaluable midweek. Summer is a socialising time for you and it is all steam ahead as you issue invitations and receive some back.

Trivia from around the world

*** Belgium is home to the world's longest tram line, the Kusttram. It is 68 kilometres long and connects towns and cities along the entirety of the country's coastline.

*** Dustbin lorries in Taiwan play Beethoven's Fur Elise to announce their arrival to residents who throw their own rubbish straight into it.

*** The world's largest natural deposit of asphalt is located in Trinidad. The Pitch Lake covers roughly 40 hectares.

*** Uganda is demographically one of the youngest countries in the world, with almost half its population under the age of 14.

*** There are more people of Armenian descent living outside the country than there are Armenians living in Armenia. There is an estimated 5.6 million people with Armenian heritage living abroad whereas the country's population stands at three million.

*** The yo-yo has its roots in an ancient Filipino hunting weapon.



IMITATORS: Researchers believe Orcas could communicate with dolphins after picking up their communication traits.

DID YOU KNOW?

A study has found that killer whales living in captivity with dolphins have learnt to mimic the way they communicate. The research on orcas suggests they are one of only six groups of animals capable of what is known as cross-species vocal learning. Seven killer whales living with dolphins were observed using dolphin-like whistles and clicks after living with them.

Women's wit

The new always happens against the overwhelming odds of statistical laws and their probability, which for all practical, everyday purposes amounts to certainty; the new therefore always appears in the guise of a miracle."

Hannah Arendt, philosopher



Famous quote

If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear."

George Orwell, writer

World of English

Rebirthing - A therapy which uses controlled breathing to simulate the trauma of birth.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA		EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday June 30	Saturday June 30	Tuesday June 26	Friday June 29	Thursday June 28	Saturday June 30	Sunday July 01
(6) (28)	(19) (22)	(15) (16)	(15) (21)	(15) (28)	(5) (14)	(20) (25)
(32) (45)	(24) (30)	(20) (34)	(23) (40)	(31) (32)	(16) (30)	(37) (45)
(46) (49)	(38) (45)	(50)	(48)	(38) (49)	(37) (44)	(46)
BONUS BALL	BONUS BALL	LUCKY STARS	LUCKY STARS	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO	REINTEGRO
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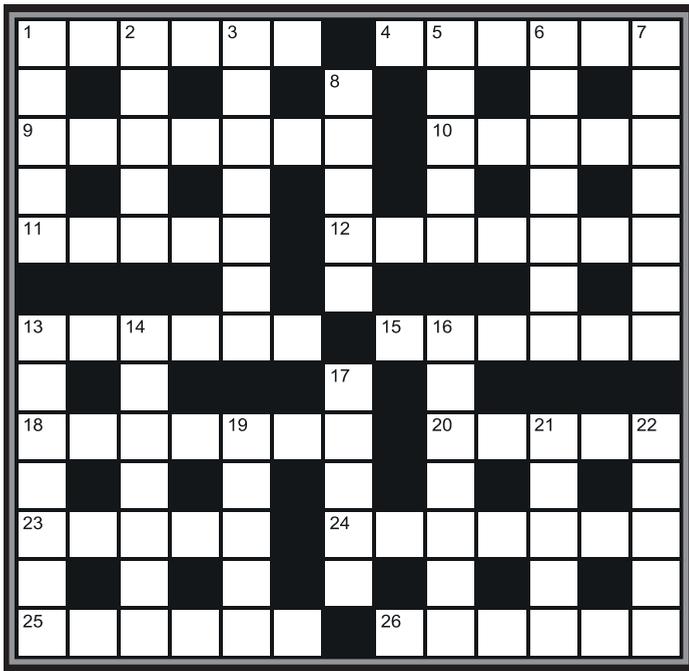
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Leave off it's Ed's turn (6)
- 4 Fears make it sadder (6)
- 9 Bridge is a card game (7)
- 10 Mother backing our love affair (5)
- 11 Sample some of the pasta's texture (5)
- 12 Overtake charged particle with emotion (7)
- 13 Plant part of Old Testament (6)
- 15 Dreads exotic snakes (6)
- 18 Leave scribbled note offering lift (7)
- 20 Draws back the turf (5)
- 23 Member of the Salmon family seen in adult routine (5)
- 24 Ruin the star turn (7)
- 25 Drink for German man in the Seychelles (6)
- 26 Tin god's nets (6)

Down

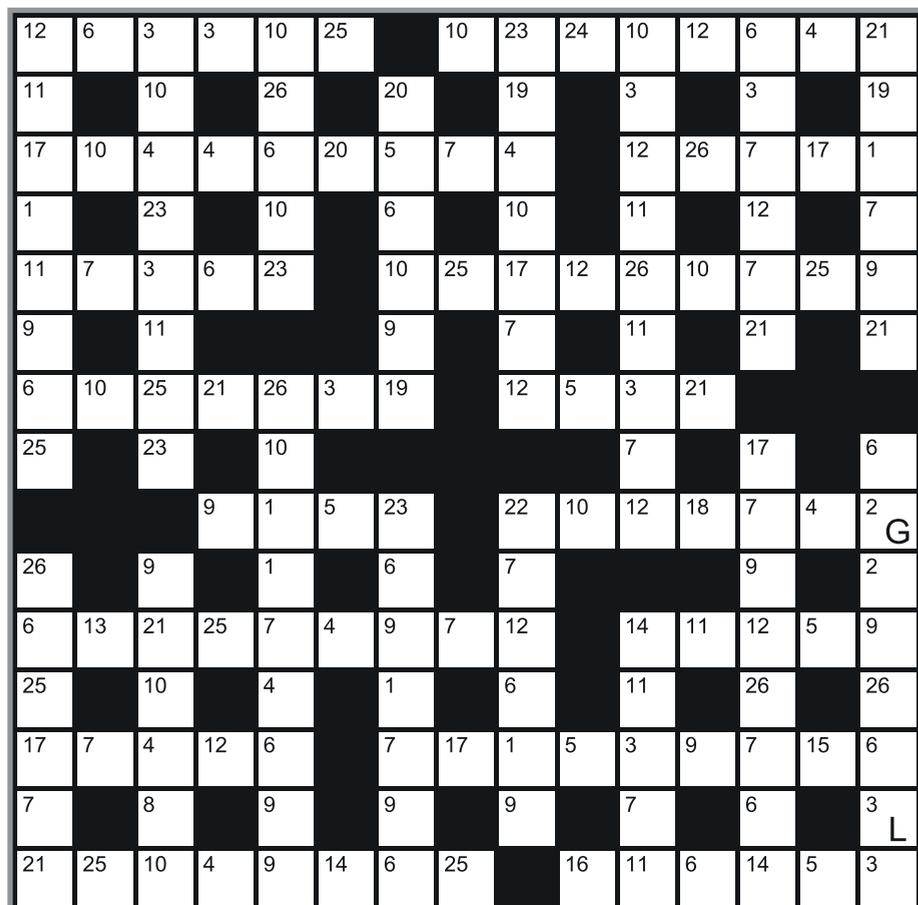
- 1 Opted out of storage facility (5)
- 2 Declines washing facilities (5)
- 3 An inhabitant of Eastern Europe makes love nearer the middle (7)
- 5 Wanders around for nothing, among the sheep (5)
- 6 Sadly, one cat I poison (7)
- 7 Runs second editions (7)
- 8 Bird pines away (5)



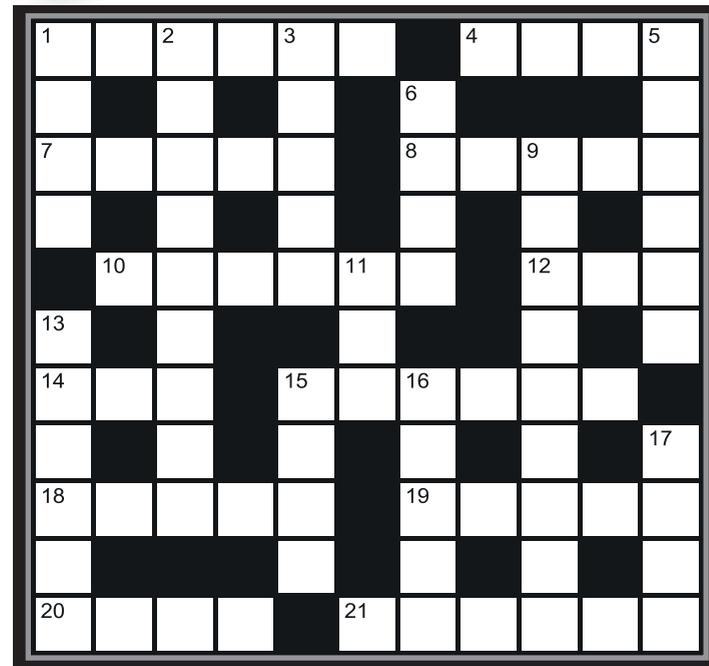
- 13 Hustles Doctor Watson and Sherlock Holmes (7)
- 14 Name one hybrid woodland plant (7)
- 16 Sid and I upset by scorn (7)
- 17 Iron, a good man's big spread (5)
- 19 Following behind the queen (5)
- 21 Leading man in The Wasp Factory (5)
- 22 Moves quickly for the board game (5)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 2 represents G and 3 represents L, so fill in G every time the figure 2 appears and L every time the figure 3 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

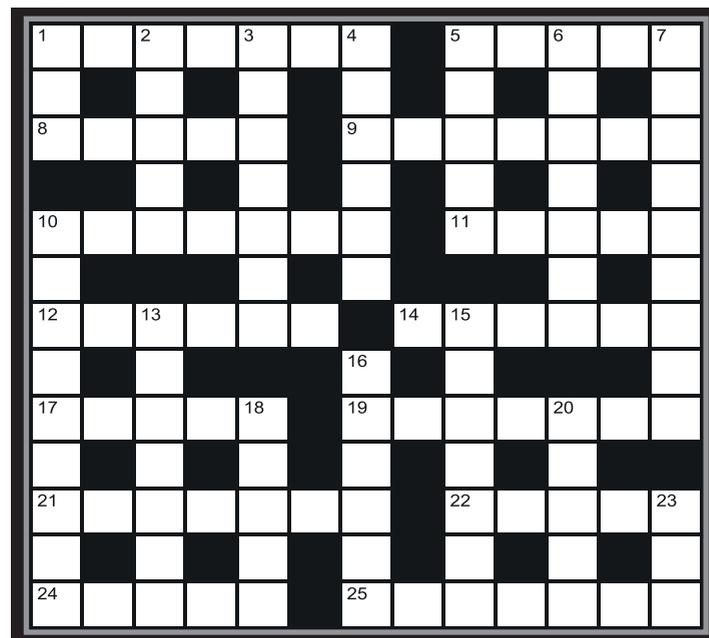
- 1 Calm and dignified (6)
- 4 Tailless web-footed amphibian (4)
- 7 Malicious burning to destroy property (5)
- 8 Find repugnant (5)
- 10 State of rest, sleep or tranquillity (6)
- 12/14 Main tent in a circus (3,3)
- 15 Lacking self-confidence (6)
- 18 Fourth month (5)
- 19 Jewelled headdress (5)
- 20 Free from danger (4)
- 21 Light wind (6)

Down

- 1 Counterfeit or pretence (4)
- 2 Infectious viral diseases of animals (9)
- 3 Ballroom dance of Latin-American origin (5)
- 5 Outbuilding for housing motor vehicles (6)
- 6 Fraudulent (4)
- 9 Sleep during winter (9)
- 11 Male human offspring (3)
- 13 Takes unlawfully (6)
- 15 Displeasing to the senses (4)
- 16 Stringed instrument of India (5)
- 17 Very strong wind (4)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Faint (medical) (7)
- 5 Caras (5)
- 8 Gansos (5)
- 9 Postman (7)
- 10 To strike (hit) (7)
- 11 Habilidad (5)
- 12 Médico (6)
- 14 Ranura (6)
- 17 Arms (weapons) (5)
- 19 Sisters-in-law (7)
- 21 Más pesado (7)
- 22 Noveno (5)
- 24 Flash flood (5)
- 25 Postre (7)

Down

- 1 See 23
- 2 Concha (de caracol, marisco) (5)
- 3 Dressing (culinary) (7)
- 4 Dark (lacking light) (6)
- 5 Tenedores (5)
- 6 Credit (7)
- 7 Hombros (9)
- 10 Padrino (en bautizo) (9)
- 13 Bell (instrument) (7)
- 15 Kidneys (7)
- 16 Asustado (6)
- 18 Switzerland (5)
- 20 Denso (5)
- 23/1 Perro caliente (3,3)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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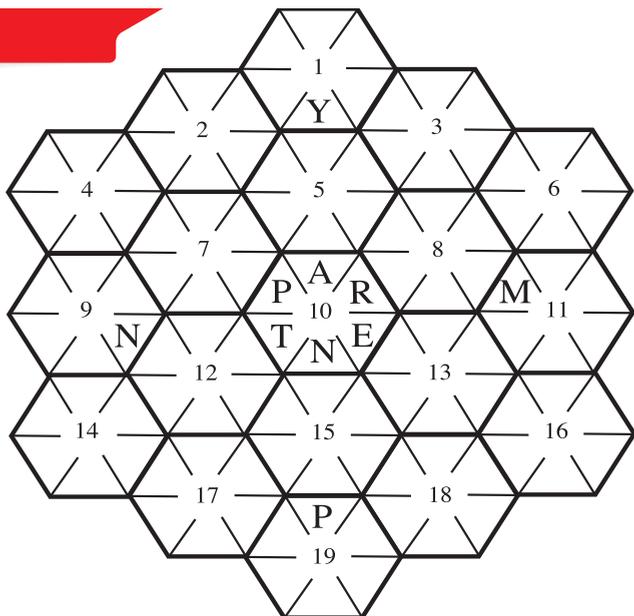
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Hexagram

ADVISE
AIRMEN
BARFLY
BEYOND
BRASSY
CHOOSE
FAMISH
GOOBER
METEOR
MORROW
NOTIFY
PARENT (10)
SPLINT
SPOOKY
THWACK
TRITON
TYPING
TYRANT
WOBBLE



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

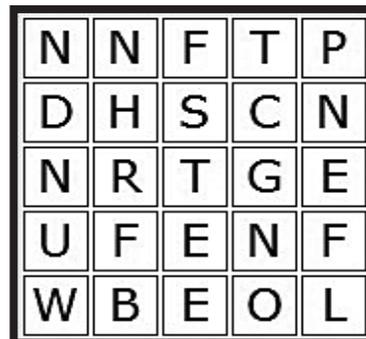
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

1 Manage 2 Meager 3 Errata 4 Offend
5 Agrees 6 Rename 7 Spring
8 Member 9 Iodine 10 Pebble 11 Auntie
12 Resign 13 Submit 14 Degree
15 Sluice 16 Letter 17 Series 18 Kaiser
19 Escape.

Boggled

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

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



TARGET:

- Average: 25
- Very good: 50
- Good: 35
- Excellent: 65

SCORING:

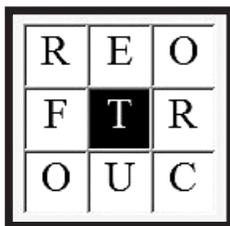
4 letters: 1 point 7 letters: 5 points
5 letters: 2 points 8 or more letters: 11 points
6 letters: 3 points

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

read reads reds rave raved rads
rats ratted eats verb verbs vats
uvea bread breads bred brae
brave braved brad brads brat
brats aver axed adverb adverbs
deva dear durst dare rude ruder
star stare stared stave staved
stats strict tare tared taxer taxed
tads tatted tats teds tics jets

Nonagram

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



TARGET:

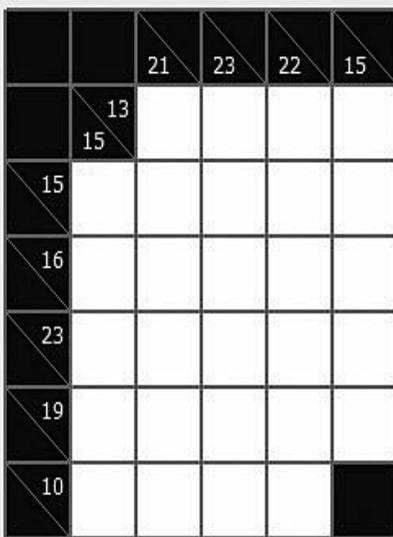
- Average: 8
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 21

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

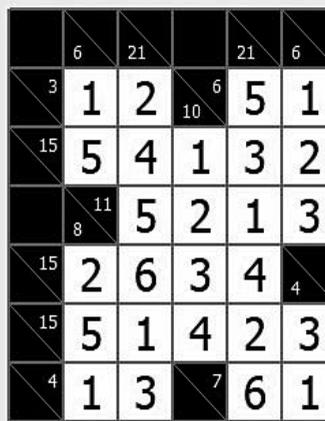
cede cred deer deft dele feed fled reed retd teed cered
creed defer delft deter elder feted freed treed decree
defect defter delete feeder felted leered recede reefer
reeled deflect elected erected fleeced fleered fleted
REFLECTED

Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

Across:

1 Excel, 4 Chaos, 7 Jam, 8 Scalpel, 9 Year, 10 Jersey, 13 Seesaw, 14 Cuss, 17 Retired, 19 Bar, 20 Plead, 21 Early.

Down:

1 Enjoy, 2 Compare, 3 Lash, 4 Ceases, 5 Asp, 6 Silly, 11 Slumber, 12 Barred, 13 Scrap, 15 Stray, 16 Idle, 18 Toe.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Robust, 4 Retire, 9 Aconite, 10 Gross, 11 Sedan, 12 America, 13 Cannes, 15 Tangle, 18 Retinue, 20 Smart, 23 Climb, 24 Carnage, 25 Signet, 26 Pauses.

Down:

1 Roads, 2 Brood, 3 Science, 5 Eagle, 6 Ironing, 7 Ensnare, 8 Cedar, 13 Caracas, 14 Nothing, 16 Austria, 17 Peace, 19 Noble, 21 Adams, 22 Trees.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Cuchara, 4 Trapo, 7 Steep, 9 Reinado, 10 Interes, 11 Horno, 12 Rosado, 14 Frenos, 18 Peras, 20 Esposas, 22 Average, 23 Stain, 24 Monje, 25 Riqueza.

Down:

1 Cashier, 2 Chest, 3 Across, 4 Thigh, 5 Alacrán, 6 Otoño, 8 Pared, 13 Surgeon, 15 Ropes, 16 Sesenta, 17 Pelear, 18 Psalm, 19 Shame, 21 Spade.

App of the week



PlantSnap

An app which helps users to identify plants they are curious to know the name of. It comes equipped with a vast database that the app draws on to help bring up the details of fauna within moments. There is also a built-in picture gallery so users can explore exotic plants worldwide.

QUIZ: LITTLE RICHARDS

Answers:

- Chiefly used in Asian countries, what name is given to a light two-wheeled passenger vehicle drawn by one or more people?
- In which BBC sitcom, broadcast in 1987, did comedy performer Rik Mayall play the part of Gertrude 'Richie' Rich, a perennially 'resting' comedian/television presenter?
- In which decade did the English business magnate, investor and philanthropist (Sir) Richard Branson open his famous chain of record stores, Virgin Records (later known as Virgin Megastores)?
- Stockport-born boxer Ricky Hatton was world champion in two different weight divisions. Name either?
- The American politician Dick Cheney held which political office from 2001 to 2009?
- The Flying Dutchman (1841), Der Ring des Nibelungen (1847-74), Tristan and Isolde (1859) and the

- Siegfried Idyll (1870) were all works by which German composer?
 - What is the 'real' name of superhero Batman's sidekick Robin, the Boy Wonder?
 - Which 1942 American romantic drama film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman was based on Murray Burnett and Joan Alison's un-produced stage play Everybody Comes to Rick's?
 - Which king of England was nicknamed Coeur de Lion or the Lionheart?
 - Who is the only Dutch-born player to have won the Wimbledon men's singles title?
- Not a lot of people know that... the famous film actor, comedian and singer Peter Sellers was actually christened Richard Henry Sellers and the singer/songwriter Moby was christened Richard Melville Hall*

- RICKSHAW (also jinrick'sha, jinrick'shaw or jinrik'isha), 2. FILTHY RICH & CATFLAP, 3. 1970s (1972), 4. LIGHT-WELTWEIGHT or WELTWEIGHT, 5. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, 6. (Wilhelm) RICHARD WAGNER, 7. DICK GRAYSON (Richard John Grayson), 8. CASABLANCA, 9. RICHARD I., 10. RICHARD KRAJICEK

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BOOKS



Bearing history

IT is time for the Big Oakland Pow wow, a fixture in the Native American calendar. Twelve people are set to travel to the celebration, all for their own reasons.

Jacque Red Feather has just gotten back on the wagon and wants to return back to a family she shamefully left previously. Her sister Opal is also set to be at the event, with the two having shared a turbulent childhood.

Dene Oxendene wants to work the pow wow to honour his uncle's memory. Orvil, Opal's nephew, is due to perform at the event for the first time after teaching himself traditional Native American dance routines on YouTube.

All are set for a glorious meet up. All will share beauty and tragedy as they confront a painful shared history in Tommy Orange's *There There*.

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Costa de Almería

weather

TODAY



TOMORROW



SATURDAY



Malaga Today: Max 34, Min 21-S Fri - 30 21-S Sat - 30 21-S Sun - 31 21-S Mon - 31 21-S Tues - 32 22-S Wed - 34 23-S	Almeria Today: Max 28, Min 21-S Fri - 29 21-S Sat - 31 22-S Sun - 31 22-S Mon - 29 23-S Tues - 30 23-S Wed - 32 24-S	Bilbao Today: Max 22, Min 16-C Fri - 23 16-C Sat - 34 17-C Sun - 26 18-S Mon - 28 19-S Tues - 31 19-S Wed - 28 18-S	Madrid Today: Max 30, Min 17-S Fri - 34 19-S Sat - 34 19-S Sun - 36 20-S Mon - 36 20-S Tues - 37 21-S Wed - 37 20-S
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Alicante Today: Max 32, Min 22-S Fri - 29 22-S Sat - 30 23-S Sun - 30 23-S Mon - 30 23-S Tues - 31 24-S Wed - 32 24-S	Benidorm Today: Max 31, Min 22-S Fri - 29 22-S Sat - 29 22-S Sun - 30 23-S Mon - 30 24-S Tues - 30 24-S Wed - 30 24-S	Mallorca Today: Max 31, Min 20-S Fri - 30 20-S Sat - 30 21-S Sun - 31 21-S Mon - 32 22-S Tues - 32 22-S Wed - 31 22-S	Barcelona Today: Max 28, Min 21-S Fri - 28 21-S Sat - 28 22-S Sun - 29 22-S Mon - 29 23-S Tues - 30 23-S Wed - 30 23-S
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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BIRTHDAYS

• **Huey Lewis, Singer; July 5, 68**

Lewis fronted and played harmonica for Huey Lewis and the News whose song *The Power of Love* and others were featured in the *Back To The Future* soundtrack. Born in New York City in the United States, he learnt to play harmonica while hitchhiking across his home country.

• **Dalai Lama, Religious figure; July 6, 83**

The spiritual head of Tibet was born Lhamo Thondup and was selected at birth to be the 14th Dalai Lama in accordance with tradition. He has since won the Nobel Peace Prize and travels the world speaking on Buddhist ideas of happiness and compassion.

• **Ringo Starr, Musician; July 7, 78**

The drummer of The Beatles was born in Liverpool and



Courtney Love.

joined the band after the previous drummer Pete Best was dropped. He went on to sing some of the band's best known songs including *Yellow Submarine* and have a successful solo career.

• **Beck, Musician; July 8, 48**

The singer and multi-instrumentalist is known for singing *Loser*, *Devil's Haircut* and *Where It's At* among other tracks. Born Bek David Campbell in Los Angeles in the United States, he dropped out of high school and travelled to Europe playing as a street musician before his career took off.

• **Courtney Love, Singer; July 9, 54**

Love was born in San Francisco in the United States and formed Hole in 1989 playing rhythm guitar and singing for

the group. She went on to marry Nirvana singer Kurt Cobain in 1992 and has played Elle Dallas in TV series *Empire* from 2015.

• **Sofia Vergara, Actor; July 10, 46**

Vergara has had roles in the films *Hot Pursuit*, *The Smurfs* and *Fading Gigolo*. The Colombia-born actor has been nominated for a Golden Globe and multiple Emmy Awards for her role as Glora Delgado-Pritchett in *Modern Family*.

• **Persephone Swales-Dawson, Actor; July 11, 21**

The British actor has played Nico Blake in the long-running TV series *Hollyoaks* after being offered the role aged 14. She joined the cast around the same time as fellow actor James Fletcher and their two characters have since become onscreen boyfriend and girlfriend.

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.

Word Ladder

FAKE

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

DIET

Solution
FAKE
FARE
DARE
DART
DIRT
DIET

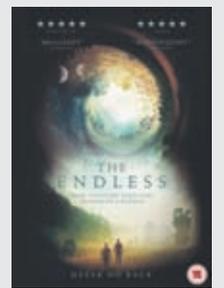
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

Called back



JUSTIN SMITH (Justin Benson) and brother Aaron (Aaron Moorhead) were once members of an alien death cult. They managed to escape the group but they are drawn to it once more after receiving a cryptic video message through the post some 10 years later.

The brothers set out to reacquaint themselves with the cult in the hope of getting answers and long sought after closure.

But they begin to wonder how wrong members of the group were when they encounter unexplained phenomena in *The Endless*.

This week in history

640 - Muslim victory
'Amr ibn al-'As' Muslim Arab army defeats the forces of the Byzantine Empire at the Battle of Heliopolis in Egypt. The victory would open the door for the eventual Muslim conquest of the country.

1099 - Holy City siege
Around 15,000 starving Christian soldiers begin the siege of Jerusalem during the first crusade, which sees them march around it while the Muslim defenders watch. They would later take the city and establish the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem.

1348 - Pope decree
Pope Clement VI issued a papal bull which protects the Jews after many accuse them of having caused the outbreak of the Black Death. He would urge other clergymen to follow suit.

1575 - Last battle
The last major battle between the forces of the Kingdoms of England and Scotland takes place at the Raid of the Redswire on the two countries' border.

1801 - Space find
French astronomer Jean-Louis Pons discovers his first comet. He would go on to identify another 36 in the next 27 years, more than any other person in history.

1913 - Heat spike
Temperatures in California's Death Valley in the United States hit 57 Degrees Celsius, the hottest ever recorded on Earth.

1954 - Elvis debuts
Rock n' Roll performer Elvis Presley records his first single entitled *That's All Right* at the Sun Records studios in Memphis in the United States.

2011 - New country
Sudan is split into two countries when South Sudan gains its independence becoming the youngest widely recognised country in the world.

Advertising Feature

Nothing should stop us enjoying the World Cup...



I HOPE everyone is enjoying the World Cup 2018, dull for some, exciting for most. No better way to enjoy the competition than by sitting out in the sun, TV on, drink in one hand and sandwich in the other.

That is if we are free from any aggravation caused by those few, but annoying, community members either late with their community fees or still consistently on our 'Unpaid List.' It does take the edge off it a bit.

So, as always, I appeal to all communities to keep looking at your debtor lists, because no matter what fantastic sports events or royal weddings we are watching and enjoying, there remain those that continue to enjoy all the benefits of our communities but do

not pay for the privilege.

This 'World Cup Season' does start me thinking about the numerous UK football clubs LPL currently work for. You see, it is not just communities and general suppliers that have debt problems.

In the world of football, many clubs suffer from unpaid hospital bills, banqueting arguments, and in some cases complex contractual issues surrounding agent payments and the like.

Just like transfer fees, the general unpaid bills that the clubs suffer are very high. Only recently we successfully recovered a £35,000 unpaid hospitality bill for a well-known Premier League club, probably more efficiently than their recent league table per-

formance! Fortunately, this club had incorporated within their terms and conditions a clause to cover them for collection costs, so in the end the collection cost the club nothing as we managed to get all the costs back from the debtor.

The matter of cost of collection was also a point of discussion recently with one of our valued Spanish Administrators. Their particular community in southern Spain did not have any provision for surcharges or extra costs of any kind on accounts that are overdue. Such costs and charges must be incorporated within the community by-laws.

If there is to be a provision for costs/surcharges on overdue or late payments it must be dis-

cussed and voted on at an AGM, minutes of the meeting properly recorded and then included in the by-laws. Then these extra amounts can, and must, be incorporated within the community statements (Libro Mayor) and presented to owners showing balance of account, dates of payments and balances due, if in arrears.

Should collection then be passed to LPL, we can, in nearly all cases, collect these further charges, which often negate the cost of collection. The general addition is between 10 - 20 per cent on the overdue quarterly unpaid account.

Such charges, properly added in accordance with the Community by-laws have, so far, never

DEBTORS: Annoying.

been challenged in the UK or Spanish courts.

If you require any assistance in formulating such clauses, our office in London will be delighted to assist.

So, now you know that charges for collection can often be covered by the debtor, you can carry on enjoying the football.

If your Community has any Management Fee collection problems, wherever you may be situated, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0044 208551 4019, direct to Greg Bryan our representative in Spain on 0034 689 408 412 or email gbryan@lplgroup.com.

Advertising Feature by Almeria Property Investments

Property of the week

€ 89,950 euros

Penthouse with sea views

THIS is, without any doubt, one of the best bargains of the moment at Vera Playa as the property comes fully furnished and has a large roof terrace with sea views, for just €89,950!

This very well-presented, bright penthouse, just 150 metres to the sandy beach of Vera, consists of a spacious open plan lounge-diner with sliding doors leading to the covered terrace with fabulous sea views.

The fully-fitted kitchen comes with all the white goods and granite worktops. There are two double bedrooms and a lovely family bathroom, finished off in marble and enjoying a good size window. An internal marble staircase takes you up to the very



BARGAIN:
Fully furnished, large roof terrace.

large roof terrace which, again, enjoys lovely sea views!

Situated on the second floor of a small, quiet and well-maintained communi-

VERA PLAYA:
Quiet and well-maintained community.

ty, this beautiful apartment is the perfect holiday home close by the sea.

The complex has an attractive communal pool surrounded by lawned areas and palm trees.

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WALT DISNEY once said: "If you can dream it, you can do it" and that's the philosophy MACS founder, Elaine Brown, lives by when it comes to her dream of providing a hospice facility for the charity.

MACS has been supporting cancer patients, along with their families and carers, for more than a decade and the sad fact is that the number of patients is growing.

While emphasis is placed on day-to-day support, the aim of the group is to be able to provide a residential care facility to meet the palliative needs of patients and their loved ones.

The dream of providing a hospice may seem unattainable and unaffordable but, despite the words of naysayers, the reality is closer than you may think.

The ultimate aim is to have a MACS-owned residential facility with numerous rooms and services available exclu-

MACS - making the hospice dream a reality

sively for MACS patients, but in the interim the group hopes that private rooms will soon be available in local residential care homes with round-the-clock care.

The emphasis on this facility will be on peace and tranquillity, along with comfort and improvement of daily life. Hospice comes from the Latin word 'hospes,' which means to host a guest or stranger, so whether it is in an exclusive MACS bricks-and-mortar facility, or a shared one, cancer patients can be assured of the warmest welcome and the best care.

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Requests will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, which would include consideration of travelling time to and from home and hospital.

In provinces where MACS does not have apartments, an alternative accommodation service can be made available through financial support, following a social assessment.

The aim of MACS when offering these apartments is to welcome, completely free of charge, children and adults suffering from cancer as well as their families.

Also in the pipeline is the provision of palliative care at a patient's home during weekends. This facility, once

made available, will include the services of nursing care by professionals registered with the Junta de Andalucía health department and will be funded, following assessment, by MACS.

All of the above couldn't happen without you, the charity can't function without its supporters and MACS welcomes assistance in any way, be it donations, fundraising, volunteering or simply just spreading the word.

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Later stages can result in a tingling in your extremities, called neuropathy, or a red irritated tongue and loss of taste.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, or think you might have a Vitamin B-12 deficiency, you can be tested to know for sure. In the meantime, it might be worthwhile to supplement your diet with multivitamins.

Dirty habits

WE are creatures of habit. But, did you know that even habits that can seem inconsequential can have a negative effect on your health and beauty.

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If you drink a lot of milk, particularly more than one litre a day, then you are consuming too much fat. Just one cup of milk contains 7.93g of fat so you can see how that can build up.

Having said that, doctors do recommend that you drink some milk due to its high calcium content, just take note that you don't drink too much.

Another habit you might regularly do is cross your legs. However, doing so limits the flow of blood through your arteries and can cause numbness, increased pressure and even varicose veins in the legs.

You also might need to amend your Saturday night routine. Plucking or waxing your eyebrows immediately before applying your make-up causes chemicals in your make-up to come into direct contact with your pores. Your skin will absorb this and it may cause irritation. The ideal time to pluck or wax is to do so with clean skin.



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Sleepless cyan

RECENT research has shown that the colour cyan - between green and blue - affects our sleep.

Biologists based in the University of Manchester say that higher levels of cyan keep people awake, whilst lower levels induce sleep. It is hoped that the results will mean that computer screens and phones could increase or decrease the levels of cyan in the screen. Existing 'night mode' settings for phones and laptops are the result of previous research which showed a link between blue light and sleep. However, this research, published in the journal *Sleep*,

shows the particular impact of the colour cyan.

Participants in the research were exposed to more or less cyan in order to measure the different levels of the sleep hor-

mone melatonin.

The researchers suggest that shades of cyan could be used on computer screens to keep people awake, such as those working on night shifts for example.

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Flamenco in Almeria - easy to find

OFTEN visitors to Spain are lured into restaurants which offer Flamenco shows without understanding the tradition or history behind this very special and not always typical Spanish obsession.

This is very much an art form from southern Spain which is believed to have been introduced to the area with the arrival of the Romany gypsy population which made its way to Spain from India in the 15th century.

Without question almost all of the most famous Flamenco performers came and continue to come from the gypsy world, although there are also a number of exceptional guitarists in particular who play gypsy style but come from all over the world, even Japan.

It has to be recognised that Spain in the Middle Ages had a huge cross culture with Jewish settlers and Moors who also added their traditions to the Flamenco style which was not really recognised until the 18th century.

Originally it was dance only, an expression of the feeling of the performers and their compatriots but it expanded to include voices and instruments with hand claps and shouts of encouragement from the audience.

Nowadays, the Flamenco style is more popular than ever, not just in Spain but on an international basis and it is said that there are more Flamenco academies in Japan than in Ameri-



Caption: Wikimedia

IN CONCERT: Flamenco guitarist Tomatito will be performing in July.

ca there are even heavy metal bands who incorporate Flamenco into their musical style.

Almeria has a thriving Flamenco culture with at least 18 clubs (known as Peñas) affiliated to the Federation of Flamenco clubs of Almeria (Fed-

eracion de Peñas Flamencas de Almeria) and whilst the audience in these small but thriving clubs is predominantly Spanish, most welcome expatriate visitors who want to know more about the music and dance.

Although they serve simple food and drink, these are not drinking clubs but temples to the Canto Jondo (deep song) style which can be very moving. This singing is accompanied by guitar and cajon (the wooden box drum on which the drummer sits).

Dance is another intricate part of flamenco with both men and women performing to a very high standard. On occasion you can witness duels between the musicians and the dancers to see who can be the fastest and yet most accurate performer.

If making your way to a Peña is a bit daunting, then the 52nd Festival of Flamenco and Dance will see six great evenings of performance in Almeria City from Thursday July 12 until Sunday July 22 with a wide range of great performers taking part.

Those appearing include Sara Baras, Carmen Linares, María Vargas, Arcángel, Miguel Poveda, Michel Camilo, Tomatito and Marina Heredia.

The first four concerts will be held in the Cathedral Square and tickets will cost between €20 and €40 and take place nightly at 10pm on July 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The other two concerts featuring Sara Baras and Miguel Poveda will be held in the Almeria bullring on July 20 and 22 respectively with ticket prices slightly higher.

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Eat Well
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Fake science in your diet



NO WORRIES: A dinner or protein, vegetables, fibre and wine is easy on the hips.

I WANT to talk about diets this week. We have been inundated with fake science about cutting saturated fats from our diet and eating more carbohydrates.

The result is that obesity and Type 2 Diabetes are much more prevalent than they have ever been. The link between saturated fat, cholesterol and heart disease is yet more fake science. The theory is that blood vessels are like pipes supplying hot water to radiators. If the water is 'hard' and contains lots of soluble compounds that become insoluble and then coat the inside walls of the pipes.

The pressure becomes greater due to the decreased volume of the pipes, which is simple physics. The simile to the human circulatory system ends there. Our arteries do not 'fur up' like water pipes, the fatty deposits are within the walls of the arteries and within the blood vessels of the heart, making them thicker and reducing blood flow. The problem with a carbohydrate rich diet is both starch and sugars create a spike in blood sugar causing the pancreas to make more insulin.

Fats are metabolised more gradually, leading to the urge to eat to occur later. Over the long term this means the consumption of less calories and consequently less weight gain. More fake science concerns the high calorie count of alcoholic drinks leading to weight gain.

It is impossible for ethyl alcohol, which is the intoxicating part of booze alone, to produce body fat, it is the carbs that go with it. The beer, sweet wines and liqueurs will all cause weight gain. A large gin with a slice of lemon and a slimline tonic, will not increase body weight by as much as a

gram! Another fallacy is eating later during the day will cause obesity, and that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Basura!

A dinner with a mix of protein, vegetables and fibre with a few glasses of dry red and-or dry white wine is the perfect end to a day when eaten about two or three hours prior to bedtime.

The best and most effective diet ever with only five words is Eat Less and Move More!

This week's recipe is a Spanish accompaniment to any sea fish:

Romesco Sauce

Serves 4

- 4 tbs olive oil
- 1 slice good white bread, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 red chilli, finely diced
- 3 tomatoes (canned or fresh)
- 100g blanched flaked almonds, toasted

A small jar of roasted peppers
Juice and zest of 1 lemon
Freshly ground salt and black pepper
Fry bread in olive oil until golden, remove and reserve, add garlic and fry until transparent. Place all the ingredients in a blender and serve with grilled fish.

Mamma Mia what a success

WITH four performances, one starring younger pupils, those attending the Musical Theatre Workshop of the Vera Playhouse managed to attract more than 1,000 people.

This was the third year that the workshop had been run and it was as ever popular with performers, their parents and the general public with two performances of Forgotten Books + Mini Queen and Mamma Mia, one of each for schools and the other for the public.

This year, 42 youngsters aged between six and 18 volunteered to

take part with the workshop being particularly useful for those who are shy or need assistance in learning and of course discovering how to work as part of a group.

Most people are familiar with Mamma Mia, the ABBA song, stage show and film and 17 students took part in recreating this highly successful musical, which by all accounts was not only well received by an impressed audience but according to Félix López, mayor of Vera was of a professional standard and the money invested in the workshop was well spent.

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ROZALÉN: In a relaxed mood.

Juergas Rock Festival

It is less than a month to go before Adra is filled once again with some of the best bands (and fans) attending the Juergas Rock Festival now in its sixth year.

As well as season tickets to cover the entire festival which runs from August 2 to 4, it will also be possible to purchase tickets for single days, although there is a free concert on Wednesday, August 1 at the marquee constructed on the Paseo Marítimo.

This welcome party will run for 12 hours with a range of different Spanish bands appearing.

A single ticket for Thursday August 2 costs €25 and is very much Ska orientated with special guests from France and Jamaica as well as the eventual winners of the band competition which attracted more than 100 entries.

Friday will cost €30 with plenty more quality music including Bad Religion visiting from the USA and headliners

Loquillo as well as six other artists.

For many, the highlight of the festival will be the appearance on Saturday when the very popular social activist and singer-songwriter Rozalén will be appearing.

Having studied music at college, this talented award-winning singer and guitarist has collaborated with a number of popular Spanish artists and is particularly respected for her representation for charities involved in helping the sick or disadvantaged.

Alert to the need to be as inclusive as possible, she is generally accompanied by a specialist in sign language to interpret her songs for those who are deaf.

Alongside the main electric events there will be a series of free acoustic concerts during the four days as well as a number of interviews with musicians.

Help a university investigate an ancient site



Ayuntamiento de Mojacar

MOJACAR LA VIEJA: Is to become a centre of archaeological interest.

MOJACAR LA VIEJA is a historical site which may well reveal a number of secrets as it may have been left undisturbed since the 13th century.

At the behest of the Department of Tourism of Mojacar, the University of Granada has developed a research project, to conserve and enhance the site in order to discover what lies beneath the surface and eventually to open the area for public visit.

Since the launch of the project, the council has been assisted by the Valparaíso Foundation, owner of a large part of the land on which the site is located and which has collaborated in the search for the team of historians and archaeologists who have been drafted in.

Owners of other parts of the land which has been declared of being of historical interest have also reacted favourably to this initiative as the land is believed to have been the first area of occupation in Mojacar

Mojacar la Vieja is located on a hill with very steep slopes, which gives it a pyramidal aspect that dominates the watershed of the Aguas River and it is suspected that it was actually occupied in prehistoric times, but visible archaeology comes

from the Andalusian period, when the hill was occupied by the first Islamic communities.

Mojacar, recognised as one of the 'Most beautiful villages in the world,' will add to its many attractions as a tourist destination and some 200 different requests have been received from interested parties who want to dig in the area.

The first period of excavation which will be undertaken by a number of senior archaeologists and some 55 students will be completed by July 27 and during the period of excavation there will be a number of special events to explain to the general public and especially children about the known history of the site.

In addition, there will be guided tours in Spanish and English and children will be encouraged to view the work of the archaeologists whilst older students and adults may be able to take part in the dig as 'archaeologist for a day.'

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Albox teens restore Spanish pride

THE Spanish football team may have returned from the World Cup with its tail between its legs after falling to Russia, but a selection of Albox juniors has retained some international pride.

Albox 'cadetes' have just returned from a tournament in Obidos, Portugal, as champions, having taken on teams from Portugal, Asturias and Argentina in the international contest.

In all, 31 people, including players, coaches and supporters made the 1,000-kilometre trek to the province of Leiria.

Once there they showed the Spanish national team how tournament football should be played. They topped their group with two wins and a draw (the latter against ACDC Patagonia) before defeating Portuguese team Mairinhas in the semi-final.

They claimed the silverware by beating CF Coema by two goals to zero and earned plaudits not just for their play, but also their excellent on-field and off-field behaviour.

Pupils are Lego winners

A TEAM of schoolchildren has used Lego bricks to help solve the region's water scarcity problems - and scooped a top international prize at the same time.

The boys and girls from Albox's IES Cardinal Cisneros's robotics team used the toy bricks to build a model of an 'intelligent' irrigation system that would allow for greater efficiency when watering crops in the dry conditions of the area.

As is probably to be expected from today's schoolchildren, they have designed the system to be controlled from anywhere using mobile phones or electronic tablets.

The innovation shown by the youngsters impressed judges at the 'First Lego League of Estonia,' so much that they awarded the group third prize. This is quite an achievement for the pupils, as 100 teams from 80



BUILDING A FUTURE: Winners from Cardinal Cisnero were congratulated by Mayor Francisco Torrecillas

countries were competing in the competition.

The school's team, which returned from the competition in June, were recently presented to the mayor of Albox, Francisco Torrecillas. The children jointly thanked the town hall for sponsorship, which enabled them to take part in the contest.

Mayor Torrecillas congratulated the youngsters and complimented the school for its 'excellent work and for its well-deserved prize.'

He added that their achievements in the field of robotics and at the international competition should be a source of pride 'that always accompanies you, as it is for all the people of Albox.'

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Cuevena de Transportes Juan Diaz has decided to advertise this corner of Andalusia across the length and breadth of Spain and beyond into Europe by painting local landmarks and beauty spots on the back of two coaches.

The first landmark to be publicised is the Castillo del Marques de Los Velez, which has been emblazoned across the rear of the first coach. Next to be showcased will be a scene taking in some of the municipality's 17 kilometres of beaches.

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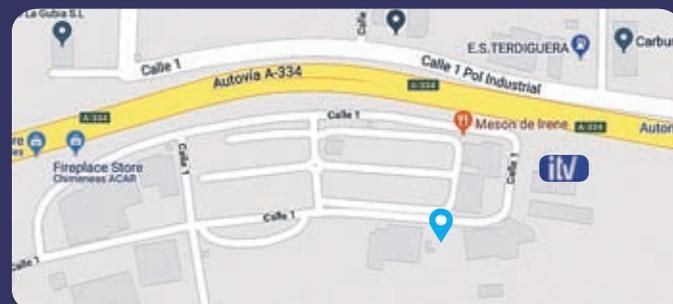
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Double lift for play park

THE 'PayasoForo' children's play area has been given a lift - in more ways than one.

While the *Euro Weekly News* recently told how facilities have been improved, it was only when mayor of Albox, Francisco Torrecillas, officially cut the ribbon that the colourful extent of the works were revealed in all their glory.

Chief amongst the improvements was the installation of a lift to improve accessibility, but another sort of lift - in this case a face lift - has given the whole area a colourful boost with a jungle theme.

Previously this popular area was not only difficult to reach for young mums pushing prams, but it was also rather drab.

Now toddlers can easily reach the playground - and when they get there they are greeted by a much more colourful attraction, as this picture from Albox Town Hall shows.



BRIGHT FUN: Revamped park now open.



BETTER SECURITY: Mayor of Cuevas de Almanzora Antonio Fernández Liria presents a new buggy to Local Police.

Police fun but with a serious aim

LOCAL POLICE in Cuevas de Almanzora have a new toy to play with - but one with a very serious reason for being.

They have just taken delivery of a rented beach buggy, which, while looking like a lot of fun to drive, is still expected to be a crucial tool in ensuring citizen safety in the summer months.

Provided by the town hall's Department of Public Safety, the drab green buggy will help police officers patrol the coast and beaches of the municipality. It is intended to be a significant aid to police both in keeping an eye open for criminals and also in keeping a benevolent watchful eye on beach goers.

This, according to the town hall, is the latest in a series of measures taken to improve the surveillance and security capabilities of the Local Police.

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BACK in the 1970's it was the talk of the town, not just in Almeria but even in distant Hollywood, as any star that was anybody would be making a movie there in the next few years and it was a place to go.

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The Buffalo Saloon, run by a guy from Chicago, Fred, his Midwest, charming wife and their 10-year-old child, with so much street-savvy you knew you were talking to a 45-year-old.

Like the owner, she had been there and done that and turned down buying the t-shirt.

Fred, the leader of the clan, had kicked around in Torremolinos for a few years before drifting down to Almeria and the movie scene.

He still hadn't picked up more than four words of Spanish but did have the gumption to rent a shop right on the main street, gut it and open an American cowboy bar.

Once upon a time in the wild west ... of Almeria!



EASY COWBOY: Paul Newman was a regular in Almeria's Buffalo bar.

At that time, Almeria was averaging seven movies per month and gaggles of commercials were being filmed. Everyone in town was either a gypsy shoe-shine guy or a seasoned actor. If you wanted to see the stars you either bumped into them on the street or sauntered over to 'the buffalo bar.'

The real movie stars never made a big deal about who they were. If you were dumb enough to become cheeky with Paul Newman or Charles Bronson you'd soon get a clip around the ear, hard enough you wouldn't be coming back. Those two in particular were used to their celebrity status and knew how to keep apart from the fans and amongst themselves.

But if you interrupted, you paid the consequences.

Now the Buffalo wasn't busy during the day.

They had good food and plenty of beer, but when it did come aglow was in the evenings when

all the stars and prop men from the films would show up to wash the dust from their throats.

By midnight you could barely fit in.

When I had paper work to complete in the capital city I went in early enough to leave me time to sit with Fred in the Buffalo and listen to his stories 'bout who got drunk and had to be carried out; catfights, who started it and who was scratched the worst?

The real chief mischief was always created by the bit part players who tried swinging from the chandeliers or performing stunt moves and failing. In the evenings the Buffalo was pretty much a pirate ship with a constant mutiny taking place.

Then one day I went in for a chat and just the little girl was serving. The mother apparently had a nervous breakdown. Fred had run off with a 15-year-old gypsy cleaning girl. The buffalo was done and gone.

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



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Sally Trotman is a qualified Counsellor who works with Astrology, Numerology and the Tarot. Each month she will deliver the forecast as an intuitive tool to aid increased self awareness.

ASTROLOGY: coming home.

Sun in Cancer: Until July 21, the sun is ruled by the watery sign of Cancer. This caring, calming and intuitive sign is encouraging you to spend more time with family and friends, nurturing your closest relationships.

You may feel like spending more time at home during the first part of this month. Now is a great time to re-decorate or renovate your home. Perhaps your thoughts may even wonder to the possibility of moving to a new abode. Save plans for parties and nights out until the end of the month when the sun moves into fun loving Leo.

Get in tune with the moon: This month, both the new moon in Cancer on July 13 and the full moon in Aquarius on July 27 are eclipsed. The date

of the new moon falls on a solar eclipse. Spend this day reflecting on the year so far. Consider how you are using your energy each day.

Do you need to make some changes to your daily routine? The lunar eclipse at the end of the month brings your focus to your social life and groups in general to which you belong. Who is your tribe? Where do you feel most comfortable? Spend more time with these people to create a vision for the future which is both far reaching and lasting.

Numerology: embrace change.

Number 7: This magical number always brings about some sort of change, whether inner or outer, and the effects will be lasting. Consider your limiting beliefs this month. Where are you restricting yourself through fear of change, or perhaps even fear of success?

The influence of this number is both spiritual and emotional. Spend some time every day this month in meditation, in whatever way you feel benefits



you the most. Listen to your intuition and take action on what you know to be true for you.

The Tarot: the chariot.

Persistence pays: The seventh card in the Major Arcana Tarot deck is the

Chariot. Depicted as a man sitting within a canopy of stars, the appearance of the Chariot represents conquest, victory and self-confidence. You now have the strength to move forward in a positive direction, despite

PERSONALISED FORECAST: Become clearer, calmer and more confident.

any recent challenges. Draw on your innate knowledge, inner guidance and vision to create a clear path towards your goals. Repeat this affirmation throughout the month to help you to move towards the life you desire and deserve: I am inspired, bold and brave.

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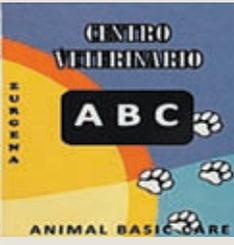
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Sweden's Volvo made the three point seatbelt design patent open and available to other car manufacturers for free, in the interest of safety. It saves one life every six minutes.

MERCEDES-BENZ is continuing its test programme for its upcoming EQC model, following an excursion to Sweden a few months ago.

This time the car was subjected to the burning summer heat in Spain, and it will be the first model to be introduced under the company's EQ brand.

It is roughly the size of the current GLC, but comes with its own styling to distinguish itself as an all-electric model.

For now, Mercedes-Benz hasn't provided any details about the powertrain used, but the Generation EQ packed two electric motors (one on each axle) to provide a total output of 300 kW.

This setup is powered by a 70 kWh battery pack positioned within the car's floor, which provides a range of up to 500 km on a single charge.

Testing in high temperatures is important because while the battery loses power in the cold, extreme heat can potentially dam-

Mercedes-Benz EQC electric SUV is hot



ELECTRIFYING: The electric SUV will launch in early 2019.

age the battery.

The EQC is therefore tested to ensure the battery's cooling circuit is up to scratch when encountering various scenarios.

Mercedes-Benz also focused on the car's air-conditioning system, and components were checked so technicians could determine where dust would settle in the vehicle.

According to the company, almost 200 prototypes were built for the test programme, with the involvement of over 100 experts from different development departments.

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Cost is barrier to electric cars

A NEW study by the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) shows that the affordability of electric cars remains a strong deterrent for customers across the EU. The analysis, which compares national data on the market uptake of electrically-chargeable vehicles (ECVs) with GDP per capita, shows that the market share of ECVs is close to 0 per cent in countries with a GDP below €18,000, while it is no more than 0.75 per cent in half of all EU member states.

As members of European Parliament committees get ready to vote on the European Commission's proposal for post-2020 car CO2 targets shortly, ACEA cautions that the targets must be realistic, taking into account what people can actually afford to buy.

"The European Parliament mustn't lose sight of the fact that the market is essentially driven by customers," explained ACEA

Secretary General, Erik Jonnaert. "A natural shift to electric vehicles will simply not happen without addressing consumer affordability."

The Commission has proposed a 'benchmark' for the sales of full battery-electric cars at the level of 15 per cent by 2025, and 30 per cent by 2030. To put this in context, battery-electric cars accounted for just 0.7 per cent of total EU car sales in 2017. "We are worried that some policy makers have completely unrealistic expectations regarding the pace of market development," said Jonnaert.

"Already with the Commission's current proposal for a benchmark, we would need to jump from less than 1 per cent of battery electric car sales today to 30 per cent in the space of less than 12 years. And the Parliament is proposing even more aggressive targets, going as far as 50 per cent."



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UNREALISTIC: Affordability must be addressed if targets are to be met



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IMPACT: Leading the way in front-wheel drive.

Thirty years since the launch of the Volvo-440

THE Volvo 440 has just celebrated its 30th birthday after being presented for the first time in June 1988. This was a five-door family car that shared its technology with the 480 sports coupé. Volvo now demonstrated in earnest that front-wheel drive was the way forward.

Work on what later became the Volvo 440 began back in 1978. This was a new project that would lead the company to the Volvo cars of the future. Free thinking and aiming for the stars were the name of the game - and so the project was dubbed Galaxy.

In September 1980, the first front-wheel drive prototype was

ready. Although its primary aim was to test the various functions, in terms of appearance it resembled what later became the Volvo 440. The G4, as the prototype was called, displayed the attributes that Volvo was looking for. It had front-wheel drive, and it was fun to drive. Interior spaces were good, while external dimensions remained compact.

The Galaxy project later culminated in the launch of two model series. The big 850, which was presented in the summer of 1991, had the greatest impact, but the 400 programme actually came about

several years previously. That part of the project was taken over by Volvo subsidiaries in the Netherlands in 1992, and this was where development work continued.

The first of Volvo's new front-wheel drive models was the 480 sports coupé, which was officially launched at the Geneva Motor Show in 1986. This distinctive niche product paved the way for the 440, which was presented two years later and ended up battling in earnest for car buyers in the mid-range class.

Production of the Volvo 440 60 was discontinued in November 1996.

Horsepower challenge in Barcelona

A SEAT Leon Cupra took on a show jumping horse in a fascinating test of agility at Barcelona's Royal Polo Club.

At full gallop, the horse can reach 70kph with the Cupra boasting a 300 horsepower engine.

The Cupra, albeit out of its comfort zone, easily outran its two-legged challenger, called Calgary, over a speed race and an obstacle course.

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ROAD TEST

by Nick Fletcher

SEAT Arona FR

SEAT'S Arona compact SUV shares the same chassis and engines as its Ibiza stablemate, but offers more visual cachet and more practicality.

Arona is a little taller, has head-turning styling and with prices starting at €19,118 (£16,750) is attractively priced, with the entry SE version having automatic emergency braking, tyre pressure monitoring, alloy wheels, air-con, cruise control, auto headlights and a touch-screen infotainment unit among its standard features.

There are five other versions with increasing levels of

equipment, and choices of petrol and diesel engines with varying power outputs. My test model was a mid-range FR with a 1.5 litre 148 hp petrol engine and six-speed manual transmission. Costing €24,277 (£21,270), it has a top speed of 204 kph (127 mph), a nippy 0-100 kph time of 8.3 seconds and fuel economy of 19.6 kpl (55.4 mpg). Emissions figure is 115 g/km.

Extra features on this version include upgraded infotainment system with larger screen, built-in sat-nav, DAB

radio, wireless phone charging, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone mirroring. You also get rear parking sensors, and Drive Profile which enables the driver to adjust the weight of the steering.

The Arona makes a pleasing impression with its looks and top-notch VW-Audi Group build quality. The cabin has an upmarket look and the dashboard is logically laid out for easy use.

Five adults will fit in at a squeeze though four will be more comfortable, with good head and leg room in the rear.

The 400-litre boot is typical of class standards, and the 60/40 rear seats fold to expand capacity though the release buttons are awkwardly

sited. While the rear seats don't slide, you can adjust the boot floor height to make loading easier.

Arona has excellent road manners with light precise steering, agile handling with mini-

mal cornering pitch, and good ride quality. It's an engaging car to drive and its nimble feel gives it an edge in urban traffic and in tight parking situations.

Spanish-based SEAT is a manufacturer noted for stand-out styling and new Arona has more than enough charisma and plus-points to make an indelible mark in the increasing crowded SUV sector.



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World Cup 2018

Russia make Spain pay the penalty

WORLD CUP hosts Russia pulled off the biggest shock of the tournament so far as they beat 2010 winners Spain on penalties, to reach the quarter finals for the first time in 48 years.

After extra-time ended with the score locked at 1-1, goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev was Russia's penalty hero, denying Koke and then Iago Aspas to spark delirium at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium.

Coach Stanislav Cherchesov's side, at 70 the lowest ranked team in the competition and 60 places below Spain, now face Croatia in the last eight in Sochi on Saturday.

Their unlikely progress is reward for their resolute defending during the match, and the part played by their ebullient fans.

There were few signs of the Spanish disaster to come when veteran Russian defender



INSPIRED IGOR: The Russian goalkeeper and captain was the hero of the day.

Sergei Ignashevich turned a cross into his own net in the 12th minute.

But Spain failed to turn their overwhelming dominance of possession into further chances and paid the price when Gerard Pique's clumsily outstretched arm gave away a penalty shortly before half time.

Striker Artem Dzyuba stepped up to send David De Gea the wrong way and scenes of wild celebration broke out in the stadium.

The pattern of play did not change after the break, with Spain trying to pass their way through Russia's packed defence, but lacking the inspiration to create anything meaningful before the penalty showdown.

Spain simply ran out of ideas, and join Germany and Argentina as other giants to make limp early exits.

CHRIS FROOME'S anti-doping case has been dropped by cycling's world governing body, the UCI.

The British four-time Tour de France winner, 33, was under investigation after more than the allowed level of legal asthma drug salbutamol was found in his urine.

The World Anti-Doping Agency, which worked closely with the UCI, has accepted that there was no breach and recommended the case be dropped.

Froome, who suffers from asthma, said he was "grateful and relieved to put an end to the matter."

"It has been an emotional nine months," he said.

"I meant it when I said that I would never dishonour a winner's jersey and my results would stand the test of time.

"I have never doubted that this case would be dismissed for the simple reason that I have known throughout I did nothing wrong."

Team Sky said Froome was only 19 per cent over the legal limit of salbutamol - not double as had been reported in some circles - and the result has since been adjusted to take account of dehydration.

Team principal Sir Dave Brailsford said he always had

Froome in the clear at last



RELIEVED RIDER: Froome's name has been cleared after months of uncertainty.

total confidence in Froome's integrity and that he was looking forward to helping him challenge for a fifth Tour de France.

Tests have shown that indi-

viduals can exhibit significant variations in results taken over a number of days while using the exact same amount of salbutamol.

Froome is expected to line up at the start of the Tour de France on Saturday, despite talk of organisers wanting to ban him.

Transfer rumours

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

Bayern Munich are the latest club to join the race to sign Manchester United's 22-year-old France forward Anthony Martial. (*Daily Express*)



MARTIAL LAW: Anthony Martial is being lined up by German giants Bayern Munich.

Liverpool could try to sign Germany and Bayer Leverkusen winger Julian Brandt, 22, after the breakdown of the deal for Fekir. (*Daily Star*)

Barcelona could sell 29-year-old midfielder Paulinho to raise funds for the signing of fellow Brazil international and Chelsea attacking midfielder Willian, 29. (*Mirror*)

Tottenham are preparing an offer for River Plate and Colombia midfielder Juan Quintero, 25. (*Metro*)

Chelsea's Thibaut Courtois is ready to leave Chelsea if the 26-year-old Belgian goalkeeper can get his dream move to Real Madrid. (*BBC*)

The Blues meanwhile are expected to make a bid for **Roma's** €70 million rated Brazilian keeper Alisson, 25. (*Sky Sports*)

Arsenal are set to finalise negotiations over the €28 million signing of Uruguay midfielder Lucas Torreira, 22, from Sampdoria next week. (*Daily Mail*)

Barcelona defender Marlon Santos, 22, has signed for Southampton for a fee of €11.3 million, after rejecting West Ham's advances. (*SportsMole*)

Liverpool are not only interested in Real Madrid's Spanish midfielder Marco Asensio, 22, but his teammate and compatriot Lucas Vazquez as well. (*Sun*)

Atletico Madrid and France forward Antoine Griezmann, 27, says he wants to end his career playing in the US' Major League Soccer by his early 30s. (*ESPN*)



DINA ASHER-SMITH set a British Championship record as she won the women's 100m at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. The 22-year-old dominated the race, breaking away in the final metres to take gold in 10.97 seconds.

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Molinari storms to first PGA tour win

FRANCISCO MOLINARI shot a stunning final-round 62 to win his first PGA Tour title by eight shots (-21) at the Quicken Loans National in Maryland.

The 35 year-old began the final round level with Mexico's Abraham Ancer on 13 under-par, but carded six birdies and an eagle to win from American Ryan Armour.

He is the first Italian to win on US soil since Toney Penna in 1954, while Tiger Woods claimed his second-best result of the season, tied in fourth on 11 under.



Credit: @englandcricket/Twitter

FRAN'S THE MAN: Molinari played flawless golf to win the title.

Woods, a 14-time major winner ended with a four-under final round of 66 and has only finished higher once since August 2013.

But Molinari ensured those chasing him were of little threat as after making two birdies on the front nine, he made a 50ft eagle putt on the 10th hole and followed it with four consecutive birdies.

The two-time European Ry-

der Cup team member moved from 123rd to 42nd in the FedEx Cup standings, justifying his decision to play in the tournament rather than take part in the European Tour's French Open.

"It wasn't an easy decision," said Molinari. "I thought until the last minute whether to go to France or to come here but it seems like it was the right choice in the end."

Verstappen snatches win as Hamilton retires



Credit: @Max33Verstappen/Twitter

MAX SATISFACTION: Verstappen celebrates his victory in Austria.

LEWIS HAMILTON lost the world championship lead after retiring from a depressing Austrian Grand Prix for Mercedes, as Max Verstappen clinched an unexpected victory for Red Bull.

Hamilton retired due to a loss of fuel pressure with eight laps to go following a Mercedes strategy blunder and tyre problems.

Title rival Sebastian Vettel finished third in his Ferrari behind teammate Kimi Raikkonen, putting Vettel into a one-point lead heading into this weekend's British Grand Prix.

Mercedes will head to Silverstone with plenty to think about as they ponder how what had looked set to be an easy one-two finish in a race

they had dominated, fell apart.

Their problems handed a first win on their home track to Red Bull, for whom Verstappen drove flawlessly to close out the win.

Hamilton's teammate Valtteri Bottas had started in pole position, but a poor start saw him slip back into fourth.

However, a wonderful overtaking manoeuvre around the outside of Verstappen and Raikkonen saw him move up to second place, only to retire on lap 14 with a loss of hydraulic pressure.

The British Grand Prix is the third race of F1's first 'triple-header' and with the track's high-speed nature and sweeping corners, Mercedes are expected to get back to winning ways.

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