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Rightist vandals strike

A FAR-RIGHT group has claimed responsibility for several anti-migrant and anti-separatist messages that have been sprayed on buildings in Murcia City.

The youth wing of the Partido Democracia Nacional (DNJ) posted a montage of the pictures on Twitter. A message accompanying the vandalised walls defended it as 'activism.'

'Nationalist activism in the capital of the region of Murcia. Not one step back!' the tweet read.

The slogans scrawled on the walls of the buildings included ones which said: 'Refugees not welcome,' 'Death to separatist,' 'Immigration, insecurity' and 'Separatist parties, criminal gang.'

The graffiti comes as the group recently demonstrated at spots painted in the rainbow colours to mark the LGBTQ+ Pride Day in Cartagena.

Pictures posted by the group on Twitter showed members standing next to benches, a plant pot and standing in the street brandishing a sign which read: Stop lobby LGBTI.'

A caption which accompanied the post read: 'Today we go out to the streets to shout stop lobby LGBTI! The great welcome from the residents of Cartagena is easily enough to allow this lobby to destroy the traditional family. The nationalist youth in war!'

Comments on the post included



GRAFFITI: A far-right group claimed responsibility for the messages.

one with a picture of people carrying the rainbow flag. It read: 'It takes more people to hold our flag than your pathetic gang. Greetings and much love that you need.'

The DNJ is a far right party which was founded in 1995. It takes an anti-globalisation stance and is opposed to the European Union, migration and 'international capitalism,' according to its manifesto.

It is believed to have been modelled on France's Front National Party and several political groups have previously branded it a Neo-Nazi organisation.

It won 0.01 per cent of the vote in Spain's 2011 national election and holds a handful of council seats.

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Quorn supremacy

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Baby boost

SPAIN'S new socialist government has agreed to offer free fertility treatment for lesbians and single women, restoring a benefit which had been axed by the conservative regime of former Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy.

Car wars

MADRID City Council has confirmed that most of the Spanish capital's centre will be off-limits to non-residents' vehicles from November as it ramps up plans to establish a giant 'Residential Priority Zone.'

Fire horror

A SPANISH family from Zaragoza, including two children, their mother and grandparents have died after fire ripped through a flat in Pau, southern France, with investigators probing the blaze after one of the bodies was found tied up.

Sex cult raid

Missing teen found in the Amazon

By Matt Ford

A SPANISH teenager who went missing last year ago has been rescued from a satanic sect in the Amazon rainforest.

Patricia Aguilar, 19, vanished from her home in Alicante on the Costa Blanca 18 months ago, but she has now been found in central Peru.

Investigators have also held Peruvian Felix Steven Manrique Gomez, 35, a former trainee electrician suspected of heading the Gnosis cult which kept three women as sexual slaves.

According to the victim's relatives, she was lured to the South American country by Gomez through social media.

They say he targets emotionally unstable girls promising to save them from the end of the world, urging them to leave their families as soon as they turned 18.

Referring to himself as 'Prince Gurdjeff,' he reportedly considers himself to be a messenger from God sent to Earth ahead of the planet's imminent destruction, which he announced in a series of online clips posted under false names.

He used a text-reading software to disguise his voice with a Spanish accent.

The suspect also claims he has been chosen to repopulate the world in the wake of the Apocalypse and needed to build up a harem of women.

In another ploy he offered victims cosmetic treatments, writing: "Attention tablet girls. During this year and the next I will provide natural treatments according to each case, you can grow breasts and hips up to three sizes. Free, complete discretion, the treatment is largely personal. Flat-chested girls from Latin America... Write to me if you are interested."

A source close to the case revealed he 'began screaming to be taken to a hairdresser' when charged with human



18-MONTH ORDEAL: Suspect Felix Steven Manrique Gomez (left), and Patricia Aguilar leaves the property where she was being held with her newborn baby.

trafficking at a local police station, adding: "He is a special person who takes care of his image, and he knew that this was going to go out in the media, that is why he took an interest in getting a shave and wearing dress clothes. He takes care of that, because he is still luring [women] on social media."

Patricia was found five hours after the arrest at a private property where she was looking after her one-month-old baby and four other children aged between four and 10, all fathered by Manrique and suffering from malnutrition according to detectives.

She has now been reunited with her family after her father Alberto travelled to Peru.

"It was a psychological kidnapping," he told Spanish media.

Non-profit support group SOS Desaparecidos, which has been supporting the family, revealed in a tweet her parents 'have been knocking on doors on land, sea and air to get Patricia out of the nightmare of human trafficking.'

Maite Rojas, a lawyer speaking on behalf of the association added: "They sent me a photograph of her and I could not recognise her. She

was living in deplorable conditions with the children. They only received food once a week.

"We have accessed emails where he even instructs them on how to shave intimate parts of their bodies."

Two Peruvian women reported missing by their families were also freed during the swoop.

Jose Capa, head of Peru's people trafficking unit explained Manrique was found in capital city Lima in 2017 but managed to evade capture before being traced to San Martin de Pangoa, more than 10 hours' drive away.

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Elderly man beach death

AN 80-year-old man has died after falling unconscious and going into cardiac arrest out to sea at a beach in Cartagena. Emergency services attempted to revive the man after he was pulled from the water but were unable to do so, with the man declared dead at around 9.45pm last Monday.

Drugs bust

GUARDIA CIVIL officers have raided a store which they claimed was being used as a sales point for cocaine in Cartagena. Two men aged 27 and 33 have been arrested in connection with the operation, with 200 grams of the drug in solid 'rock' form seized by police from the site.

Man held

A MAN has been arrested by National Police in Alicante City in connection with up to eight counts of breaking into vehicles and stealing from them. Officers from the Judicial Police and Central District Police Station were able to recover some items stolen in the robberies in the operation lasting several months.

Trial opens

PROSECUTORS have requested a defendant be sentenced to seven years in prison for an attempted murder in a pub should he be found guilty at a court in Elche. The man will stand trial with two others who are accused of attempting to cover up the crime, with those defendants facing two year sentences.

Wild fire

EMERGENCY SERVICES were called out to the Montgo area after a blaze broke out in woodland last Sunday afternoon. Firefighters and a plane were despatched to the Cova del Camell at around 3.50pm, with it declared under control around three hours later after spreading over around six hectares.

Turtle found

ANIMAL specialists went to visit a turtle found while trying to lay its eggs on a beach between La Zenia and Cabo Roig. The two holidaymakers from Madrid alerted Emergency Services after finding the animal, with the biologists performing an ultrasound scan on it and fitting it with a GPS tracker.



THE BIG PICTURE Nº 22

RAINBOW ROAD: A scene from the final parade in central Madrid.

Bursting with pride

IT is the biggest Pride celebration in Europe.

And the 2018 Madrid Orgullo was particularly special after an estimated two million revellers flocked to the capital to mark the 40th anniversary of the first authorised LGBT demonstration in Spain.

Organised by the Homosexual Liberation Front of

Castilla, it took place when 'homosexual acts' were still criminalised.

The 10-day festivities ended with a spectacular giant parade through the city's streets, while the opening march, this year dubbed 'Conquering equality, TRANSforming society,' was for the first time led by two government ministers.

Goods seized

GUARDIA CIVIL officers and tax officials have uncovered some millions of euros worth of counterfeit goods after they arrived in Alicante's port.

Police found boxes containing some 102,600 items including jewellery and handbags in a container which they said came from China. It was bound for a warehouse in Fuenlabrada, they added.

A 48-year-old man living in the town of Pinto in the Madrid region has

also been arrested in connection with the haul.

Officers estimated the haul was worth more than €13.3 million in lost profits for the companies whose items were counterfeited. Police were aided by workers from the firms who informed them of the shipment.

The 48-year-old, a Chinese national, has been charged with crimes against intellectual property. The suspect has been released on bail ahead of his trial.

Jump threat

POLICE in Murcia City have been called out to its cathedral after a man climbed onto the roof and threatened to throw himself off.

The man, from Romania, reportedly remained atop the building for several hours while Local and National Police officers attempted to talk him down.

He first scaled the cathedral in the early hours of last Monday morning and agreed to come down after lengthy negotiations with officers.

Police cordoned the area off and cut access to the Plaza del Cardinal Belluga while they spoke to the man. The area was reopened as normal after he agreed to come down.

The man previously threatened to throw himself into the Plaza below the Cathedral in November of last year. He claimed he had fallen victim to fraud from his lawyer. He claimed he had not yet received a compensation payout from a traffic accident.

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WATERY GRAVE: A piece of the wreckage and (inset) a US Air Force photo showing the attack on U-996.

Nazi sub found

THREE Spanish divers have found the wreckage of a German Second World War U-boat off the coast of northern Spain.

The crew blew the U996 vessel up using timed charges after it was badly damaged by Allied bombers in November 1943.

Eight of the 52 men on board died trying to reach the shore near Estaco de Bares, a peninsula in La Coruña Province, Galicia.

The desperate move came after US Navy and RAF Liberator bombers targeted the submarine for an entire day, with one plane, believed to be an RAF Caralina flying boat, shot down by its anti-aircraft gun.

One RAF Wellington bomber also joined the battle and dropped depth charges before the crew scuttled their ship.

Naval historian Yago Abilleira, who was part of the team which unearthed the wreck after years of searching, said U-966 was abandoned "in desperation, as Allied planes were attacking them on all sides and they

knew time was running out."

Its remains were found scattered over a wide rocky area at a depth of 24-26 metres, and the men are now aiming to find the Allied plane which they think lies close to the submarine.

The precise location will not be revealed since it constitutes a war grave.

Three local fishing boats reportedly saved some of the German crew after they were found clinging to offshore rocks.

The U-boat, nicknamed Gut Holz (Good Wood), was returning from a mission in North America when it came under attack on November 10, 1943 having been launched just 10 months earlier.

Commander Eckehard Wolf flew to Germany a year later under a false name, according to German website *Uboatarchive.de*.

Spain's fascist leader at the time, the dictator Francisco Franco, is also thought to have helped other members of the crew return home.

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Fight for life

Ex-BBC host punched in bar

By Matt Ford

THE family of an ex-BBC host have released a heartbreaking photo of their dad fighting for his life in hospital as they appeal for help tracing his attacker.

Comic Jimmy Carol, 63, is hooked up to a ventilator in the picture, and his son James Everall said he is on life support after being punched when trying to defend a group of women being harassed by drunks in Benidorm.

The performer from Burscough in Lancashire has a fractured skull and bleeding on the brain.

He said: "Today I arrived in Alicante and went straight to my dad's bedside in the ICU.

"Unfortunately after Friday's positive report there is no further similar update.

"My dad was not responsive to me today and quite honestly



HORROR ATTACK: Jimmy was trying to defend a group of women from drunks.

it was difficult to be with him.

"He is on life support and the machine is doing his breathing.

"He has a third CT scan on Monday to see if the bleeding and haemorrhaging reduce but due to his multiple skull fractures the medical team are unable to perform surgery yet."

James, from Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, also confirmed a £20,000 cash reward is on offer for information leading

to the attacker being held.

Friend Christine Coles said on social media 'top celebs' from TV comedy Benidorm will be among those performing at fundraising shows, adding that a crowdfunding page will be set up.

James earlier said the attacker, who hit his dad so hard he was unconscious when he hit the floor, was six feet tall and wearing a red England shirt.

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Aless is more

SHE recently retired from her long role as a Victoria's Secret angel.

But Brazilian model Alessandra Ambrosio showed she retains an envy-inducing figure after slipping into a skimpy fishnet-style bikini on an Ibiza beach.

The 37-year-old bombshell struck a series of poses atop some nearby rocks before frolicking in the waves as she enjoyed her sunshine break.



BEACH BABE:
Alessandra Ambrosio.

Photo credit Twitter

Amy-zing boat trip

SHE'S the comedy queen who has starred in a series of hit films.

But American stand-up star Amy Schumer showed she knows how to relax in style after being snapped aboard a luxury yacht in Ibiza.

And the 37-year-old was joined aboard by sitcom legend Jerry Seinfeld, 64, plus the pair's partners.



COMEDY QUEEN: Amy Schumer.

Life's a peach!

IT'S the celebrity craze of the summer. And Made In Chelsea star Lucy Watson wasted no time in sharing her peachy posterior with the world after posting a belfie while staying at the five-star Las Dunas Beach Hotel and Spa on the Costa del Sol. The 27-year-old sent temperatures soaring after the racy snap appeared online.

WISH YOU WERE REAR: Lucy Watson.



Photo credit Lucy Watson/Instagram

Kiss it better

THEY'RE famous for their extravagant live shows and outrageous costumes.

And legendary rock band KISS proved their credentials again after taking to the stage at the Rock Fest in Barcelona for their first gig of the year.

Lead singer and bassist Gene



ROCK LEGENDS:
KISS.

Simmons, 68, recently revealed plans for a three-year world tour starting next January that will stop "on all continents."

He added: "Let me put it bluntly: One day we are going to stop and do the last show. I

don't know when that is... I still look stunning in real life!

"The band's in great shape - Tommy [Thayer, guitar] and Eric [Singer, drums] are fantastic. Everybody finally seems happy with their lot in life."

IT is rumoured he could play for Juventus next season after the Italian champions submitted a €100 million bid for his services.

But Real Madrid superstar Cristiano Ronaldo's mind appeared elsewhere as he shared a saucy snack with girlfriend Georgina Rodriguez while on holiday in Greece.

The 33-year-old footballer's Portuguese team was knocked out of the World Cup last-16 by Uruguay.

But he appeared carefree after jetting to the Peloponnese peninsu-

Ron holiday



CRIS GOODBYE?
Ronaldo could be set to leave Spain.

Photo credit Georgina Rodriguez/Instagram

la before leaping aboard a helicopter and flying to a luxury resort.

And Spanish model Georgina, 22, posted a series of snaps from the trip, with the pair joined by her squeeze's eldest son Cristiano Junior, eight.

She recently gave birth to the striker's youngest child and second daughter Alana Martina, with his other three children, who also include twins Eva Maria and Mateo, believed to have been born via two surrogate mothers.



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OUR VIEW

PM safe this week?

JUST when it seemed that the British government had reached a modicum of agreement over the Brexit plans, first David Davis and then Boris Johnson decided to resign from the cabinet.

There were rumours that the influential 1922 committee of Conservative backbenchers were considering calling for a vote of no confidence in Prime Minister May but those opposing her did not find 48 MPs prepared to sign such a declaration.

At the end of the day it appears that the Tories are more interested in trying to influence the final Brexit deal from within rather than deciding to tear the minority government apart when there is still so much to do before March 2019.

Two voices which had been strident in calling for Brexit, Liam Fox and Michael Gove have kept relatively low profiles during the last week with Gove actually saying that he is 100 per cent behind Mrs May's Brexit plan (if he was talking about a football manager, you would know that they were about to be sacked).

Tellingly, the four arguably most important positions in government, Prime Minister, Chancellor, Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary are now all held by MPs who voted to Remain so to some extent it would appear that a softer exit is now possible.

Having said that, both Davis and Johnson are now likely to be more voluble about their opposition to the plans and Jacob Rees Mogg has made it clear that not only is he opposed to the plan, but thinks Boris Johnson would make an excellent Prime Minister.

As the saying goes, watch this space!

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Tattoo battle

By Joe Gerrard

THE Spanish Defence Ministry has announced it plans to change its entry rules after a woman was told she could not join due to her tattoo.

Estela Martin argued she was being discriminated against after being told a tattoo of a lotus on her foot broke army uniform regulations. The armed forces have yet to confirm if she can be allowed to reapply, she said.

Current rules require tattoos, piercings and other body modifications be covered up by men and women while in uniform.

Martin was told hers would be visible if she wore a skirt, optional for women in the army who typically wear trousers.

Military officials since announced rules will be changed so that tattoos, rings and other body modifications will not be allowed to be shown in uniforms common to men and women. The wording excludes skirts in order to resolve the issue Martin had.

Martin said she was happy



CREDIT: Estela Martin

RULE CHANGE: Estela Martin was told she could not join due to her tattoo (inset).

for other women that the rules were set to change but added the military had not contacted her to offer her a chance to reapply.

“When I saw this new measure, at first I felt happy to know that it will not happen to other women. But then I wondered ... what about me?” she said.

“If they change the rules they are acknowledging they were unfair to me but I have not had an answer from them,” she added.

Martin applied to join the

Spanish Army as a psychologist this year after leaving her job at a hospital in Madrid two years ago. She sat her civil service exam last month.

Martin was taking part in a swimming test when an examiner noticed the tattoo and told her she could not continue with the entry process. It may have been seen if she wore a skirt, he added.

She claimed men who bore tattoos in similar places to hers were not pulled out of the session.



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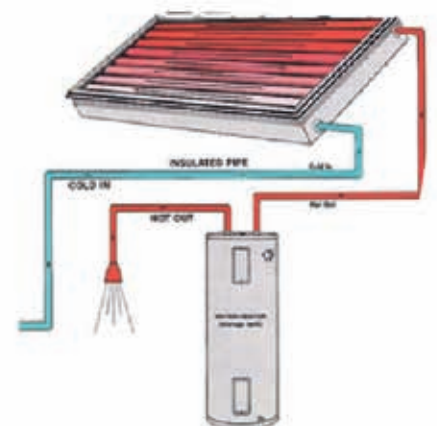
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Road ready

ALICANTE Council is completing the asphaltting project of roads and streets in the city, in order to finally address the problem of bumps and potholes, and the project includes the re-painting of signs.

Wall call

THE Association for the Conservation of Murcia's Heritage has urged the council to 'preserve effectively' the section of Arabic wall from the 12th century that is located in the basement of the Glorieta de Murcia.

Not cool

BUSINESSES in Alicante are concerned about the duration of the closure of the aquarium in the Plaza Nueva, due to the recent death of almost 20 fish after a failing in the cooling system.

Out of date

ACCORDING to data sourced by the Labour Relations Foundation, some 35 trade union agreements which affect more than 144,000 workers have expired, representing three out of four of the overall total.

Price rise

THE average price of a used car has risen by 6.4 per cent in June in Murcia, and stands at €14,766 according to data from Coches.net, a leading car trading site in Spain.

Reaching out

EIGHT high-tech Murcian companies, with the backing of the Ministry of Employment, are seeking to accelerate their global reach by offering their products and services to the United States, Israel, Uruguay and Brazil.

FLAMBOYANT matador Juan Jose Padilla has suffered another gruesome injury after being gored.

The 45-year-old from Jerez de la Frontera has only one eye after being gored in 2011.

Now he is recovering from surgery after half his scalp was torn off as he was performing in front of a packed crowd at the

Matador gets scalped

bullring in Arevalo in northern Spain.

Colleagues rushed to Padilla's aid after he had been knocked to the floor by a bull, and then attacked on the ground.

Padilla was rushed to hospital

in Avila where doctors said he had not suffered any brain damage after carrying out a CT scan.

He was then moved to Sevilla where he was put under the care of Dr Alberto Garcia-Perla, a specialist in maxilla-facial medi-

cine who has been treating the matador since he lost his eye in Zaragoza.

Medics have said Padilla was lucky to still be alive and revealed that he had remained conscious as his horrific 20cm

wound was treated with 40 stitches.

The renowned bullfighter posted on social media: "Many thanks to all the followers for their love and support.

"I have been overwhelmed by so many expressions of affection, respect and encouragement."

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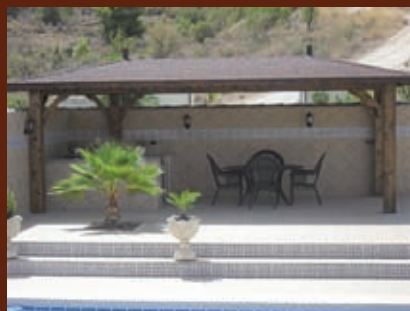
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CUFFED: One of the suspects is taken into police custody.

Family shooting horror

THE National Police have held two brothers in Getafe, Madrid who motivated by revenge, shot dead their brother-in-law while he was accompanied by their sister.

The victim was killed leaving his lawyer's office, on April 6 in the Chamberi district of Madrid, where he was in turn preparing his defence on charges of murdering his father-in-law.

According to a statement by the High command of the Madrid police force the arrests

were carried out on a property the brothers had been hiding out in during the three months of the investigation.

The brothers fired four close range shots at their sister's husband, hitting him once in the shoulder and once in the head.

They then immediately fled the scene in a stolen car which was later found torched in Pozuelo de Alarcon.

A police probe was launched soon after the crime had taken place.

The officers placed the accused under heavy surveillance and tracking protocols, where they became aware of the extreme measures the brothers took to avoid being located, which nevertheless ended with their arrests in their Getafe hide out.

The deceased had been scheduled to face trial alongside his wife and parents three days after his death over the fatal shooting of his father in law in 2015 in Arroyomolinos, Madrid.



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THE family of a schoolgirl who nearly drowned when her hair got tangled inside a hotel swimming pool filter is suing travel operator First Choice.

Darcey Morgan, who is now seven, turned blue after she became trapped underwater for two minutes while on holiday in Spain with family in April 2017.

The girl was taken to hospital from the H10 Rubicon Palace in Lanzarote, and the traumatic incident has apparently left her with psychological problems.

Mum Alex Morgan explained that seeing her daughter in such a state had been a 'nightmare,' made worse by a

First Choice sued

perceived lack of action by the hotel and tour company.

Mrs Morgan said: "The whole incident was an absolute nightmare and we truly thought at one point that we were going to lose our little girl.

"A huge amount of hair was ripped from Darcey's head, yet following what happened we never saw the hotel close the pool, turn off the feature or examine the filter at all.

"We have been hugely frustrated by the response of both

the hotel and the tour operator in relation to what happened, and just want to get some reassurances that lessons will be learned.

"No parent should face what Gareth and I went through and we hope this action will not only raise awareness of issues relating to hotel swimming pools, but also lead to clear safety improvements.

"This simply cannot be allowed to happen again."

Mrs Morgan had reportedly been told by other holiday-

makers that they had reported the problematic filter to staff.

Two days prior to Darcey's ordeal, a boy had got his swimming trunks sucked into the device and ripped apart.

Philip Banks of Irwin Mitchell solicitors commented: "This is a truly shocking case and, while Darcey survived, the incident has had a lasting impact on her and she

will likely need access to specialist support in order to put what happened behind her."

A spokesman for First Choice said at the time that it had taken 'immediate action' to resolve the issue, and had been in contact with Mrs Morgan to 'update and reassure them on the steps we have taken.'



HOLIDAY HORROR: Darcey Morgan's mum Alex said she has had a 'nightmare.'

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Tourism backlash goes on

Bus packed with holidaymakers targeted

A TOURISTIC bus came under attack on Monday, by two members of Arran, the youth movement of the radical CUP party.

The Marxist pro-Cataluña independence group was protesting overcrowding of holiday hotspots.

The activists boarded the open top bus, as it stopped outside the Olympic village, lighting green and white flares and displaying a huge sign saying: 'Stop mass tourism in the Catalan countries.'

Arran posted a picture of the demonstration on its Facebook page. The groups also warned of further protests and threatened to take their protest to other parts of Spain to show their discontent at systematic overcrowding of holiday hotspots.

Arran claims it is not against tourism but rather the 'massification' of tourism which they claim is ruining local people's lives.

Adding the uncontrolled large scale tourism ruins residential areas, prices locals out of holiday destinations and long term rental properties at the same time ruining beaches and landscapes.



MESSAGE SENT: Bus stormed by Arran.

The action in Barcelona was followed hours later by a further two members of the organisation storming a touristic bus in Valencia and displaying the same message.

Other Arran stunts include attacking a sightseeing bus filled with British holidaymakers last summer in Barcelona, near the Nou Camp and causing havoc in Palma's high end marina last August.

Two weeks ago, in a less publicised stunt Arran activists had to be cut free

after chaining themselves to a famous Gaudi sculpture in Barcelona.

Sources from Barcelona's metropolitan services (TMB) tried to down play the incident claiming no damage was caused to property, or any delays to the bus service schedule. Adding the protesters left soon after displaying their sign.

Gerardo Pisarello, first deputy of the mayor of the Barcelona City Hall, played down the incident calling it a 'symbolic initiative.'

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FROM RUSSIA WITH SHOVE: Jussi.

JUSSI, 43, on holiday from Helsinki, Finland

“Sometimes yes, sometimes no. You can’t blame everyone for the actions of a few people.

“It’s not only England either, Russians are just as bad, if not worse. I saw a documentary about English hooligans though! It was a few years ago but they would go around Europe for football matches in the Champions League and stuff, not to watch the games but to cause trouble. During the European Championships two years ago there were also a few incidents, especially between the English and the Russians.

“However, I’ve not seen or heard about any bad behaviour

STREET TALK

Are English football fans misbehaving?

Armed police officers have clashed with celebrating Three Lions supporters in Benidorm, but have holidaying revellers gone overboard during England’s World Cup run?

on the Costa, so maybe that tells you something too.”

Mark Ransom, 51, on holiday from Surrey, England

“Of course they do! I’ve certainly not heard about anything. I’m staying in Alhaurin el Grande and it’s a quiet place so there’s no reason for that sort of stuff to happen. There’s a large expat community

there and everyone gets on fine.

“I suppose for a few people, when England lose, the frustration kicks in and then it spills out in a bad way. It’s groups of young lads having had too much sunshine and beer. But they don’t represent everyone. There are lots of English out here and most are absolutely fine.”

Steven and Frida Hair, 61, on holiday from Ardrossan, Scotland

“They’re all hooligans! No, just joking. We’ve never seen any cases of it. There are lots of foreign people here and they all seem to get on well. When the English go abroad, they get targeted because of their reputation. Then the press hypes everything up too. There are a few hooligans

but they’ve got no interest in football, they just want a fight. But it’s not just England, the Russians and Dutch are just as bad, if not worse.”

Christopher and Katerina, 22 and 25, on holiday from Porvoo, Finland

“We’ve not had any bad experiences. When we watch an England game the fans are just cheering and enjoying themselves. No one is throwing anything

or fighting!

Christopher: I watched the film Green Street Hooligans and so I did have an impression of the English from that! I think there was a problem in 2016 between English and Russian fans, but I think that was more the Russians’ fault.”



FAN-TASTIC ATMOSPHERE: Mark.

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Castle project green light

ALICANTE City Hall will begin a €1.2 million restoration project for the San Fernando castle to improve accessibility, with €499,450 coming from the Valencian Community's Feder fund and a further €709,220 coming from the town hall from funds made available to them by the European Union.

The project is directed by the councillorship for project coordination and the department of historic memory, tourism and urbanism.

The town hall hope to improve access for people with reduced mobility by installing ramps and rehabilitating different key access points as well as improving transport services from the town centre to the castle.

Plans also include the restoration of the Puerta de los Leones and the round tower, along with refurbishing the in-



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RESTORATION APPROVED: San Fernando castle.

terior of the vaults to contain a performance and show area.

Local authorities also hope to increase visitors to the San Fernando castle by promoting sporting, educational and touristic events at the venue.

Alicante mayor, Luis Barcala, hopes these steps will breathe new life into the fortress which has fallen into a state of disrepair.

This week the mayor traveled to Valencia to meet with the president of the regional government for the first time.

The mayor brought to the regional president's attention further historically and culturally important areas in Alicante in urgent need of restoration such as Baluarte de la Mina and other parts of the Santa Barbara castle wall.

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- there is no need to sue the developer, before suing the bank.

If you bought a property off-plan, paid a deposit or even made stage payments, whether you received the compulsory individual bank guarantee or not, you might be interested to learn more about your rights.

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Costa crackdown



COSTA CRACKDOWN: Venues on the Calle Mallorca will be barred from dishing out free drinks.

DRINKS venues are set to halt the handing out of free drinks in the area of Benidorm known as 'Little England' as part of a wider crackdown on booze-related incidents

The City Council's decision comes as the area around the Calle Mallorca, also known as the 'guiri zone,' has seen a surge in alleged alcohol-fuelled vio-

lence in recent weeks.

Lorenzo Martinez, a local security official, said free drinks offers designed to entice people into venues would now be barred. Police also believe many of those promoting the offers were also using it as a cover to sell drugs, he added.

Martinez said bars, pubs and clubs caught breaking the ban would be slapped

with fines.

Riot police were deployed against England fans celebrating after the country beat Panama in the World Cup.

It also follows a shooting at a well-known nightclub in the area last Wednesday. Three people were left wounded including a 42-year-old British tourist in what is believed to have been a gang-related feud.

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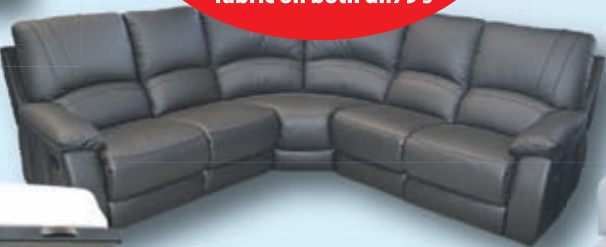


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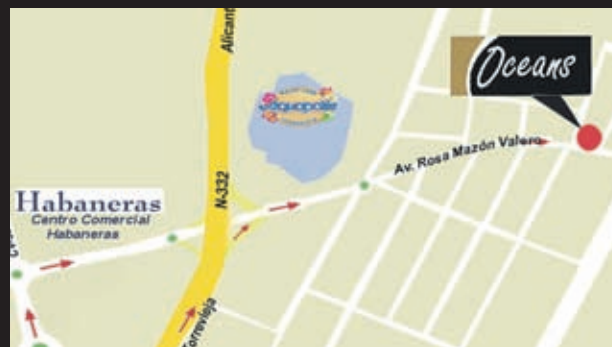
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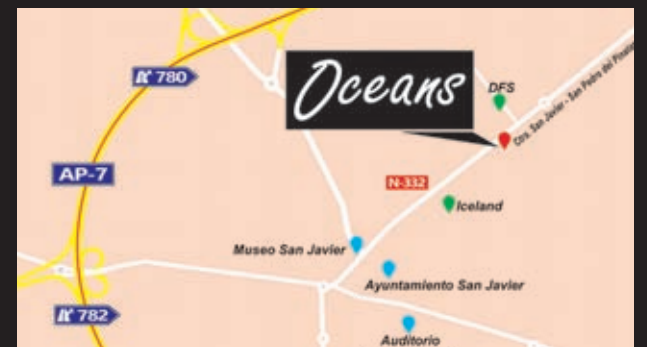
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ABLAZE: The fire burned up to five vehicles.

Vehicle fires

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to an industrial estate in Molina de Segura after multiple vehicles caught fire there.

The Emergency Services 112 line was called out just after 4am to the building, on Calle Ceuta, after they were alerted to the fire by witnesses.

The blaze had begun inside the warehouse which was filled with around 40 cars,

with the vehicles themselves then catching fire.

Eight firefighters and three fire engines were despatched to the site, including a first response vehicle and another equipped with a ladder.

Firefighters declared the blaze under control at around 4.30am, with it put out around an hour later. Up to five vehicles were gutted by the flames, emergency services said.

Airport arrest

AN Irishman has been arrested at Malaga Airport after allegedly attempting to take his children to Belfast under duress.

The Guardia Civil said officers detained the suspect before he was able to board a flight to Belfast with the six and nine-year-olds.

He had also reportedly broken a restraining order which stopped him from making contact with his ex-partner after arriving at her workplace in Mijas.

A police spokesperson said the man was



Terry Whalebone, via Flickr

HELD: The man was arrested at Malaga Airport.

travelling on an Irish passport and that he had dual nationality. The other travel documents were not issued by British authorities, he added.

'Wrong defendant' in court

MAGISTRATES at a court in Palma have shelved proceedings against a 36-year-old in court in connection with a glass bottle attack after discovering he was not the defendant.

The man, from Senegal, reportedly repeatedly denied that he was the man set to be tried that day. He was previously arrested after the

courts issued a warrant for the detaining of a suspect in connection with an alleged assault with a glass bottle in Magaluf.

The 36-year-old was released but was summoned to appear before the court again last Friday. He continued to insist he was not the defendant and so Judicial Police compared his finger-

prints with that of the suspect.

Officers found the 36-year-old shared the same name and nationality as the suspect but the prints showed he was not the suspect.

The man was freed and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of the suspect who is nine years older than the 36-year-old.

NEWS EXTRA

Five-year itch

TORREVIEJA Council allocated €488,332 to eradicating mosquitoes, especially in areas adjoining the salt lakes. This service has been provided without contract for the last 12 months as the five-year concession has yet to be tendered.

List bliss

COMPLAINTS from patients waiting for operations or outpatients' appointments at Elche General Hospital fell by 20 per cent last year although there were more protests regarding inadequate coordination between departments and inconveniently-located surgeries.

Summed up

JUST 160 paid-up Partido Popular members voted in Torrevieja in the first round of the recent primaries to choose the next party leader, although the local PP claimed to have at least 4,000 card-carriers.

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Obama and King tour gallery



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MEETING: Obama met with Felipe in Madrid.

BARACK OBAMA, the former President of the United States, has met with Spain's monarch King Felipe in Madrid for a tour around the Reina Sofia art gallery.

Pictures released by the royal family's Twitter account showed the ex and current heads of state taking in works including Pablo Picasso's Guernica and several by Salvador Dali.

King Felipe presented Obama with a book about the painting, regarded by some as one of the great paintings of the 20th century, as a token of friendship.

Royal sources said the book included a dedication which read in English: 'For President Obama, as a testimony of my friendship and affection and in memory of our visit together to the 'Guerinica,' an eternal icon

of the most universal art.'

The visit follows a speech made by the former President at the Summit of Technological Innovation and Circular Economy held in Madrid last Friday.

It also comes as King Felipe travelled with Queen Letizia to the United States last month. Their trip culminated in a meeting with President Donald Trump in Washington DC.





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By Sam Kelly, Managing Partner, Chorus Financial.



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I'm sure you'll all be aware by now that I'm not exactly shy in my beliefs that Chorus offer the best investment management service here in Spain! Rather than me just saying it, I'm sure you'd all be interested to know how we do it?

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Sex and the city



MORNING-AFTER PILL: Should be for emergency use only.

TWO in every 10 students at Miguel Hernandez University in Elche have taken the morning-after pill in the last year.

The results of a survey carried out amongst first-year students aged between 17 and 19 were 'worrying' said Maria Teresa Perez Vazquez, vice-rector of the university's Nutrition and Health department.

The morning-after pill was intended for use in an emer-

gency, and not as a contraceptive, she stated.

It was equally worrying that the same proportion of girls admitted that they did not insist that their partners used condoms, Perez Vazquez said.

The same study found that 25 per cent of students - the majority of them males - have had sexual relations with more than four people throughout their adolescence.

The survey's findings underlined the need for sex education in young people, Perez Vazquez said, and the importance of emphasising the need for condoms.

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Reverse turn

BACK-TRACKING on an earlier pledge to provide more parking for La Marina beaches, Elche City Hall explained to disappointed residents that the plot of privately-owned land that it had earmarked is not zoned for development.

Fly swatting

TORREVIEJA Council will spend €488,000 over the next four years on eradicating mosquitoes, particularly in the areas adjoining the salt lakes, as well as vermin and insects throughout the town.

No pool

A GROUP of local residents in El Altet showed their increasing anger at the delay in opening the municipal pool by staging a sit-in protest next to the facility that should've opened some days earlier.

It's official

CALLOSA DE SEGURA'S famous and traditional Moors and Christians festivities have been officially declared a Valencian Community Local Tourist attraction. The accolade has been awarded by the Ministry of Tourism for its continued popularity with visitors.

PM Catalan meeting

Sanchez and Torres aim to achieve 'normalcy' at talks

By Joe Gerrard

SPAIN'S Prime Minister has received the President of Cataluña in Madrid for talks which aim to restore normal relations between authorities following the recent push for the region's independence.

Pedro Sanchez and Quim Torra were photographed standing outside the Prime Minister's official resident of La Moncloa smiling and shaking hands for a photo call last Monday.

Torra said on Twitter ahead of the visit he wanted to explain to the Prime Minister the 'very serious' situation he claimed the Spanish state had created in Cataluña.

His ambition was to try to reach a solution with Sanchez as the region continues to be embroiled in the fallout from last year's independence referendum and declaration.

Sanchez wrote on the social media site in Catalan and Spanish: "A political crisis requires a political solution. This meeting is a constructive starting point for the normalisation of relations."

He added the two leaders had decided to take steps towards returning Cataluña and Spain to 'normalcy' along the lines of cooperation and understanding.

Torra, a member of the pro-independence Junts per Cataluña party, also reportedly wanted to continue advancing the cause of the region's self-determination.

Spanish government officials spent the weekend before the meeting playing down the topic as a subject for discussion in interviews and ruling out a second, legally-sanctioned referendum on self-rule.



CREDIT: Pedro Sanchez, via Twitter

TALKS: Sanchez (right) and Torra (left) swapped books at the meeting.

Sanchez floated at the meeting lifting the blocking of financial transfers and investment into the region, according to reports in Spanish media.

The Catalan President took questions from reporters after the meeting. Torra said he told Sanchez he regarded former pro-independence politicians currently being held or having fled abroad in connection with the independence push 'political prisoners.'

"We must put an end to the police and judicial offence against the independence movement and the persecution of people for their ideas," he said.

Carmen Calvo, Spain's Deputy Prime Minister, said Spain was a "single state" and there were no options for self-rule under its Constitution.

"Sovereignty falls on all inhabitants but recognising the diversity of the regions. Self-determination does not exist because Cataluña was part of the great pact that is the Spanish Constitution," she said.

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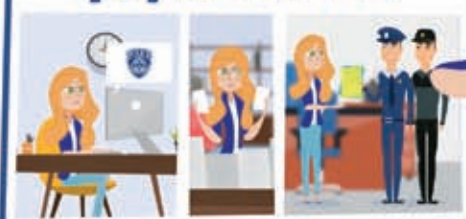
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nandez University Scientific Park (UMH) in Elche, they have produced a stick that warns blind users of the presence - and the dangers - of obstacles. These include tree branches and shop awnings that would

normally be ducked-under by sighted persons.

The equipment, known as 'Egara', works by connecting it to a bracelet that alerts, through vibrations, if there are potential problems ahead ... and overhead.

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Credit: Policia Local Cartagena

UNAWARE: Fisherman owner didn't know of hidden goods.

Van leads police to fishy find

LOCAL POLICE operating in Cartagena have confiscated a significant number of allegedly fake goods.

Around 223 products made up of mainly clothes and slippers were discovered hidden among fishing gear in a storeroom located in Cabo de Palos.

Thanks to collaboration with members of the Cabo de Palos fishermen's association, it was possible to find the owner of the storeroom. He was well-known to his colleagues and voluntarily allowed access inside, and it was at this point they found the packages hidden under fishing nets.

The owner of the warehouse, according to a report in the Spanish media, apparently had no knowledge that these products were inside.

NEWS EXTRA

VBT time

THE Vega Baja has organised, for the first time, a 'New Talent' show that is offering prizes up to €300. The competition begins next Wednesday and runs through to a grand final on October 13.

Tower trips

THIS year's Orihuela tourist routes will include the Torre de Cabo Roig. The two dates are tomorrow (Friday) and August 10 at 8pm, and will explain the history of the tower in a fun and entertaining style.

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Good lessons

ORIHUELA City Council has launched the 'Manual of Good Practices on the Beach' with the aim of educating young children how they should behave when they visit the local beaches; and tips for how to deal with jellyfish.

Tragic helper

A MAN has died in Elche after being hit by a lorry on the A-70 motorway. He was helping the driver of a heavy goods vehicle on the hard shoulder after he'd lost a wheel and pulled over.

Popular job

MURCIA is among the 16 Guardia Civil headquarters which has seen a total of 30,000 people across Spain apply to be one of their officers. Almost 21 per cent are women and the average age is between 27 and 30.



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BUSY: La Marina beach is close to dunes and nearby pine forest.

Beach parking nightmares continue

ELCHE City Council has put a block on the opening of a planned new parking area on the beach of La Marina.

This decision means that for another summer at least, the area will suffer from an influx of vehicles of all shapes and sizes that park in both official - and official - spaces.

The area of La Marina beach has been a parking nightmare for a number of years, and the decision by the City Council is all the more frustrating as land had been made ready so it could begin to be used this week.

According to a report in the Spanish press, Councilor Hector Diez, with responsible for traffic and highways, said that the plot of land in question is "not developable" and thus current town planning legislation prevents a car park being opened on it, even on a provisional basis.

The ever-present problem in the area of La Marina beach is the close proximity of the sand dunes and the pine forest, which makes urban development unfeasible.

Cross controversy put to rest

CALLOSA Town Hall did not act illegally by removing the Cruz de Los Caidos, an Elche court has ruled.

The Cross, raised by the Franco regime in memory of 81 members of the Falange who were killed during the 1936-1939 Civil War, was removed in the early hours of the morning last January to avoid protests from some residents.

The town hall had wanted to remove the Cross since 2016 in accordance with the Historic Memory law which requires the removal of all signs and symbols linked to the dictatorship.

It met with such strong opposition, principally from elderly residents, that although the courts had found in the town hall's favour on several occasions, the Cross remained in Callosa's Plaza de España until last January.

The Plataforma de la Cruz de Callosa association took legal action against the town hall, but the association's appeal was thrown out by the court which said the removal was "correct and justified."

The platform will now have to pay €1,000 costs.

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VEGA BAJA: 'Has so much to contribute.'

RESPECTED director Pilar Perez Solana recently finished filming in the Vega Baja.

Perez Solana won a Goya - Spain's Oscar equivalent - for Las maestras de la Republica (Teachers in the Republic) and her latest documentary on the Costa Blanca's southernmost area is a bid to build bridges, she explained.

"Geographically the Vega Baja is a long way from Valencia and it's essential to

improve relations between both areas," she said.

The documentary, which has the backing of the Generalitat, features the area's history as well as its tangible and intangible cultural patrimony.

"It explains the area to a wider public, revealing the values that have turned the Vega Baja into a place with its own culture that has so much to contribute to the Valencian Community, Perez Solana said.

The distance separating the Vega Baja from Valencia and its situation on Alicante Province's boundary with Murcia give the area its distinctive character and 'occasional' identity problem, according to the director.

"Catalan was spoken since Jaume II's Reconquest until the 18th century but language has become a matter of political confrontation and not a heritage that should be recovered," she insisted.

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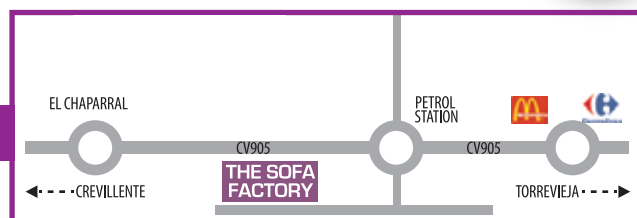
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Q and A session with the mayor

TORREVIEJA'S mayor Jose Manuel Dolon recently spent an hour-and-a-half with representatives from the British community, discussing their concerns.

All live in southern Torrevieja and they raised questions relating to infrastructure and the public services on the urbanisations where they live. They particularly wanted answers on topics ranging from their areas' green spaces and street cleaning to the state of roads, street lighting and signposting as well as information regarding the lack of town hall staff.

The mayor, who was accompanied by the director of the International Residents Office (OARI) Carlos Gonzalez, attempted to answer all the residents' queries and requests, making a note of them in order to refer them to the town hall departments involved.

Dolon also gave details of



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QUESTIONS RAISED: Jose Manuel Dolon with British residents.

Torrevieja's 2018 Budget and the consequences of having to survive financially by extending the 2015 finance plan.

This was "totally insufficient" and the town hall was limited by an adjustment plan that made efficient management of municipal services "practically impossible," Dolon

told the British residents.

Unaware of the corruption accusations linked to other issues including Acuamed's halted Poniente Dyke and other projects like the Acequion Beach promenade and the Los Naufragos pedestrian route Dolon also explained why these had been halted.











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HARBOUR LIGHTHOUSE: New attraction for summer swimmers.

Doing it the hard way

TORREVIEJA police have stepped in to stop young people from jumping into the sea from the lighthouse on the harbour wall.

Around 30 young people gather there to swim each day, tombstoning from a height of several metres in a dangerous area near the desalination plant with hundreds of pleasure craft, launches and jetskis constantly entering and leaving the port.

The Local Police's maritime unit patrol the area in a Zodiac each day, clearing the lighthouse breakwater and reminding bathers that they have to leave the area.

This is a restricted industrial zone used by the salt processing company and there is no public access owing to unfinished infrastructure where work was halted three years ago.

Nor is it easy to access this point south of the quay in the San Roque neighbourhood, which makes it all the more attractive at this time of the year when the Torrevieja beaches are crowded.

To get to the lighthouse it is necessary to walk along 700 metres of an unfinished promenade on the harbour arm and cross the salt-loading area which includes a conveyor belt which presents another hazard when it is operating.

While tombstoning is perilous, there is an added danger posed by the powerful underwater pumps that transfer thousands of cubic metres of seawater to the desalination plant each day. Although this zone is marked out by buoys this, too, is ignored by the young swimmers.



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Local growers in the fertiliser

THE regional government's Agriculture department has updated its list of zones where aquifers are vulnerable to nitrate fertilisers.

The revised document includes all the Vega Baja's 27 municipalities where use of nitrates will now be subject to stricter control.

Depending on the concentration used, the fertilisers could pollute the Vega Baja's subterranean water resources which are already over-used and at risk of salinisation.

In zones like the Vega Baja where fruit and vegetables are intensively grown, especially on land that uses water from the Tajo-Segura pipeline, 'enormous' quantities of nitrates are currently used for artichokes and citrus fruit cultivation.



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CITRUS FRUIT: Intensively grown in the Vega Baja.

improve quality and increase production. But once more fertiliser is used than the plants or trees can absorb, this filters through the soil and reaches the aquifers and wells.

All Vega Baja municipalities must now observe the regulations regarding the periods when certain types of nitrates may not be used.

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SAFE: Summer information brochure launched.

Summer season sense

DON'T swim at night; don't drink alcohol on the beach and keep watch on your children.

They are three of the recommendations included in a brochure aimed at keeping holidaymakers safe and enabling them to enjoy their time on Cartagena's beaches this summer season.

According to a report in the Spanish media, around 4,000 brochures have been produced as part of the major information and prevention campaign. Not only does it

cover the usual, but nevertheless important advice when on the beach, it also explains the dangers of the Portuguese Man-of-War jellyfish that have blighted some of the coast this year, and how to deal with any resultant stings.

They also contain reminders on ensuring non-swimmers use a lifejacket or a buoyancy aid at all times, to always follow the instructions of the lifeguards on duty, and to respect the colours of the flags that indicate how safe the water is.

Beach rescue

A 79-YEAR-OLD woman was taken to hospital after being pulled from the sea at a beach in the San Javier area.

Emergency services were called to the Barnuevo beach, in Santiago de la Ribera, at around 11.50am last Monday.

They were told the woman had been seen experiencing difficulties in

the water.

First aid personnel were able to pull her out of the water, with emergency services saying she is believed to have almost drowned.

An ambulance was called out to the beach and the woman was taken to Los Arcos General University Hospital in the Mar Menor area for further treatment.

All changing in Santa Pola

BEACHGOERS in Santa Pola will experience a new look set of changing rooms and public toilets on the Playa Varadero and Playa Levante.

The old buildings have been given a complete makeover and are now fully accessible for everyone.

The interiors have been renovated to allow for separate ladies and gentlemen's toilets and three changing rooms... one of which has hot and cold shower facilities.

In addition, the lifeguards' post in Playa Levante has been upgraded to include a dedicated area to attend members of the public, a private restroom for the staff, and a storeroom to house the rescue boat and other equipment.

As soon as the budgets have been approved, facilities on Playa Lisa, Playa Tamarit and Calas del Este will be similarly reformed.

Whale of a time

WHALES have been spotted passing the Alicante and Murcia regions as they made their way south through the Mediterranean on migration.

Coastguards saw the fin whales as they swam through the protected waters of the Cabo de Palos area. It is believed they could be seen from the coasts of Murcia at some point this week, according to reports.

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No room for surfing

LOCAL by-laws passed by Orihuela City Council prohibit people from surfing along the entire coastline. Anyone caught breaking the law could potentially face a fine... and the decision has incurred the wrath of surfers who have already set up a petition that allows them to continue with their chosen sport.

The sport of surfing has gained popularity in Spain, but there is nowhere off the coast of Orihuela where it can be practised. The argument put forward by the City Council is there is not enough space that can be set aside that doesn't present a danger to swimmers.

However, this is acknowledged by Luis Tomas, a member of La Zenia Surf, who are looking to arrange a meeting with the Orihuela Council. "We don't want to be in the same area as swimmers because we're fully aware that the swell can affect our movements and pose a danger." All they're looking for

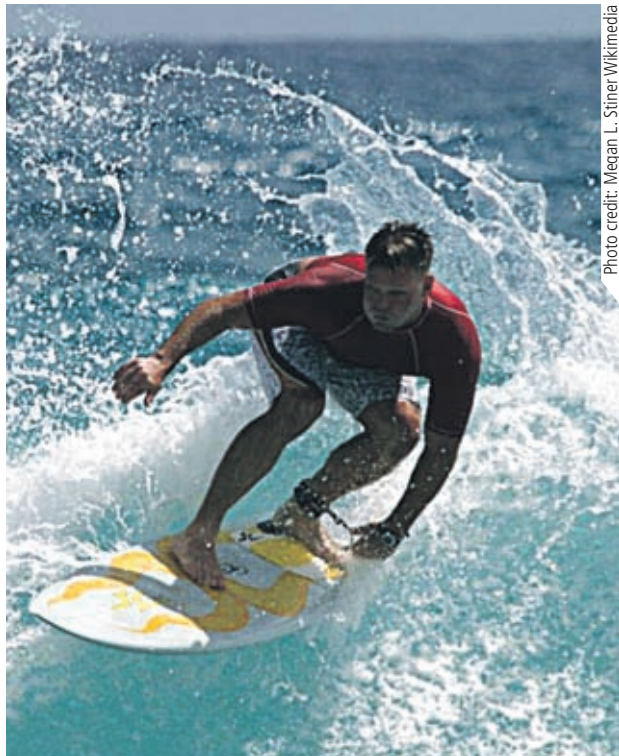


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DANGER: Many bathers accept the requirements of surfers.

is an area that they can use... and one that isn't suitable for swimming. The suggestion is Cala Cerrada, where a large group of surfers gathered to collect signatures, even from

bathers who understand the need for a separate zone.

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Doggone it, mutts are in the swim

THERE was a standoff recently between dog owners and non-dog owning swimmers at Torrevieja's dog beaches.

Keeping one of its 2015 election promises, the town hall announced in April that

the beaches would be ready in June and sections of Punta Margalla and Cala del Moro would have dogs-allowed beaches.

These had not yet appeared at the time of the confrontation but there was

enough advance publicity from the town hall and the social media to encourage dog owners to take the plunge with their pets.

Habitual users of both beaches reluctant to share them with non-humans called the Local Police, demanding that they evicted the dogs from the sand and the water.

Since there were no dogs-allowed signs, the officers had no choice but to clear

the beaches of canines.

Originally, and backed by all parties on the local council, the town hall intended to hold a popular vote on the issue but for legal and census reasons this must wait until the May 2019 local elections.

Meanwhile, as a provisional measure the town hall announced that dogs would be allowed at Punta Margalla and Cala del Moro and just days ago put up signs

and installed special litter bins.

When these disappeared overnight, dog-owners blamed a group of perennial summer residents who announced that they would apply pressure to reverse the measure.

Undeterred, Beaches councillor Javier Manzanares declared that experience showed that opposition to dogs-allowed beaches in other municipalities 'invariably disappeared with time.'

NEWS EXTRA

Poison action

PILAR DE LA HORADADA Town Council has introduced fines up to €30,000 for anyone found to have poisoned animals. This follows an increase in the number of cases against dogs and cats.

Red light

TWO elderly people have been knocked down at a zebra crossing in La Manga. The driver, who tested positive for alcohol after the accident, insisted that the pedestrians were crossing when their red light was showing.

Electric shock

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SPECTACULAR: Elche's August fiestas feature the famous fireworks.

Extra days partying

ELCHE City Council has granted permission to extend the number of permitted days to install bars in the streets during the August fiestas.

However, the concession for a total of four days - one more than last year - comes with the proviso and understanding that the noise levels must be monitored and controlled.

Locals and visitors alike will be able to take part in the nightlife over the weekend of August 11 and 12, in addition to the two traditionally busier days of August 13 and 14 that include the iconic Nit de l'Alba firework spectacular.

Part of the new requirements announced by Councillor Carlos Sanchez will see venues wishing to play music to present a noise report before the fiestas start. They will then be granted a certificate, endorsed by an engineer that their equipment will be complete with a decibel level monitor and it's in fully working order.

The new orders have already been passed on to the bar and venue owners and it's not been received with the best of grace. However, they've accepted they need to comply with the guidelines in order to alleviate complaints from residents.

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AWARENESS: Fanny Serrano (centre) announces the initiative.

The sound of recycling glass

MORE than 300 businesses based in Torrevieja, especially those involved in the tourism industry, have agreed to be part of the City Council's initiatives on glass recycling.

The measures, announced by Councillor Fanny Serrano under the campaign of 'Take note - recycle glass,' will be managed by the non-profit organisation Ecovidrio.

They will now be making more than 1,000 visits to venues such as bars, restaurants and hotels to make them aware of recycling and to discuss where new containers could be installed to encourage better recycling habits.

According to the Spanish media, Councillor Serrano said that she has "complained bitterly" about the lack of recycling

bins for plastic within the municipality. "I have the promise that 500 containers will arrive shortly from Ecoembes, but whilst we wait it's difficult for Torrevieja to increase its recycling figures."

She acknowledged there is an existing imbalance between the numbers of containers for glass (699) and those for the collection of plastic (159).

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NEWS EXTRA**Beach speedo**

SANTA POLA'S Guardia Civil has arrested a 30-year-old man suspected of carrying out a number of break-ins on cars parked on the El Pinet and La Marina beaches. He was caught two days later after speeding away from the scene.

Fast sentence

A PROVINCIAL COURT in Alicante has confirmed a two-year sentence on Javier Martinez who was accused of organising a number of illegal car races across Spain which date back to the year 2012... that included Elche.

Biting back

TORREVIEJA City Council has announced that they are about to spend €488,000 over five years on a service to wipe out mosquitoes. They are particularly prevalent close to the municipality's lakes, especially after rainfall.

Profanations under investigation



CREDIT: Seneca Foundation

DESECRATION: Of the cemetery in Cox.

THE Guardia Civil's criminal investigation unit, the Judicial Police, are investigating the profanation of three tombs in Cox.

A cemetery employee first alerted Local Police when he found early one morning the doors to three vaults had been forced open.

Three coffins had been moved and one was outside the vault but although all had been opened, their contents did not appear to have been disturbed.

One belonged to a Cox woman who had died a month earlier and another to her daughter who was

buried five years ago.

The third tomb belonged to another resident who also died five years ago but was not related to the others.

Initial investigations suggested several people had climbed the cemetery wall early morning, wearing gloves to avoid detection.

They moved vases of flowers and marble grave-stones had been carefully removed, sources revealed.

Their motives are less clear although the same sources did not rule out that the profanations were either sheer vandalism or had been prompted by a bet.

Fruit reserved for home market

MELONS from the Carrizales agricultural park will only be sent to markets which are near to the Campo de Elche.

Lack of irrigation water prevented growers from increasing production in order to reach a wider market and the expected 400,000-kilo harvest will be similar to 2017's.

Carrizales melons sold well in Madrid last summer but growers decided that this year they will go no further than Murcia, Valencia and Albacete. Their priority is to supply their traditional markets where, owing to the melons' excellent quality, they are offered as a gourmet product.

The first melons have now been collected, following a season that began uncertainly as growers did not know if they would have enough water for their crops when the planting season arrived.

They have also had to cope with rabbits, which continue to plague Campo de Elche growers by feasting on young shoots.

They decided last autumn to sow the same amount as the previous year and to group their crops together so they could make the most of their irrigation water.

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Quironsalud Foundation breaks new ground

QUIRONSALUD Valencia and Torrevieja Hospitals, Quironsalud Dexeus Murcia Assisted Reproduction Institute and the Quironsalud Foundation have launched a free-of-charge support programme for fertility preservation of cancer patients - aimed at those patients who undergo cancer treatment - until the yearly quota of the Quironsalud Foundation is complete.

The programme has been promoted by these hospitals as certain types of cancer are appearing at an ever-increasing early age, and the chances of cure and remission of the disease is improved thanks to the advanced treatments applied.

The aim of this initiative is to offer the latest advances in reproductive medicine to cancer patients, especially with regards to cryobiology of ovarian tissue, gametes and embryos for fertility preservation, to ensure patients have a chance to be mothers and fathers after their recovery.

How do cancer treatments affect fertility?

Although modern cancer treatments cause fewer side effects to the patients, chemotherapy and radiation therapy can still affect fertility. Surgical treatment of the reproductive organs can also affect fertility either fully or partly.

The most common causes of fertility problems in men who overcome cancer are chemotherapy and radiation therapy,

Attaining parenthood after cancer is possible thanks to the fertility programme jointly launched by the Quironsalud Foundation, Quironsalud Valencia and Torrevieja hospitals and Quironsalud Dexeus Murcia Assisted Reproduction Institute.



CANCER CARE: Quironsalud Torrevieja.

both treatments produce damage to the semen. In the case of women, their fertility can also be affected by any treatment that damages immature egg cells, puts the hormonal balance of the body

out of order or damages the reproductive organs.

What preservation techniques does the programme offer?

The free-of-charge fertility preserva-

tion programme for cancer patients at Quironsalud consists of a vitrification treatment, in the case of women, thanks to which their egg cells are preserved at very low temperature but without freez-

ing thanks to an extreme elevation of viscosity during cooling performed at high speed. These oocytes are protected and submerged in liquid nitrogen to ensure their proper preservation. In the case of men, the hospital offers the freezing of semen samples to preserve in liquid nitrogen (-196°C) so that they can be stored with no time limit under optimal conditions.

How to opt for the preservation programme?

The cancer patients who wish to preserve their gametes should inform their specialist prior to their treatment, who shall refer them on a priority basis to Quironsalud Valencia and Quironsalud Dexeus Murcia Assisted Reproduction Institute, where they will be attended within 48 hours. There they will be briefed about the following steps to be taken for fertility preservation, as well as on the assisted reproduction techniques to be performed after cancer treatment.

The fertility preservation treatment will be carried out free-of-charge by Quironsalud hospitals at Quironsalud Valencia and Quironsalud Dexeus Murcia, including the cost of maintenance of the preserved gametes for five years, and its funding shall be borne by the Quironsalud Foundation. Once the cancer treatment has finished and sufficient time has passed by as required by medical criteria, the patients may undergo assisted reproduction treatment.

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SWEDEN



Royal snap

PRINCESS MADELEINE of Sweden has posted a picture of her with her third child Princess Adrienne to mark the child turning four months old, with the baby royal the younger sister to Princess Leonore and Prince Nicolas.

Drought claim

A BODY representing farmers has joined Swedish government officials in warning that drought could strike the country if a lack of rainfall continues, with the Agriculture Council's chairman adding crop yields could also fall.

'Hero' dog

A POLICE dog in Sweden has been called a hero after helping to find an elderly man who went missing in a Dalarna forest, with Sacko and the officers called out after the walker's wife raised the alarm.

Man arrested

A 30-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in connection with the death of three people aged 15, 22 and 31 in Vivalla, with the suspect's lawyer and prosecutors refusing to comment further on his detaining.



NEW ARRIVAL: Princess Adrienne is four months old this month.

GERMANY



Court call

LAWMAKERS at the Bundestag in Berlin have adopted a motion calling for more support to be given to the International Criminal Court, with the resolution urging the German government to encourage more countries to sign up to its jurisdiction.

withdraw some €300 million from German banks to transfer back to the country amidst worries Tehran could face a shortfall of cash after the United States reinstates sanctions.

members to increase defence funds ahead of this week's NATO summit in Brussels.

Iran money

AUTHORITIES are considering whether to allow a request from Iran to

Defence cash

GERMANY and France have agreed to raise their military spending in the wake of pressure from United States President Donald Trump's call for NATO

China trip

LI KEQIANG, the Premier of China, arrived in Berlin on Sunday for a fifth round of talks between his country and Germany which will see officials make joint plans on a number of issues for the next four to five years.

NETHERLANDS



Several held

SIX men have been arrested in connection with a shooting which took place in Enschede last Sunday, with a car fired upon during the incident and the driver unharmed as police continue to probe the attack.

App warning

DEFENCE MINISTRY officials temporarily banned service personnel from using sports and fitness smart phone apps amidst fears sensitive information could be leaked after military deployments in Iraq were published based on app data.

Walk out

POLICE officers, hospital staff and airport security staff went on strike across the Netherlands last Monday, with the workers having walked out in a bid to strike a better collective work agreement with employers.

Obama visit

FORMER US President Barack Obama is set to come to the Netherlands in September for a 'Former Thinking Leadership' summit organised by DenkProductions and AFAS Software, with the ex-head of state set to take audience questions.

DENMARK



Stage fall

A SINGER with the British band Gorillaz was taken to hospital after falling off the stage at the Roskilde's music festival, with Del the Funky Homosapien saying he is 'alright' but will remain under observation.

Link floated

AUTHORITIES in Denmark and Sweden are reportedly considering creating a link between Helsingor and Helsingborg, with the road, railway or combined line spanning the 6.7 kilometres between the cities estimated to cost around €2.3m.

Trade data

THE amount of goods exported by firms in Denmark rose by 2.5 per cent at the same time as imports climbed by 3.3 per cent in May, resulting in a lower trade surplus than the previous month.

Bank scandal

A MAJOR Danish bank has been accused of laundering more than €7 billion through an Estonian subsidiary, with a Danske compliance spokesperson saying it was 'too soon' to draw conclusions about the extent of the allegations.

NORWAY



Man hurt

A MOTORCYCLE rider was taken to hospital after being involved in a crash with two cars in the Stathelle area last Sunday, with the rider taken to hospital and one of the vehicle drivers treated in an emergency room.

Ban lifted

CHINESE health officials have lifted a long-standing ban on the importing of salmon from Norway and two other countries, with the Norwegian Fisheries Minister Per Sandberg welcoming the move as good for the fishing industry.

Knife death

A 27-YEAR-OLD woman has died in hospital after being stabbed outside a cafe in Oslo last weekend, with the 51-year-old father of her children having been charged in connection with the death.

Crash stats

A TOTAL of 12 people have been killed in leisure boat-related accidents so far this year according to Norway's Maritime Directorate, with the figure down by two compared to the same period in 2017.

FRANCE



Plane crash

OFFICIALS from France's aviation authority investigating the crash of an EgyptAir flight in 2016 have claimed the aircraft was most likely downed after a cockpit fire leading to the deaths of some 66 people, including 15 French citizens.

Plan delayed

PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron has postponed the presentation of an 'Anti-Poverty Plan' due to be delivered this week after France made it to the World Cup semi-finals, with the country's Health Minister saying they could now be unveiled in September.

Party probe

SEVERAL suspects have been indicted by courts in France in connection with an investigation into the Front National putting people on the payroll of its European Parliament operation amidst allegations that the far right party created 'fictitious' jobs.

Remarks leak

THE outgoing French ambassador to Hungary's leaked comments praising the country's leader Viktor Orban have resulted in President Emmanuel Macron having to rebuke the remarks due to his ongoing criticism of the country's migration policy.

BELGIUM



Trump march

PROTESTORS took to the streets of Brussels to demonstrate against the arrival of United States President Donald Trump in the country for a NATO meeting last weekend, with placards waved stating the head of state was 'not welcome' in Belgium.

Job figures

THE number of job vacancies in Belgium has risen by 176,000 since 2014 according to data from the country's National Social Security Office (ONSS), with a third of those created in firms in receipt of state funding.

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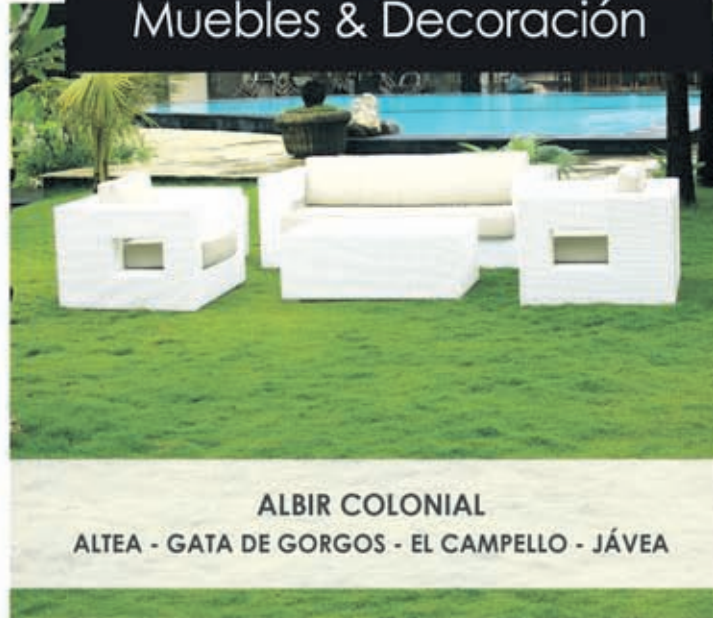
JAPAN'S Prime Minister has cancelled a visit to Belgium scheduled for yesterday (Wednesday) after flash floods struck the west of his country, with Shinzo Abe due to sign an economic pact with the European Union in Brussels during the trip.

Rail strike

SEVERAL train routes were halted across Belgium from last Tuesday after workers at the SNCB rail company staged a union-backed walkout for 48 hours, with 10 intercity lines going to the coast disrupted.

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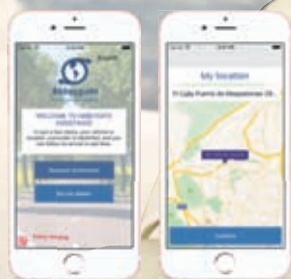
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NO PLANS: Javid spoke in wake of the police poisoning probe in the Salisbury area.

Javid: sanctions not on the table

BRITAIN'S Home Secretary has said Whitehall has "no current plans" to slap more sanctions on Russia in the wake of two people being poisoned in Amesbury. Sajid Javid's comments come as Dawn Sturgess died in hospital and as Charlie Rowley was in critical condition after the couple were exposed to the Novichok nerve agent. Russia denied any involvement.

Sanctions broadened

THE European Union has extended sanctions passed after Russia annexed the Crimean peninsula in 2014. The bloc has prolonged measures restricting economic activity benefiting defence, financial and energy sectors until 2019 and extended a ban on EU companies investing in Crimea.

Veterans' Syria call

FORMER soldiers have said the government in Moscow should come clean about deploying private contractors to fight in Syria. Several ex-senior officers jointly signed a letter claiming Rus-

sia had not provided social, medical or financial support to them, with the Kremlin denying the existence of the operation.

Retirement changes

AROUND 90 per cent of Russians said they opposed government plans to raise the country's retirement age, according to a survey. The Levada poll follows proposals made by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev to raise the age to above the life expectancy of some people in the country. Those against claim the Kremlin is using the World Cup as cover for the plans.

Stereotypes 'broken'

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has said Russia's hosting of the World Cup has dispelled stereotypes about the country. Putin added: "People have seen Russia is a hospitable country, a friendly one for those who visit." His comments follow the country's football team losing to Croatia in the tournament's quarter final.

Fan questions

A SEARCH ENGINE has collected and published the most commonly asked questions on its platform by Russians about foreign football fans during the World Cup. Yandex said people from the country wondered why there were so few English, French and Polish fans and that the lyrics of their chants were queried.

SEARCHED: Russians asked where French fans were.



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'Baccy sales are on a roll

SALES of rolling tobacco in Spain have increased by 91 per cent since 2004.

Around 15.4 per cent of the nation's smokers now prefer to roll their own cigarettes, compared to just 1.4 per cent 14 years ago, according to a new study from the World Health Organisation.

And the report found that the main reason for the swing is the lower price of loose tobacco compared with pre-rolled cigarettes, with self-rollers less likely to quit smoking "because they think they are less harmful and more natural."

TSB blunder sparks squabble

AN IT meltdown which left hundreds of thousands of TSB customers unable to access their personal accounts has reportedly left owner Sabadell considering whether to offload the UK-based bank.

The row erupted over the role of Sabadell's in-house IT provider Sabis in the slip-up, leading TSB chief executive Peter Pester vowing to "insource" in a letter to MPs.

He added that Sabadell's "written attestations" over its new IT platform were "instrumental" in his

by *Matt Ford*

company's decision to migrate customer data.

TSB chairman Richard Meddings recently told the Treasury Select Committee that only 29 per cent of complaints received in nine weeks since the botched upgrade took place had been resolved.

And an unnamed senior figure added that TSB has paid €2.25 million to customers for the inconvenience and a further €13.5 million to those defrauded in the wake of the blunder.

Sabadell paid around €1.6 billion to acquire TSB in 2015 in what was seen as a key move for the group to reduce reliance on the Spanish market.

TSB said in a statement: "Our absolute focus is on fixing the remaining issues, and we are working together with Sabadell to achieve this. We have made a firm commitment that no customer will be left out of pocket as a result of the recent IT issues and no complaint will go unanswered. We are working hard to do this as quickly as possible."

EIB to fork out €100m in deal

THE European Investment Bank (EIB) has inked a €100 million deal with Spanish car interior firm Antolin Group.

Part of the European Fund for Strategic Investments, the cash will be used to develop new lightweight components for the next generation of energy-efficient, connected and autonomous vehicles.

EIB Vice-President Emma Navarro said: "As the EU bank, we are pleased to support a project fostering innovation investment in a key sector for the European economy, while also promoting highly skilled employment."



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Outrage as Spanish wine sold as French

GRAPE DIVIDE: France's wine industry is furious over the scandal.

UP to 4.6 million bottles of Spanish rose wine have been mislabelled as French and sold in bars, hotels and restaurants, according to investigators.

The findings come in the wake of a two-year probe into the wine trade by France's anti-fraud directorate.

And while most wine was correctly labelled, as much as 3.45 million litres of Spanish plonk was 'disguised.'

The typical ploy was to stick

French flags on the bottles with labels including 'Produced in France' and 'Bottled in France.'

Remi Dumas, head of the young wine-producers organisation in the Hérault region in southern France, said: "For those who wonder why we demonstrate, for all the wine-producers who aren't bothered by our calls for protest! Consumers open your eyes! 10m [sic] bottles of fake rose from Spain."

» BUSINESS EXTRA**Motorists not fuelled**

BETWEEN January and June only 37 per cent of the 735,000 new cars sold in Spain were powered by diesel engines, a year-on-year decrease of 13 per cent, with 57.2 per cent petrol, the Spanish Association of Car and Truck Manufacturers said.

Fare game

SPANISH on-demand transport firm Cabify has said it 'categorically denies' talks over a €2.5 billion sale to US-based Lyft after Spanish media reported the pair were negotiating a deal.

Going postal

THE European Commission has ordered Spain's state postal company Correos to repay €166 million of 'excessive compensation' it received from the country's government from 2004-2010, according to reports.

Octopus market squids in

SPANISH diners are up in arms over the soaring price of octopus.

The delicacy has become increasingly expensive recently and is currently selling wholesale for up to €10.25, a 26 per cent jump from last year and 45 per cent more than in 2016, according to industry data.

In the north of Spain, depleted stocks and re-

duced quotas have seen demand outstrip supply, whereas in Mediterranean provinces catches have remained similar while the market has grown.

And the predicament has reportedly seen suppliers and restaurateurs turn to foreign octopus to make up the deficit, with much of the tentacle treat served in eateries now sourced from Morocco, Mauritania and Portugal.



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Understanding Funeral Plans in Spain

Have you ever thought about your funeral in Spain, would you like to be buried or cremated?

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With no plans in place, under Spanish law the Guardia Civil must be called and a doctor contacted. The doctor will issue a temporary certificate, after which either the doctor or the Guardia Civil will contact a local funeral director to attend to the deceased. The Spanish funeral director will ask for a release form to be signed and in some cases the form is part of a legally binding contract, it usually does not disclose prices until after all the arrangements have been made.

Taking care of the process in advance by means of a funeral plan is greatly reassuring for both, the emotional burden and it takes away the worry and concerns of cost from loved ones and the remaining family.

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What 'British' education system?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

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DO the authorities have any control whatsoever over what is being taught to our vulnerable children who are the very future of the country?

By some of the evidence offered up to the British courts of late, it would appear not. This latest legal sloop of drivelling nonsense truly does take the whole, anti-British values tin. Rapist Adil Rashid was recently spared jail because he claimed, 'he was not aware it was illegal to have sex with a 13-year-old girl.' He maintained that his education left him 'ignorant of British law!'

He was also the piece of trash that told investigators he had been taught that 'women were no more worthy than a lollipop that had been dropped on the ground.'

Disregarding the fact that yet another Judge has passed a sentence that is so extraordinary it hovers on the borders of judicial insanity, it got me to thinking 'just what exactly is going on in the schools of the UK?'

Surely education establishments are legally required to follow some sort of general guidelines that reflect the laws and traditions of the country they are allowed to operate in? Well,



PARADISE: Leapy has a new assistant in the house.

don't hold yer breath.

I tried to research it all and believe me it is a complete mishmash of organisations; all apparently empowered to carry out inspections by agreements with the department of education. All have their pompous titles represented by initials (BSI, DSI, SIS, ISI). I didn't exactly unearth ISIS but it's probably in there somewhere!

Did I hear someone mention Ofsted? Don't bother. Of the schools that are supposed to be under the jurisdiction of this main governmental body, many had not been inspected for up to seven years!

So, rest easy all of you. Islamic schools all over the country are operating unsupervised, unchecked and happily teaching a whole new generation of youngsters a completely differ-

ent culture, religion and future set of values to regale you all with. When they all leave these learning establishments, and go out into your world with these totally alien attitudes toward British life, the answer is simple, all you have to do is integrate!

After all, the snowflakes have been recommending integration for years. Well, in the not too distant future they may finally get their wish. Just not quite sure this reversed integration was actually what they had in mind. Still, a happy Sharia to you all. And good luck!

Thanks for all your birthday wishes this week. Still can't quite believe that with the lifestyle I have led I have managed to get this far. One thing this year's event did bring into my life was the introduction of a new woman. Her name is Alexa. She does everything she's told, caters to my every (verbal) whim and shuts-up the second I instruct her to. Paradise!

If they could just give her some resemblance of the female form my Utopia would be complete! Oh, I dunno though. Still can't quite beat the real thing, can you!? Interesting to see my new British licence bears the Union Jack. Looks pretty good to me.

*Keep the Faith
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A cloud of suspicion

Does every silver lining have a cloud?, wonders Terence Kennedy

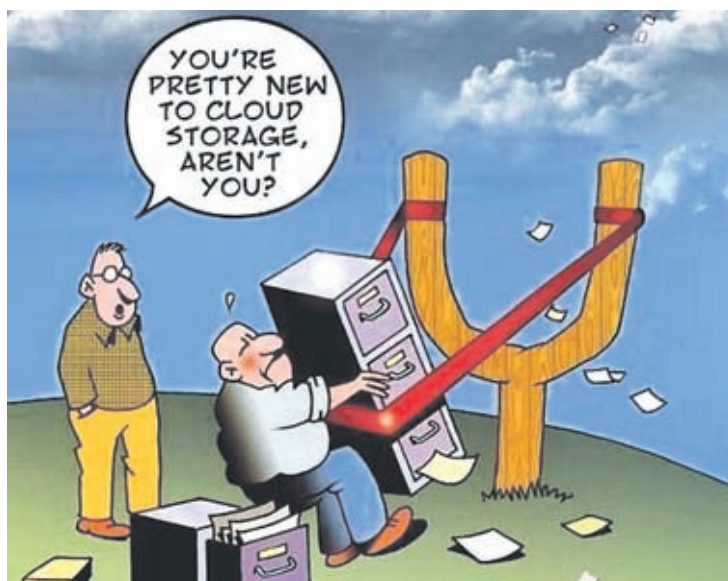
MY nephew asked recently: "What happens to our cloud data when there's a thunderstorm?"

My too-geeky answer about needing a Lightning connector is lost on pretty much anyone without an Apple computer which has one. But should the everyday Joe and Jose be using that fabled cloud?

Just to be clear, St Peter hasn't suddenly been surrounded by bits and bytes because 'The Cloud' began seeping into our tech awareness over the past 18 years or so. That's despite any number of wacko data storage ideas which have even included internet access from balloons.

'Cloud' is a misnomer. Saving your precious family snaps to the cloud actually sends them somewhere far less romantic: a gigantic sprawling data-centre near Dublin, most likely, or Microsoft's server farms in Seattle, or winging off to the monstrous Googleplex in California.

Cloud storage has become possible thanks to our growing high-speed data access from our Internet Service Providers. Sceptics quite rightly see 'The World As We Know It' coming



THE CLOUD: 18 years and growing.

to an end, come the day we suddenly can't just click and download - better then, they say, to keep all our own data on our own storage, whether that's hard-drives, flash sticks, increasingly-obsolete data DVDs and CDs, or clay tablets.

But there are compelling reasons

for using the cloud. Let me name the ways.

* Backup: the computing 'rule of threes' says you should always have at least three copies of any important data, one of them 'off-site'. If your computer breaks, or goes walkabout, your data will still be safe up there in

the cloud when you're ready to reinstall it. And cloud services can automatically back-up everything you do.

* Synchronisation: most cloud services will synchronise between any devices registered to your account. Draft the day's documents in your office, then access them to continue at home without faffing around with flash drives.

* Sharing: if you're embarrassed sending out scads of pictures of your utterly unique pussycat to your entire address book, just put the photos in the cloud instead and let friends and family choose whether to subject themselves to your moggy or not.

* Collaboration: there's a whole free office suite in the cloud for the asking, and several people can work on the same document, which will always be up to date.

Nay-sayers grumble that cloud services can be hacked. Well, so can your own computer. If your stuff really is that sensitive, just keep it on a flash drive in your underground bunker with your stash of corned beef and gas masks.

Cloud: 'Nein'?

CLOUD computing is a circus business these days (sorry).

Mostly, it's free to try. Microsoft provides OneDrive free with Windows 10, for 5 GB of data. Dropbox gives you 2 GB free, while Google Drive ups the ante with a generous 15 GB to start you off.

These and others hope to hook you (but mainly corporate users) into buying more storage. But free is fine for most of us.

With a reasonable broadband connection, you can set most of these programs to backup everything you do automatically.

Keeping copies of your data locally is also prudent of course, but come the crash (and it will, eventually), it's comforting to know your precious information is still available from the cloud. As long as there's no thunderstorm.



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 12:15am Frankie Goes to Russia
 1:15am Grammar Schools: Who Will Get In?
 2:15am Imagine...
 3:25am This is BBC Two

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5:00am This is BBC Four
 8:00pm Beyond 100 Days
 8:30pm The Sky at Night
 9:00pm The First Georgians: The German Kings who Made Britain
 10:00pm Napoleon
 11:00pm Who Were the Greeks?
 12:00am Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story
 1:00am Deep Down and Dirty: The Science of Soil
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 7:10am The Chase
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The unit is hit by bombings and assassinations as part of a vendetta campaign.
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 12:25am Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping
 2:00pm Stuck on You
 4:05am Eurotrip

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 7:00am Professor Marston and the Wonder Women
The story of Harvard psychologist William Moulton Marston, his unconventional home life and the women who inspired an iconic literary creation.
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 2:45am Wetlands
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6:00pm On the Buses
6:30pm On the Buses
7:00pm Heartbeat
8:00pm Murder, She Wrote
9:00pm Agatha Christie's Poirot
11:00pm Foyle's War
1:05am Vera
3:00am Honest
3:55am Long Lost Family - Australia
4:50am This Time Next Year
5:40am Judge Judy

itv4

4:00am Teleshopping
7:00am World Cup Rivalries: England v Argentina
7:20am The Chase
8:05am The Chase
8:55am Cash Cowboys
9:55am The Professionals
11:00am Tour De France 2018 - Highlights
12:00pm Tour De France 2018
6:00pm The Professionals
7:00pm Cash Cowboys
On their first-ever Toronto pick, Scott and Sheldon swing by Peter's Barber Shop.
8:00pm Tour De France 2018 - Highlights
9:00pm World Series of Darts (Non UK Legs)
1:00am Nacho Libre
2:05am FYI Daily
2:10am Nacho Libre
2:50am The Professionals
3:40am ITV4 Nightscreen
4:00am Teleshopping

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

12:00pm Atomic Blonde
2:00pm King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
4:15pm Top Ten Show, the 2018
4:30pm Willow
6:45pm The Accountant
9:00pm Atomic Blonde
11:00pm King Arthur: Legend of the Sword
1:15am Death Wish
2:55am Broken Arrow

sky CINEMA COMEDY

1:25pm Top Ten Show, the 2018
1:40pm Fletch
3:25pm Chips: Law and Disorder
5:15pm American Pie: Reunion
7:15pm Fletch
9:00pm Chips: Law and Disorder
10:45pm American Pie: Reunion
12:45am Bridesmaids
3:00am Killing Hasselhoff

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

4:35am Alien Invasion: S.U.M.1
6:30am The Hurricane Heist: The Eye of the Storm
7:00am The Midnight Man
8:50am The Wilde Wedding
10:40am Professor Marston and the Wonder Women
12:45pm The Hurricane Heist: The Eye of the Storm
1:15pm Happy Death Day
3:05pm Geostorm
5:10pm The Wilde Wedding
7:00pm Professor Marston and the Wonder Women
9:00pm Happy Death Day
Groundhog Day gets dark as a college birthday girl finds herself repeating the same deadly day over and over.
10:45pm Geostorm
12:45am Fashionista
2:45am FML

sky sports football

1:00pm Greatest Moments in Football
2:00pm EFL Goals: Championship
2:30pm EFL Goals: Leagues 1&2
3:00pm Championship Season Review
4:00pm Football's Greatest Teams
4:30pm Football's Greatest Teams
5:00pm Football's Greatest Head to Head
5:30pm SPFL Round Up
6:00pm Football Years
6:30pm Football Countdowns
7:00pm EFL Greatest Games
8:00pm EFL Goals: Championship
8:30pm EFL Goals: Leagues 1&2
9:00pm SPFL Round Up
9:30pm SPFL Greatest Games
10:00pm Greatest Moments in Football
11:00pm Phenoms - Spain
12:00am Phenoms - Roi, Scotland and Wales

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Table of BBC One programming schedule from 2:20am to 2:40am, including shows like BBC News, Breakfast, Saturday Kitchen Live, and Wimbledon 2018.

BBC TWO

Table of BBC Two programming schedule from 3:10am to 2:50am, including shows like This is BBC Two, Marrying Mum and Dad, and Wimbledon 2018.

BBC FOUR

Table of BBC Four programming schedule from 4:35am to 4:30am, including shows like This is BBC Four, Earth's Greatest Spectacles, and Top of the Pops.

CHANNEL 4

Table of Channel 4 programming schedule from 9:25am to 3:45am, including shows like Everybody Loves Raymond, The Big Bang Theory, and Channel 4 News.

CHANNEL 5

Table of Channel 5 programming schedule from 7:00am to 5:00am, including shows like Milkshake!, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Victoria Wood by Her Friends.

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Table of Channel 4 programming schedule from 8:55am to 2:20am, including shows like Don't Tell the Bride, Postman Pat, and The Big Bang Theory.

sky sports main event

Table of Sky Sports main event programming schedule from 6:00am to 11:00pm, including Sky Sports News, Good Morning Sports Fans, and Cricket.

itv

Table of ITV programming schedule from 8:30am to 12:55am, including shows like The Haunted Hathaways, ITV News, and The Bourne Supremacy.

itv2

Table of ITV2 programming schedule from 6:40am to 3:00am, including shows like ITV2 Nightscreen, Totally Bonkers, and American Dad!

itv3

Table of ITV3 programming schedule from 5:40am to 3:30am, including shows like Judge Judy, ITV3 Nightscreen, and ITV3 Nightscreen.

itv4

Table of ITV4 programming schedule from 7:00am to 2:55am, including shows like World Cup Rivalries, British Superbike Championship, and Minder.

sky CINEMA ACTION & ADVENTURE

Table of Sky Cinema Action & Adventure programming schedule from 4:50am to 4:50am, including Willow, Spider-Man 2, and Fast and Furious 8.

sky CINEMA COMEDY

Table of Sky Cinema Comedy programming schedule from 7:30am to 2:35am, including My Best Friend's Wedding, Hot Tub Time Machine, and The House.

sky CINEMA PREMIERE

Table of Sky Cinema Premiere programming schedule from 4:40am to 4:30am, including The Midnight Man, Anon: Special, and A squad of elite US Navy seals.

sky sports football

Table of Sky Sports Football programming schedule from 8:30am to 1:00am, including Phenoms - Germany, Greatest Moments in Football, and Phenoms - USA.

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



TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

Happy birthday to the RAF, loose men and some gardening

IF you were able to drag yourself away from the sun lounger on Tuesday morning and caught any of BBC1's coverage of the events to mark the Royal Air Force's centenary, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

The Royals looked spectacular and a nod to the Duchess of Cornwall, who regularly shows us that a woman of a certain age can totally pull off an above the knee summer dress and to the Duchess of Sussex, who wore less jewellery than anyone in the Abbey and still looked spectacular, the black dress really 'suited' her. Sorry, couldn't resist...

There was even a comedy moment when the Archbishop of Canterbury bowed his head, complete with Mitre, with so much reverence that he nearly took Her Majesty's head off on the way back up - are you picturing cries of 'off with his head,' I was.

Of course the real stars of the programme were the past and present magnificent men and women in their flying machines and those who keep them up there. The flypast was lump in the throat stuff, coordinated for the BBC by Sophie Raworth, who let's hope is paid as much as her male counterparts.

While the BBC did its civic duty on Tuesday,



FLOWER POWER: Jo Whiley and Joe Swift at Royal Hampton.



FLYING HIGH: A RAF Typhoon.



HOST WITH THE MOST: Robbie Williams on Loose Women.

ITV were showing *This Morning* and then *Loose Women*. LW (as I like to call Loose Women) has reportedly recruited a chap to be on the panel.

This year Robbie Williams, Paddy McGuinness, Olly Murs and John Barrowman have all been on the panel, but only as guests doing one episode. Not sure what I think about a full time bloke. It could turn the show into a Victoria Wood sketch where the man is given the potentially sensitive women's health interview and the ladies all chat about drinking pints and the fact wolf whistling is about to become a hate crime.

To be fair, Ruth and Coleen probably will cover the wolf whistle story at some point.

ITV2 is still showing *Love Island*...

Since moving to Spain I've had to learn a whole new way of gardening and lost numerous timid, flowering plants whilst crying 'but I water them every day,' so it was a pleasure to watch BBC2's coverage of the *RHS Hampton Court Flower Show* last week. I particularly enjoyed Saturday's show and will steal the ideas about creating privacy in your garden with pride.

Another programme running its course last week was BBC1's *Celebrities on the NHS Frontline*, you can catch it on BBCiPlayer. I think the concept of the show was probably better than what we actually saw.

Can you imagine waking up in hospital and Ann Widdecombe appearing to try and find you a bed, or Michael Mosley telling you he's not judging you, but then describing someone in rhesus as having a self-inflicted patient problem.

Stacey Dooley did a better job in the cardiac unit and Jonnie Peacock shed a tear on the children's ward. You can't knock the idea and we can't thank the wonderful NHS staff, my Mum amongst them, enough for what they do. Just one ask, don't picture Ann in a nurse's uniform - you just did, didn't you?

This weekend's TV is dominated by football and tennis.

Happy viewing.

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WHENEVER there's a couple of weeks of extreme weather in the UK, the red tops are full of scare stories predicting that this is the way it's going to be from now on - with the usual dire consequences. You know: 'Health authorities have warned that extreme summer heat is set to become the norm, and that we need to get better at preparing for it.'

Health authorities? The norm? Based on what science? What data? What evidence? A few old tea leaves, the eye of a toad and a bloodied rabbit's foot?

Or maybe the same technique for weather forecasting that Great Aunt Ethel used. Go to the beach, bring back a long bit of seaweed, hang it up outside and examine it every day. If it's dripping wet, it's raining; if it's wet but not dripping it has rained. If it looks whitish, it's frosty. If it looks white, it's been snowing. If you can't see it, there's fog. If it's dry, it's fine but if it shrivels up and drops there's a drought. However, if it's brown and burnt-looking when it drops, there's been a heatwave. Infallible!

Recent British summers have been rub-

Only mad dogs and Englishmen!



HEATWAVE: The UK is preparing for another scorcher this summer.

bish - a few rays of sunshine, lots of cloud, too much rain - accompanied by the inevitable media reports predicting decades without 'real summers.' Some years ago, there was a run of mild winters with the red tops sounding off about kids in Britain never getting to make snowballs or see frost on trees.

A week or more of hot, cold, wet or windy weather isn't conclusive proof of some imminent and long lasting shift in the UK's climate. It's always been variable!

So, for those of you over there, this isn't

a heatwave ... it's called summer. Enjoy it while it lasts. Phew! A few weeks without rain? Soon enough there'll be drought warnings, hosepipe bans and, inevitably, an increase in those water bills ...

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

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M C (Costa Blanca)

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8:30pm	EastEnders
9:00pm	Holby City
10:00pm	Our Girl
11:00pm	BBC News
11:30pm	Regional News
11:40pm	Weather
11:45pm	Stacey Dooley Investigates Russia's War on Women
12:40am	Who Do You Think You Are?
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7:30am	Matron, Medicine and Me
8:15am	Heir Hunters with Michael Buerk
9:00am	How the NHS Changed Our World
9:30am	Trust Me, I'm a Doctor
10:00am	Victoria Derbyshire
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1:00pm	Cricket
9:30pm	Sky Sports Tonight
10:00pm	The Open Preview
12:00am	Sky Sports News
1:00am	Sky Sports News
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4:00am	Sky Sports News
5:00am	Sky Sports News
4:55am	ITV Nightscreen
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7:00am	Good Morning Britain
9:30am	Lorraine
10:25am	The Jeremy Kyle Show
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12:00am	Championship

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Travel

Adventures in Africa



CEUTA: Near Morocco.



MELILLA: Less touristy.

ONE of the best perks about living in Spain, or visiting there often, are the amazing travel opportunities to exotic destinations. Madrid, Barcelona, Galicia, Granada, Ibiza, Portugal and France are all completely different from one another yet right on your doorstep.

But what about Africa? A quick glance on the map tells you that a vast continent is just a sail away, or even a swim if you're fit enough. But travelling there for the first time can be quite a daunting prospect, especially with visas, vaccinations and language issues.

Enter the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla. Just as the UK has maintained Gibraltar, Spain has its own overseas territories, both claimed by Morocco. Ceuta is an old Spanish penal colony with a fascinating history, while Melilla has been under the Spanish flag for more than 500 years.

Both are excellent travel destinations in their own right and, by travelling to Africa, you can certainly tick off the 'something different' box.

Ceuta and Melilla are not in the same region. Ceuta is near the Moroccan port of Tangier, about a six-hour drive from Melilla to the east.

Ceuta doesn't have its own airport but you can fly from Malaga by helicopter if you're feeling adventurous. Most people opt for the

fast ferries from Algeciras which run several times a day and take just 45 minutes.

Melilla is less touristy but does have its own airport with flights arriving from Malaga, Madrid, Almeria, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona. A more leisurely option for those

who don't get sea sick are ferries from Malaga, Almeria and Motril, which take from three to seven hours.

Which city you choose for your North African adventure depends on what you're looking for. Ceuta is a perfect destination for

those interesting in exploring beyond the border and seeing real Morocco. After all, having gone all the way, it would be a shame not to visit the bustling medinas of Tangier, just a short bus ride away.

Entering Ceuta from Morocco will be a genuinely eye-popping experience as you see first hand the many challenges faced by border police. If that discourages you, worry not, Ceuta has some the best duty free shopping in Spain courtesy of its autonomous status!

Melilla on the other hand is much more interesting as a tourist destination in and of itself. Walking tours of the old city and its many museums present a fascinating insight into the region's maritime history. You can explore the legendary Caves of the Convent, relax at the beach, or go sailing or fishing in the glorious blue waters.

The city will have a familiar vibe for Spanish residents, flush with tapas bars, flamenco music and an abundance of tourists from the mainland. A perfect easing in to your African adventure.

Solo traveller 'privilege'

Mike Senker
In my opinion



Views of a Grumpy Old Man

WHY do single travellers get treated like second class citizens? They always get the worst seat in the restaurant. I travel a bit on my own and they always want to stick me in the corner or somewhere out the way. The dumb thing is that I am still given a table for two but always the worst one.

My way round that is, of course, to say I'm waiting for a friend. I then tell them, after looking at the menu for a bit that my friend just cancelled and I just order. The waiter isn't going to say, 'OK, then we have to move you to the kitchen or give you a toilet view.' Oh, and you can't order paella either!

Book most holidays and you find the phrase somewhere 'based on two people sharing' then further down you will find the single person supplement. Having to fork out for the 'privilege' of travelling solo can feel frustrating - not to mention downright unfair. It can seem as though you are being penalised for holidaying on your own.

Hoteliers and cruise ships will view singletons as less profitable, as only one person will spend money on food, drinks, goods and en-

tertainment, where there could be two people spending money. My advice is just don't suffer any of it. There are ways round it. Don't just do as you're told by the people you are giving money to for a service. If they want to charge you more or give you a bad table just say 'no thanks' and if they don't give you something better just take your business elsewhere.

Body lotion! There is too much body lotion in the world. I opened our bathroom cupboard and there were bottles of it. I asked Mrs S why and she couldn't give me an answer because she claims she has never bought a single bottle and I certainly haven't. So we decided it must have been included in gift sets that have been accumulated over the years. We must have 20 bottles of all different makes.

I have to admit I use a face cream every day. But body lotion? OK maybe a bit of after sun now and again but body lotion - who can be bothered? I bet everyone, or at least couples or ladies, have bottles and bottles of the stuff that either has never been opened or which has been used once. Go check and if you find some chuck it away because you are never going to use it! If you do buy someone a gift set, and it has body lotion in it, ask if it can be changed for another shampoo or shower gel, or anything, but not BODY LOTION!

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What's happening to Mijas Pueblo?

vTHIS is the most beautiful village and the Spanish people are warm and friendly to people from other countries, who live and visit here.

Unfortunately I have noticed a decline in standards which may put tourists off visiting this unique village.

Mijas sells itself by the way it looks and if it falls short in this department then people will not visit as much and this will harm the Mijas economy.

The fountains which grace Virgen de la Pena square are not working and the lift has been out of order for months. There is not even an out of order sign in Spanish and English informing all residents of this appalling fact. Much as I enjoy seeing the excellent flamenco dancers of all ages in the village doing fantastic concerts free of charge, my husband and I specifically extended our stay this year to see the excellent music concerts in the auditorium.

For no apparent reason these are not taking place and everyone I talk to is very disappointed about this. I hope they can go ahead in the following

year. We are pleased that the Blues Festival is happening, as that will be well attended.

As a tax payer in Mijas Pueblo I feel that I am justified in raising these important issues. In the past I have written to the mayor and received no acknowledgement, as well as not seeing any action being taken on the issues raised, which is disappointing.

Sue Butler-Smith, Mijas

Think about neighbours

MY family and I live in Benalmadena Pueblo which is a beautiful Spanish village.

Our villa is in a very quiet residential urbanisation consisting of families with children, retired and working couples of Spanish and other European nationalities.

We have lived here in this small cul de sac for the past 18 years, but as always, things change and two years ago both the neighbouring

Plea to the people of Gibraltar



Credit: Marina Bolunova Shutterstock

BALLOONS: Have been used in the past.

I HOPE that this September for the Gibraltar National Day celebration people are not going to release thousands of balloons again. It is not just a criminal waste of the much-needed rare earth gas helium which is vital for body scanners, etc. The balloons themselves become plastic waste in the sea which then ends up being eaten by fish, whales, sea birds etc and kills them in huge numbers. This is happening across the world now, even in inaccessible places and is not a cause for celebration.

Michael Hill, Torre del Mar

villas have been sold to new owners.

Both are now summer rentals and

each villa can accommodate up to eight to 10 adults, so now every seven days there is a change of occu-

pancy, the paying guests are either a large family group with small children or a large group of adults.

We cannot use our garden because of the noise in the day time or we cannot sleep because of the unruly drunken behaviour.

The village already has numerous motels, hotels and dedicated holiday apartments.

We have approached the property management company and spoken with the owners, but little has changed. We are told that if the situation gets too bad, contact the police!

It is not just my family who are affected by these greedy property owners, as all the people in the surrounding villas are affected by the noise and disruption.

John, Benalmadena Pueblo

Daylight robbery

I PURCHASED an additional apartment that had been abandoned for several years.

The community had already arranged for the installation of new smart meters. I paid my lawyer €300 to organise the reinstallation of the electricity to the apartment. Then to my horror, my first bill, without any electric being used, was for €572.01.

I questioned this cost with my lawyer, and they went back to suppliers Endesa, only to be told that, that is the cost of reinstallation. So in a nut shell, to reconnect electric to my new apartment has cost me €872.01. I am appalled at these fees, and think it is daylight robbery.

Lynette Awcock, Costa Blanca

A plea to dog owners

WHILST humans can do a great deal to resolve the situation if they are too hot, all a dog can do is pant to circulate the necessary air through their bodies to cool down. They do sweat through their paws but in this very hot weather, the pavements can cause them pain as they don't wear shoes.

Give them plenty to drink and ensure that they are kept in a well-ventilated area (not a locked car).

Anita Brown, Casares

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Riot police deployed in Benidorm's 'guiri

If you see riot police why would you bait them. Get out of the way. We are in Spain... Not England. The Spanish police won't tolerate yobbish behaviour!!!!

Anne Blandford

Who is baiting them in this video Anne? The man who is simply walking with his son on his shoulders and is struck by a police officer? I'm sorry but I cannot justify behaviour like that by anybody, least of all a police officer who is supposed to be a highly trained professional in order to know better. What if that strike by the baton had sent the guy to his knees and the child had fallen to the ground? A shameful spectacle in my opinion.

Stacey Knight

He is very obviously baiting them (very responsible parent NOT!!!) and the whole mob were confrontational as soon as they got a chance! Conveniently the filming doesn't show what's going on behind ie mob shouting, taunting and pushing forward towards the riot police ... perhaps leave them to do their jobs ... drive and walk on and you won't get any trouble would be the preferred intellectual option ...

You're in someone else's country show respect, abide by the rules or pay the consequences? For the love of God they were lucky to only get

Comments from EWN online

a smack on the legs, try that in America or the Middle East and see how well you come off ... Everyone else managed to walk on by peacefully and get on with their business and the police had complete control of the streets and the situation which is their job remember. Unfortunately the opposite in the UK have lost control of the streets in England and hence why people are fearful and don't feel safe or protected particularly in cities ... totally unacceptable!

I abhor this aggressive attitude and behaviour at home so find it embarrassing and shameful to see it misrepresenting us abroad sadly. Minority ruining it for other respectable people.

Audrey Gallagher

We were up there last night the police were well over the top as per. Everyone was enjoying themselves having a great time. I live in Spain so am used to their no nonsense attitude but last night they wanted trouble.

Richard Seamark

If I was the police I think I would be agitated confronted with loads of people flanking me on either side and following behind and why on earth would a father with his child on his shoulders be following the police, why wasn't he walking in the opposite direction if a full scale fight had broken out, how safe does he think his son would have been?

Coral Simpson Tasker

Ryanair to grind to a halt during July due to strikes

Maybe they should treat their staff a bit better. Happy, well-treated staff rarely strike as they will lose money.

Matt Birks

I always say never again with Ryanair... then I can't get a reasonable flight with anyone else and I think one more try... to be fair the French air traffic people don't help either! It is maddening to have such a hassle when your just going for a short break. Sad for the holidaymakers with children I think...

Helen Mary Anderson

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SINGSONG: Researchers found brain activity in the birds' sleep was similar to when they sing.

Trivia from around the world

*** The name for the country Norway has its origins in an earlier name Nordweg, which means the Northern Way.

*** Indonesia is one of a handful of countries dubbed 'megadiverse' due to the vast amount of different animals and plants there.

*** Suriname in South America is the only territory outside of Europe where the majority of people speak Dutch.

*** The Basilica of Our Lady of Peace of Yamoussoukro in the Ivory Coast is the largest church in the world. It covers an area of around 30,000 square metres.

*** Although alcoholic drinks are banned in Saudi Arabia, there is said to be a cottage industry of amateur beer and wine making among the expatriate community there.

*** Baldwin Street in Dunedin in New Zealand is the world's steepest street. It has a 38 per cent grade at its steepest part.

DID YOU KNOW?

Songbirds rehearse their melodies by singing in their sleep, according to a study. Researchers examined the electrical brain activity of zebra finches and found they dream about singing possibly to help them rehearse their repertoire. Scientists working on the study said the findings could help us learn more about the role of sleep in learning and how people pick up languages.

Women's wit

“People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed. Never throw anyone out.”

Audrey Hepburn, actor

Famous quote

“All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances and one man in his time plays many parts. His acts are in seven stages.”

William Shakespeare, playwright



World of English

“Suedehead - A skinhead-like youth but with slightly longer hair and smarter clothes.”

William Shakespeare

YOUR STARS FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Energy is low but your spirit seems to be getting power from somewhere. At times, it feels that it is almost outside of your own sphere. When tackling what is seen as a tedious task, you may not be aware that you are building something for the future, but there is much going on that will affect your future to a large extent.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

Arm yourself with plenty of information about what is going on in your life at the moment. Those close might expect you to lead the way on an important matter. You need to trust your instincts more and have confidence. Think in the long term. Those who are not considered important now could be so in the future. As you prefer being in charge, this should not seem unnatural to you.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

For some time, things on the romantic front have been confusing, to say the least. There are decisions that someone has to make that affect you seriously. Romantically and emotionally, things come to a head but don't let the wind of change blow away all that you have achieved. Don't begin to doubt yourself or others will, too.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

Although you feel like going it alone at the moment, you would do well to involve someone close in your project or exercise. There is room for improvement in both your life and your health but it can be more enjoyable if shared. Expect surprises in your love life and you will not be surprised.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

You may well feel that your business life is not going as well as you would have hoped this week. They do say that you can't have everything right at once. This is a good time to enjoy the company of others and make your love life buzz.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

It could be that you are feeling a little below par at the moment. You may assume it is because of a recent emotional upset, but it is unlikely to be quite that simple. Spend a bit of time and money on yourself for a change. Develop your talents in the realms of writing, painting and music. This need not take a large amount of time. Start with one simple project.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

There is something of the rebel in you this week. Even you don't fully understand the changes taking place. You will resist any attempt to stop from expressing yourself freely. Although you prefer a peaceful time, it may be necessary to remind someone of your rights.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

Despite pulling out all the stops when it comes to a certain person or project, your charm may not be working as well as usual this week. It is still a fine time to beaver on quietly in the background. A few emotional fireworks make you sit up and take notice, but try to be open-minded.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

Because you are about to enter an active phase, it would be best to keep things as straightforward and organised as possible. Those around you may be less than exciting at the moment, so keep the interest going with joint activities and accepting interesting invitations.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Get some rest and peace because, if you let yourself get too tired, your temper could suffer. When it comes to business get it over with so that you can spend extra time on your social life. Something important is round the corner.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

Have you been a bit of a couch potato recently? Spend some of this week working towards a healthy mind in a healthy body. Running yourself ragged should certainly be avoided. Seek expert advice now about a problem that just won't go away. It will, but only with a lot of effort. Although you prefer to share your activities, this is one area that you need to concentrate on fully, so go for it alone to begin with.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Sometimes you shuffle things around to survive difficult times. The energy that this uses means that realising a dream this week could mean difficult choices to be made. Your need to be settled makes you impatient.

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY



Saturday July 07

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52 54

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IRISH LOTTO



Saturday July 07

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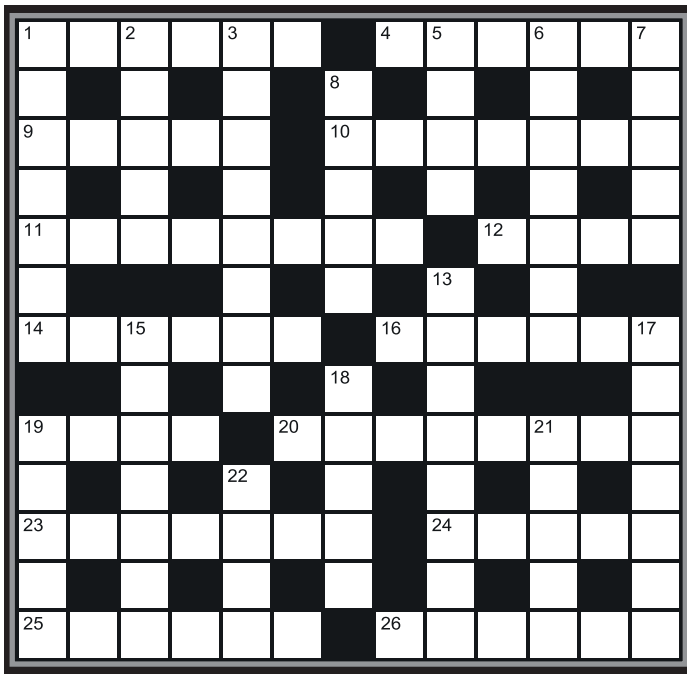
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Across

- 1 Hold out against rebel sister (6)
- 4 Pursued but pure, by the sound of it (6)
- 9 Explicit about king in play (5)
- 10 Manila's odd beasts (7)
- 11 I'm turning in winding street to find insects (8)
- 12 They are the best playthings for children (4)
- 14 See bad moves at the bottom of the ocean (6)
- 16 Was incoherent in her cable (6)
- 19 Start chopping wood for money (4)
- 20 Prisoner to invite disdain (8)
- 23 Specific recipes in a mess (7)
- 24 Drummer from Ulan Bator in Gobi Desert (5)
- 25 Some trainee dedicated to work required (6)
- 26 Plastic or sand for decks (6)

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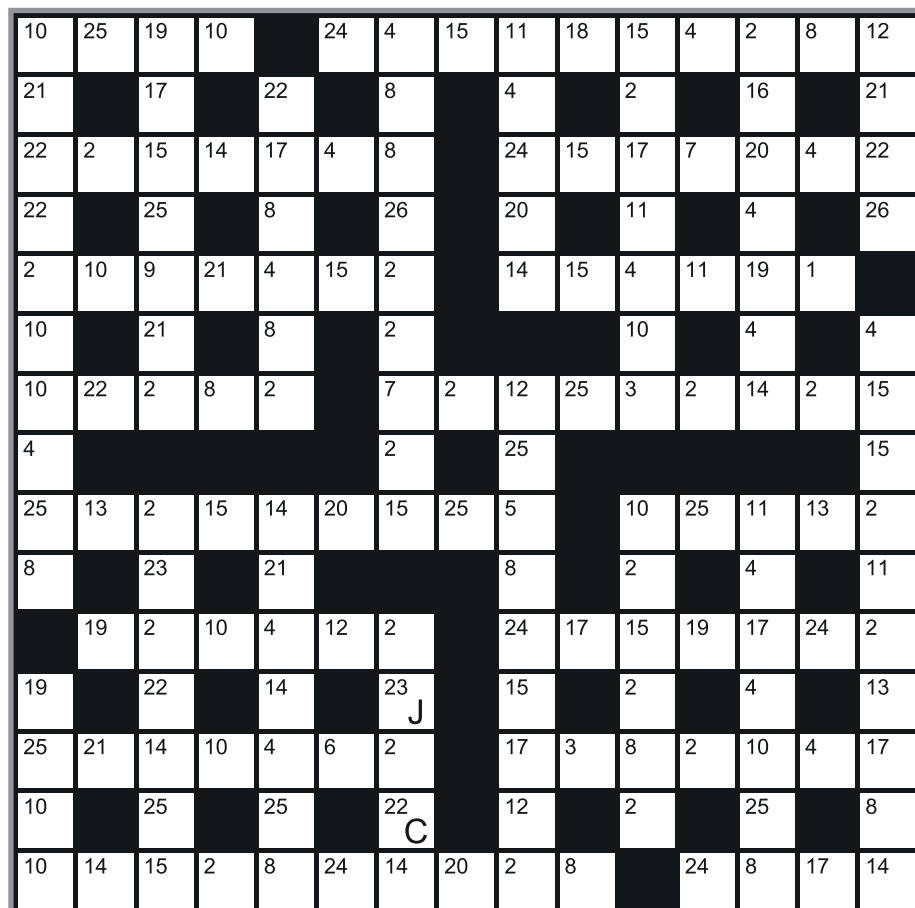
- 1 Quotes poetry in acts of worship around Ecuador (7)
- 2 Promise unusual wares (5)
- 3 In a dress ruined by fish (8)
- 5 One who will succeed with melody, we hear (4)
- 6 Was dosh not right for Cliff's backers? (7)
- 7 Dossiers? No sir! Medical units (5)
- 8 Terribly alert at some time in the



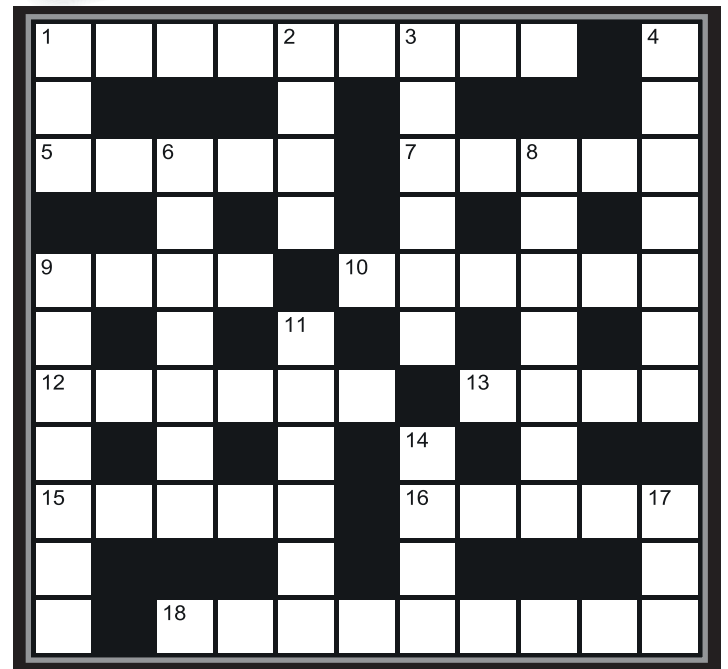
- future (5)
- 13 Successfully dealt with troubling dreams about return of alien (8)
- 15 Australia began before it became bleak and forbidding (7)
- 17 Rat is keeping on fixed allowances (7)
- 18 Cringe when farm animal is next to her majesty (5)
- 19 Some of Al Capone's mob are chicken (5)
- 21 Disorderly Roman territory (5)
- 22 A very small coin for a tiny child (4)

Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 22 represents C and 23 represents J, so fill in C every time the figure 22 appears and J every time the figure 23 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



Quick



Across

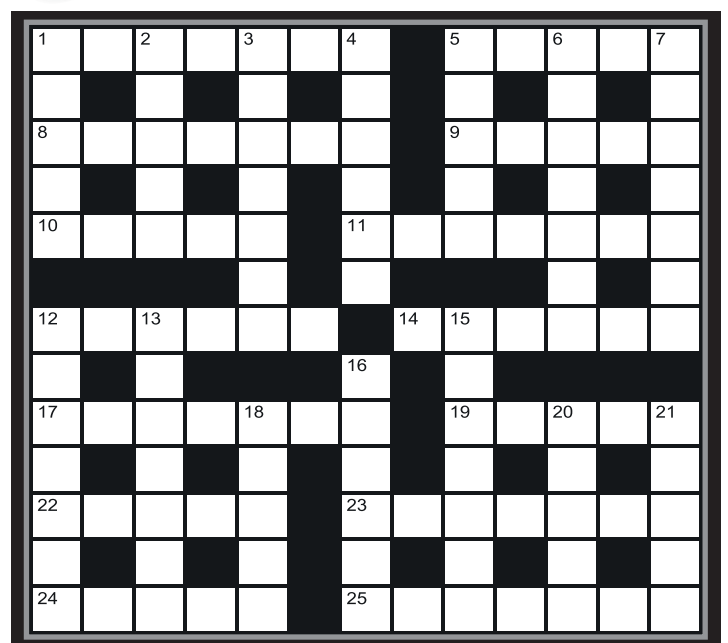
- 1 Short-legged German dog (9)
- 5 Stale and unclean smelling (5)
- 7 American buffalo (5)
- 9 Look for (4)
- 10 Mariner (6)
- 12 Gain with effort (6)
- 13 Cleanse with soap and water (4)
- 15 Great in size (5)
- 16 Does what one is told (5)
- 18 Silvery alkaline metallic element (9)

Down

- 1/17 Savoury Chinese dumplings (3,3)
- 2 Eye infection (4)
- 3 Pleasantly optimistic (6)
- 4 King or queen (7)
- 6 Protective structure (7)
- 8 Collect discarded or refused material (7)
- 9 Migratory swift-flying songbird (7)
- 11 Marked by absence of sound (6)
- 14 Large number or amount (4)
- 17 See 1

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 Ciclismo (7)
- 5 Basket (5)
- 8 Moth (7)
- 9 Cheers (used to toast) (5)
- 10 Narices (5)
- 11 Justicia (7)
- 12/14 Good night (6,6)
- 17 To look like (7)
- 19 Attractive (f) (5)
- 22 Friend (f) (5)
- 23 El más frío (7)
- 24 Águila (5)
- 25 Patinete (7)

Down

- 1 Coupon (5)
- 2 Tails (of birds, horses, fishes, planes) (5)
- 3 Church (7)
- 4 Farm (6)
- 5 Things (5)
- 6 Egoísta (7)
- 7 Dirección (8)
- 12 En avión (2,5)
- 13 Pendiente (joya) (7)
- 15 Pride (satisfaction) (7)
- 16 Ladrillos (6)
- 18 Code (cipher) (5)
- 20 Agente (representante) (5)
- 21 Después de (5)

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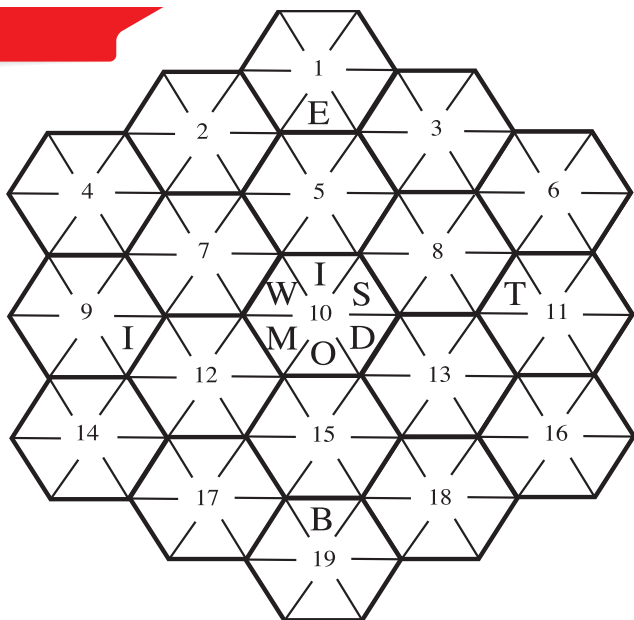
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Hexagram

- ASCENT
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- MOVING
- MYRIAD
- OPAQUE
- PAGODA
- PEBBLE
- PRONTO
- SWAMPY
- TIDBIT
- TIPTOE
- WISDOM (10)



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 (WISDOM)** and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

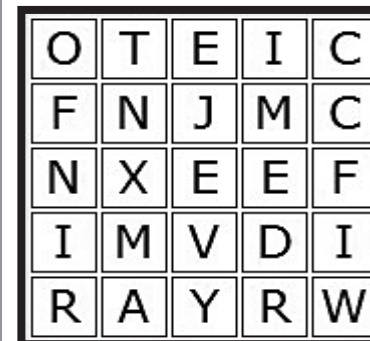
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Beyond 2 Choosy 3 Goober
- 4 Thwack 5 Brassy 6 Wobble 7 Spooky
- 8 Morrow 9 Triton 10 Parent 11 Airmen
- 12 Notify 13 Meteor 14 Tyrant 15 Splint
- 16 Famish 17 Barfly 18 Advise
- 19 Typing

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: 19
- Very good: 38
- Good: 27
- Excellent: 49

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

drub dreg dregs shrub scent scene stern steno cent cents centre center centers rube regent regents ref refund rent rents reef thru three tref tree tern teen gent gents gene genet gerund enter enters enol unfree fret frets free fund furs fern feet erst efts nerd nets font fonts floe wurst burs burst burn buret berth berths beth beths bets begs bent bents bene beef been beer beers beet beets long longs longer lone loner loners

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 C)** and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



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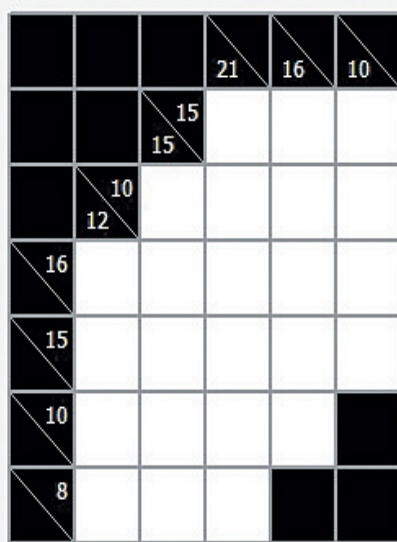
- Average: 24
- Good: 20
- Very good: 28
- Excellent: 36

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

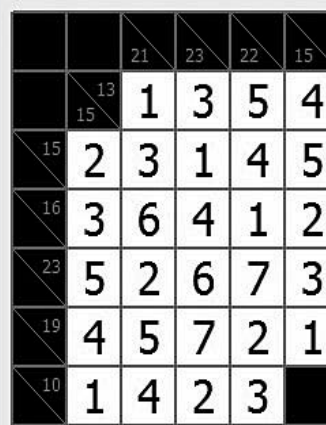
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Kakuro

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



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

QUICK

Across:

- 1 Sedate, 4 Frog, 7 Arson, 8 Abhor, 10 Repose, 12/14 Big top, 15 Unsure, 18 April, 19 Tiara, 20 Safe, 21 Breeze.

Down:

- 1 Sham, 2 Distemper, 3 Tango, 5 Garage, 6 Fake, 9 Hibernate, 11 Son, 13 Steals, 15 Ugly, 16 Sitar, 17 Gale.

CODE BREAKER

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

CRYPTIC

Across:

- 1 Desist, 4 Dreads, 9 Pontoon, 10 Amour, 11 Taste, 12 Passion, 13 Stamen, 15 Adders, 18 Elevate, 20 Sward, 23 Trout, 24 Shatter, 25 Sherry, 26 Snares.

Down:

- 1 Depot, 2 Sinks, 3 Slovene, 5 Roams, 6 Aconite, 7 Sprints, 8 Snipe, 13 Sleuths, 14 Anemone, 16 Disdain, 17 Feast, 19 After, 21 Actor, 22 Darts.

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

- 1 Desmayo, 5 Faces, 8 Geese, 9 Cartero, 10 Golpear, 11 Skill, 12 Doctor, 14 Groove, 17 Armas, 19 Cuñadas, 21 Heavier, 22 Ninth, 24 Riada, 25 Dessert.

Down:

- 2 Shell, 3 Aderezo, 4 Oscuro, 5 Forks, 6 Crédito, 7 Shoulders, 10 Godfather, 13 Campaña, 15 Riñones, 16 Scared, 18 Suiza, 20 Dense, 23/1 Hot dog.

App of the week



Picai

An app which is equipped with artificial intelligence (AI) capable of recommending filters to users based on what is going on in their pictures. It comes with scene recognition technology, as well as recommendations from more than 100 different filters and a unique split-screen selection feature unlike any other camera apps.

QUIZ: UNDER THE WEATHER

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

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

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

Answers:

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

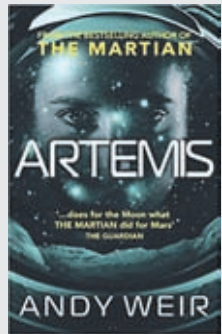
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WELCOME to Artemis, the first city on the Moon. Its population numbers around 2,000 including tourists, eccentric billionaires and a few criminals to boot.

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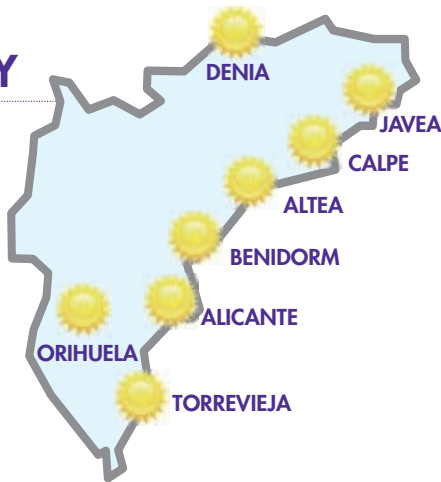
Jazz soon realises however that what she has signed up for is more than just a one-off job with the chance to make some much-needed cash.

She discovers she has entered into a conspiracy for the control of Artemis itself and that her only chance of survival lies in taking ever bigger gambles. We see her struggle to keep her head and stay level in Andy Weir's Artemis.

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TODAY



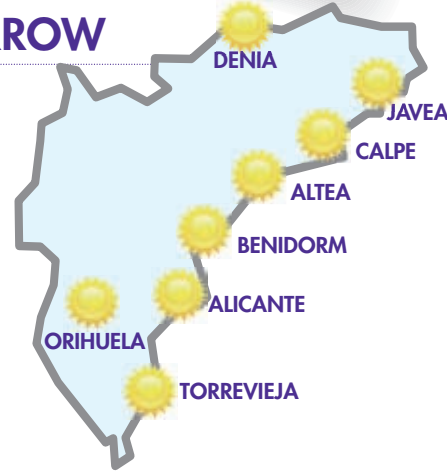
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☀ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☁ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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TOMORROW



SATURDAY



BIRTHDAYS

- **Malala Yousafzai, Activist; July 12, 21**
Yousafzai was shot in a failed Taliban assassination attempt due to her speaking out on women being barred from school where she lived in Pakistan. Born in Mingora in the country, she later became the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner in history.
- **Patrick Stewart, Actor; July 13, 78**
The actor played Captain Jean Luc Picard in the Star Trek TV series and was born in Mirfield in England, taking up acting while in secondary school. He played Professor Charles Xavier in the X-Men film franchise and returned to Star Trek for the film reboot.
- **David Mitchell, Comedian; July 14, 44**
Mitchell is one half of the Mitchell and Webb comedy duo



Patrick Stewart

with Robert Webb which has spawned the TV series Peep Show and That Mitchell and Webb Look. He was born in Salisbury in England and studied History at Cambridge University where he was president of the comedic Footlights society.

- **Diane Kruger, Actor; July 15, 42**
The German-born ballerina, model and actor bagged a Screen Actors Guild Best Supporting Actress award for her role in Inglourious Basterds.
- **Will Ferrell, Actor; July 16, 51**
Ferrell was born in Irvine in California in the United States and studied Sports Information at university before going

into acting. He appeared on late night US TV show Saturday Night Live and has since landed roles in Anchorman, Step Brothers and Elf.

- **Angela Merkel, Politician; July 17, 64**
Merkel became the first female Chancellor of Germany in 2005 and is still in the post. Born in Hamburg in the former West Germany, she joined the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party in 1990 and previously served as Minister for Women and Children.
- **Bishop Briggs, Singer; July 18, 26**
Briggs, real name Sarah Grace McLaughlin, was born in London in England and moved to Tokyo in Japan aged four. It was there that she sung in public for the first time in a karaoke bar and she has since gone on to release the single River in 2016 and support Coldplay live.

587 BCE - Temple destroyed
Babylonian forces storm Jerusalem following a siege with the ensuing pillaging of the city leaving the Temple of Solomon destroyed, according to legend.

64 - Fire rages
The Great Fire of Rome spreads through the city for six days leaving around half of it destroyed. The Emperor Nero subsequently blames Christians leading to the first persecution against them.

1054 - Church split
An invalid Papal bull of Excommunication is placed on the altar of the Hagia Sophia church in what was then Constantinople during a liturgy. The move led to the 'East-West schism' or break between the Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches.

1661 - First notes
The first paper banknotes in Europe are issued by the Swedish bank Stockholms Banco.

1776 - Final voyage
Captain James Cook sets out from Plymouth for his third and last voyage. He would later be killed following a quarrel with Hawaiian natives in 1779.

1834 - Inquisition over
The Spanish Inquisition is officially disbanded after more than 365 years, during which time Protestants and other religious groups were persecuted by the Catholic Church.

1936 - War starts
A failed armed forces rebellion and military coup against the democratically-elected Popular Front government of Spain triggers the start of the Spanish Civil War.

2015 - Space mission
NASA's New Horizons probe performs the first flyby of Pluto by a man-made satellite, completing the initial survey of our Solar System.

This week in history

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

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

GOOD

WINE

- JO
- WINE
- FINE
- FIND
- FOND
- FOOD
- GOOD
- Solution

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

New friend



CHARLEY THOMPSON (Charlie Plummer) is a 15-year-old boy living with his single father Ray (Travis Fimmel) in the Pacific Northwest.

He wants nothing more than to be fed, a home and a school he can settle into but his father's work takes him travelling meaning life is unstable.

Charley places his hopes on getting a new start after moving to Portland in Oregon. He soon befriends a failing racehorse and the two embark on a quest to find a home in Lean on Pete.

Time for a hip-op?

IF you're experiencing pain in your hip due to an injury or arthritis, you understand the affect that it has on your everyday life. When arthritis or injuries are severe, many times your only option is to have a hip joint replacement.

The hip is a ball-and-socket joint and is one of the largest joints in the body. It's made up of the acetabulum which is the part of the pelvis bone that forms the socket and the femoral head which is the upper end of the femur that forms the ball.

The surfaces of the ball-and-socket are coated with articular cartilage that provides cushioning for the joint as it moves. The synovial membrane, the tissue that surrounds the hip, creates fluid that lubricates the cartilage to reduce friction during movement.



In a damaged hip, the articular cartilage becomes worn down so that the ends of the bones rub against each other without any form of cushioning. This causes a great deal of pain for the patient.

There are many diseases

and conditions that can cause a hip injury severe enough to warrant a hip replacement. Arthritis can cause the synovial fluid to become inflamed and results in cartilage wearing away too.

If you're dealing with severe hip pain and stiffness

that persists even when at rest, you may need to undergo a hip joint replacement.

This surgery will relieve your pain and help you return to the activities you enjoy most.

Recall for certain blood pressure drugs

A PRESCRIPTION drug recall is currently underway across Europe following emerging concerns about drugs produced in China.

Impurities have been found in the manufacturing process of the active substance valsartan.

The facility where the issue was identified supplies this active substance to other drug manufacturers.

The impurity (N-nitrosodimethylamine), which may have carcinogenic potential, was the result of a change in the facility's manufacturing process.

This active substance is used in a number of medicines marketed in Europe to treat high blood pressure and heart conditions.

The European Medicines Agency and other EU regulators are working together to investigate the extent of the issue and any possible impact for patients.

Dr Sam Atkinson, MHRA's Director of the Inspection, Enforcement and Standards Division said: "People taking valsartan medication affected by this recall are advised to not stop taking their medication, but to speak to their doctor or healthcare professional who can advise on alternative treatment."

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DIESEL PARFUMS is thrilled to announce Les Twins as faces for the new fragrance for men, Diesel Only The Brave Street.

The brand has cast famous international urban street dancers to star in its new campaign.

New Style hip-hop dancers Larry and Laurent Bourgeois hail from Sarcelles, a Paris suburb. From street kids to street icons, they have created their own style. They were the main characters in the Michael Jackson Immortal Tour by the Cirque du Soleil in 2011.

They have also toured several times with Beyonce, including during her Coachella performance in 2018. Les Twins also won the first World of Dance TV competition in 2017, despite Laurent getting injured during the semi-finals. They are brave role models for a new generation.

“As New Style hip-hop dancers, we represent street culture,” they say. “But our art is more than

From the street to role models



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FRESH AIR: Major study findings probably surprise nobody.

Healthy outdoor lifestyle

ANYONE living in Spain will probably be among the first to agree with the following statement ... 'spending time outside is good for you.'

This has also been backed up by a major study undertaken from almost 300 million people who were analysed as part of a review into the supposed benefits of nature.

The researchers found that an outside lifestyle can dramatically cut the risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stress and high blood pressure.

Those behind the research - which has taken place over a number of years - hope that the discoveries will encourage doctors to recommend patients spend more of their time in green and open spaces.

Data was studied by the University of East Anglia from 20 countries around the world, including the UK, to come up with their one sentence conclusion.

Caoimhe Twohig-Bennett, a PhD student and lead author of the study, admitted they are unsure what causes the

benefits found.

She said: "Spending time in nature certainly makes us feel healthier, but until now the impact on our long-term well-being hasn't been fully understood. "It reduces the risk of type 2

diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death and preterm birth, and increases sleep duration."

Miss Twohig-Bennett added: "We hope that this research will inspire people to get outside

more and feel the health benefits for themselves. Hopefully our results will encourage policy-makers and town planners to invest in the creation, regeneration, and maintenance of parks and green spaces."

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Don't nod off!

WE hope you can get to the end of this article without yawning ...

To yawn is an almost impossible feeling to resist and control, and yet some of the world's top scientists are still uncertain of the biological reasons for it.

In the past, there have been many theories as to why we yawn, and indeed go back as far as Hippocrates in 400BC who believed that yawning actually removed bad air from someone's lungs before a fever.

Many centuries later - in the 1600's and 1700's - medical professionals thought yawning increased the amount of oxygen in the blood, blood pressure, heart rate and the actual flow of blood itself.

In more recent times, the consensus has moved toward the idea that when some-

body yawns, the brain cools down. Therefore, if the air temperature and indeed the temperature of the brain itself rises, the episodes of yawning increase.

Actually, if the truth is known ... scientists have no idea why we yawn, but what they do know is that almost every species does it. Animals do it when they're tired and it can often be used by some as a form of threat.

There are even suggestions that the wide-open mouth that comes with a yawn can be contagious and set off a series of networks in the brain that are responsible for empathy, this explains why when someone yawns others follow.

Be honest, how many of you yawned when reading this?

UNKNOWN: Scientists find the reasons for yawning a mystery.



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Groundbreaking Van Gogh experience

DESCRIBED by the organisers and Alicante Council as the most visited multimedia and multisensory exhibition in the world, Van Gogh Alive - The Experience comes to Alicante on September 13.

Created by the Australian company Grande Exhibitions, this immersive experience combines 3,000 images in movement, light and music and creates a unique and unforgettable way to approach the work and personality of the great genius that was Vincent Van Gogh.

After its premiere in Sevilla, the Lonja del Pescado de Alicante is the second stop on the Spanish tour of Van Gogh Alive - The Experience, organised by Nomad Art, which has been seen in more than 80 cities around the world and visited by in excess of five million people.

For more than a century the works of Vincent Van Gogh have been exhibited in the most prestigious museums in the world, but never like this. It is not an exhibition of ordinary art, but a multi-sensory experience in which the work of the Dutch painter comes to life before the eyes of the visitor.

This treatment makes Van Gogh Alive - The Experience an ideal vehicle for all audiences, from art connoisseurs to those who are making their first acquaintance with the work of the artist.

Visitors will have the opportunity to walk



Credit: Ayuntamiento de Alicante

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freely through the exhibition hall or simply lie down and be enveloped by a powerful and vibrant symphony of lights, colours and sounds thanks to the innovative SENSORY4TM technology in place.

More than 3,000 images on six-metre-high screens will transform each surface and cover walls, columns and even floors. On that scale, the vibrant shapes and colours of Van Gogh's work become even more impressive.

As well as all of this 21st century innovation, there is a display of original material about the artist, his thoughts and state of mind through panels, photographs and videos that portray his prolific period of work between the years 1880 and 1890.



MULTISENSORY EXHIBITION: Scenes from the experience.

The exhibition also has a corner reserved for children and an art room to learn how to paint like Van Gogh, with the help of video tutorials by expert artists.

The exhibition will be open from September 13 to December 16, every Tuesday to Sunday (closed on Mondays). Tickets can be purchased



through the official webpage www.van-gogh.es with effect from Wednesday August 1.

Visits on weekdays will see a discounted price. There will also be special charges for children, students, people with disabilities, people over 65 and the unemployed, as well as special offers for families and groups.

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Brothers in Band visit the Costa Blanca

IT is becoming increasingly more difficult to attend the concerts of some of the great musicians of the 60's and 70's due to death, ill health or simple old age.

So, it is becoming more and more attractive for audiences to attend 'tribute' concerts performed by musicians who have studied their idols in minute detail and present musically perfect interpretations of the songs and music that fans know so well.

With Mark Knopfler concentrating on his solo career and as a composer for film soundtracks, Dire Straits, the first group to sell one million CDs, have not performed together since 1995 and it appears unlikely that they ever will do so again despite their enormous success.

A band made up of nine Spanish musicians who call themselves Brothers in Band are due to kick off their tour of Spain in Alicante, where they will be presenting all of the



DIRE STRAITS TRIBUTE: The nine piece Brothers in Band on stage.

best known numbers recorded by the original band.

If the guitar and voice of Mark Knopfler have been fundamental in the original band then the same is true of Oscar Rosende. His voice, posture, gestures, expressiveness and his spectacular way of playing the guitar are certainly reminiscent of Mark Knopfler of a

bygone era.

Guy Fletcher himself, keyboardist with Dire Straits and Mark Knopfler since 1984, has observed after hearing one of their performances, "I have to admit that I thought it was a recording of us."

They are due to appear at the Teatro Principal in Alicante on Friday September 7 with

tickets costing from €30 to €45.

With no likelihood of ever seeing the original band again, this is an opportunity to see a highly professional outfit who are so confident of their ability that they even offer a CD and DVD of themselves playing on their website: www.brothersinband.com.

Eat Well
to Live Well

by Andrew Harding



LAST week I talked about diets at length, so could only include a simple recipe. This week, there will be little discussion and more recipes!

When I cook, I like a beer, glass of wine or this twist on a gin and tonic!

• Gin and Chilli Tonic

Serves 1

3 whole ice cubes
1 measure gin
1 slice lemon
1 whole red birds eye chilli pepper, sliced in 1/2 lengthways and deseeded
4 measures tonic water
Place in a Highball glass in this sequence and then enjoy.

Tip: Wear rubber gloves when preparing the chilli pepper.

• Seared and Roasted Beef with a Pickled Walnut Sauce

Serves 4

1 kg whole fillet steak
1 tablespoon black peppercorns,

ground

1 tablespoon butter
500ml beef stock
6 whole pickled walnuts, chopped
2 tablespoons juice of pickled walnuts
Coat the fillet steak in the ground black pepper and saute in the butter on all

sides to seal. then the

outside is cooked,

place in the oven

pre-heated to 200

Celsius (fan oven)

220 Celsius (con-

ventional oven) and

cook to personal

preference. I would

recommend buying a

meat thermometer, which

for safety's sake is neces-

sary to prevent food poi-

soning from undercooked

pork, chicken and turkey.

The thermometer is inserted

with the tip in the middle of the

steak and should read as follows:

Rare: 52 Celsius

Medium Rare: 57 Celsius

Medium: 63 Celsius

Medium Well: 66 Celsius

Seared and roasted beef

Well: 71 Celsius

Place the beef stock, pickled walnuts and the walnut juice in a frying pan, bring to the boil and reduce in volume to one third.

Serve

Tip: Using a saucepan to reduce the sauce will take much longer than using a frying pan.

• Mushrooms with Garlic

Serves 4

1 tablespoon olive oil
4 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
350 grams mushrooms, coarsely chopped

1 teaspoon black peppercorns, ground
Salt to taste

Place olive oil in a frying pan and saute garlic until transparent, remove garlic and reserve.

Add mushrooms to the pan and saute for three or four minutes so they are still firm. Add the reserved garlic, season and serve.

Tip: There are many varieties of mushrooms, the normal white supermarket ones can be slightly bland. Wild mushrooms are much better.



Advertising Feature

Cocktails on the rooftop terrace at Laurel's

IN addition to the al fresco dining out on their beautiful rooftop terrace, Laurel's is also very welcoming as a cocktail bar.

It's open for those just wishing to relax and enjoy the sunset with one of their fabulous cocktails. Or choose from their selection of cava, Prosecco and Champagne, or mocktails and milkshakes if you prefer or for the children.

With the wonderfully warm evenings, the comfy sofas on the terrace are a perfect place to enjoy stunning sunset views across the Vega Baja and over towards the mountains. The terrace at Laurel's has always been a popular social haunt, whether it be for pre- and post-dinner drinks, or just for relaxing with drinks and friends to while away the time.

Again this spring, the terrace has been refreshed with pretty flowers for the pots and planters and vibrant new covers for the cushions, adding colour and comfort to the surroundings whilst you kick-back, relax and enjoy.

Laurel's very well priced cocktail menu includes favourites such as Mojito, Pina Colada, Sex On The Beach, Sangria Sizzler, Margarita and Hurricane (all at €5.90), Cosmopolitan, Singapore Sling and Mai Tai (all at €6.50), and Espresso Martini and Long Island Iced Tea (both at €6.90). Why not try their frozen cock-



RELAX: Enjoy your cocktail as the sun sets over the terrace.

tail, the delicious Strawberry Daiquiri (at €5.90) or a few bubbles with their sophisticated cava cocktail, the Limoncello Fizz (at €7.50).

For the children (or drivers!), try their Milkshakes - vanilla, strawberry, chocolate, and Oreo (all at €3.50), and there are non-alcoholic cocktails including San Francisco, Virgin Mojito and Virgin Strawberry Daiquiri (all at €4.50).

With a full bar to complement, including classic cavas, Prosecco and Champagnes, Lau-

rel's is certainly the best terrace in Quesada for a drink with family and friends, to start and finish your evening in style. Live music at Laurel's continues throughout the year, outside on the terrace during these summer months, every Thursday and Saturday night from 8.30pm (to accompany dinner and for dancing afterwards).

Everyone is welcome, whether dining or not.

The weekly music schedule is always in their advert in EWN.

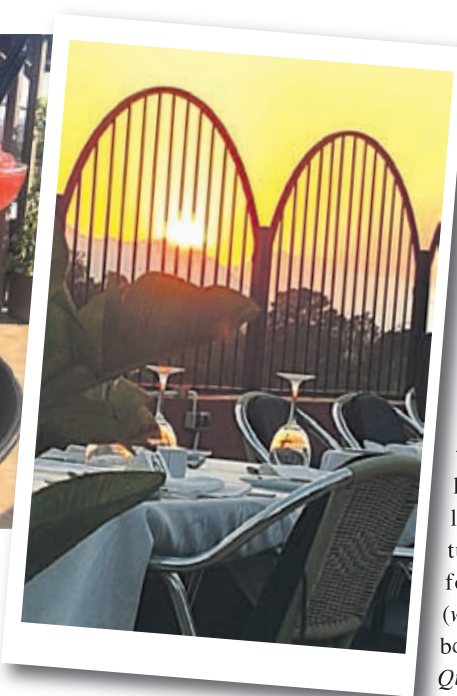
Laurel's is situated along Calle Los Arcos, just 30-metres from Quesada Bowling, with plenty of roadside parking available. The restaurant, bar/lounge, and terrace area occupies the whole of the top floor of the building, with access via stairs and a lift.

Their monthly changing three-course set menu, plus 'a la carte' and traditional Sunday lunch menus (Sunday lunch returns in September) can all be found on their webpage (www.laurels.es), and their Facebook page (*Laurel's Restaurant, Quesada*) has regular updates on menus and forthcoming events.

Booking your table well in advance is advisable.

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Soul Sacrifice and more next month

AUGUST will be a musical month for those living in Alicante as there are no less than four great concerts, all taking place in the bull ring.

Carlos Santana will be bringing his band to the city on Tuesday August 7 as one of just three dates in Spain (the others being Fuengirola and Peralada) with tickets costing from €56 to €81.

Although he may now be 70 years old, there is little doubt that audiences will enjoy a selection of the best numbers from his 50 years in rock.

Next up will be Rodger Hodgson, the former singer with hugely popular Supertramp and writer of such hits as *Breakfast in America*, *The Logical Song* and *Dreamer*, who will be appearing on Tuesday August 14 with tickets costing €50.

Saturday August 18 wel-



Credit: Torsten Maue flickr

MUSICAL MONTH: Guitar master Carlos Santana.

comes Spanish heart-throb, the singer, Pablo Alboran, winner of three Latin Grammy Awards whose five albums have all topped the charts in Spain. Tickets for this gig start at €35.

Rounding up the month another Spanish singer-songwriter, Enrique Bunbury, will be appearing on Saturday August 25, with

tickets costing €40.

He has had a long career which has brought plenty of success, although his surname causes some confusion as it is a stage name he adopted in 1984 with one of his first professional bands and is taken from a character who appears in the Oscar Wilde play, *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

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Punjabi Palace restaurants just keep getting better

WHEN you have three well-loved modern Punjabi Palace restaurants in La Murada, Los Montesinos and La Marquesa (Quesada) feed-back from customers is always important.

Just look at the reviews on TripAdvisor to see how good each restaurant in the group really is and the high ratings aren't just for Indian restaurants but for all restaurants in the areas in which they operate.

There is currently a very reasonably priced menu del dia at €8.95 which is served between noon and 3pm and includes a lamb or chicken dish, rice or naan bread, poppadum plus a dessert or coffee as well as a complimentary drink.

All of the Punjabi Palace restaurants are family friendly and welcome younger diners who will have the chance to learn about the very special spices and flavours that go

into making the various curries on offer.

If the wide menu choice is a little daunting, the friendly, award-winning front of house staff are always on hand to advise and recommend dishes, which can be prepared to your taste and preference.

If you can't spare the time to sit and eat, there is of course also the option of ordering a takeaway meal and if you spend more than €20 you will be offered a free bottle of wine to complement your delicious and tasty curry selection.

It is always worth checking the Facebook page to see what the next special night will be because, as well as such events as Valentine's and anniversary parties, there is often a live singer on selected night.

As the weather gets warmer, don't worry about the heat as the restaurants are fully air conditioned

and for those who can't give up social media there is also free WiFi for all. Of course there are great terraces where you can enjoy the breeze, the food, the drink, the service and watch the world go by.

Each restaurant is open seven days a week from noon to midnight and the staff are always delighted to welcome new visitors as well as regular customers.

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PANTOMIME GROUP: Members of the group enjoying the Summer Social Event.

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The cast and crew of their next fabulous pantomime, *Camelot*, were enjoying a lovely summer party, scripts were issued and talk turned to the forthcoming rehearsals when Jack Daniels, bar tender, known as the Casanova of the pool bar,

was found murdered ... WHO DONE IT?

That was up to Sergeant Lord to use his sleuthing skills and find the culprit amongst the partygoers, some of who had their own motives for the murder and had played their parts well throughout the evening getting into character to mingle with the guests to throw everyone off the scent.

Everyone joined in to draw their own conclusions and find the killer whose identity was re-

vealed, which proved a surprise even to the killer!

Over €3,000 was raised for various charities from their last pantomime and they are looking to match, or even top that amount.

So, if you would like to join this fun loving group to help out at their next pantomime email: rojalespantomime@gmail.com or call Thelma

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90 years of bonfires for San Juan

CELEBRATING the anniversary, the Alicante Council has unveiled a special display consisting of more than 200 exhibits, which opened at the Lonja del Pescado de Alicante last Tuesday.

Posters, models, banners, and some examples of clothing, are the elements that make up this great exhibition. Many of them have been unseen in recent years and are now available thanks to the council and individuals who have emptied their own collections.

Visitors who come to the Lonja will find a large number of historical items which tell the story of the last 90 years of the bonfires of San Juan, including the important role of women in the celebrations over the years.

The exhibition, which can be visited from 4 pm to 9.45pm until Saturday July 21, closes a very special year for the official festivities of the city.

Michael's Legacy promises a Thriller

ENDORSED by the Spanish Michael Jackson Fan Club, the Jackson Dance Club from Valencia are bringing their tribute to the King of Pop to Torreveija.

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The 42-room hotel operates in the former palace of the Empress Eugenia de Montijo, after being redesigned by Spanish architects Manuel Bernard and Sainz de Vicuña in tandem with Interior Design Leitmotiv.

The property is located near the cathedral and Jewish Quarter, as well as the Church of Santo Tome where painter El Greco's masterpiece, The Burial of the Count of Orgaz, resides.

John Licence, Marriott International's Vice President of premium brands Europe, said in a statement:

"The hotel's rich heritage, intimate size and chic, modern design creates a unique



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This is Marriott's latest addition to the Autograph Collection brand, which will join the other Spanish locations of Madrid, Baqueira, Santiago de Compostela, Granada and Barcelona.

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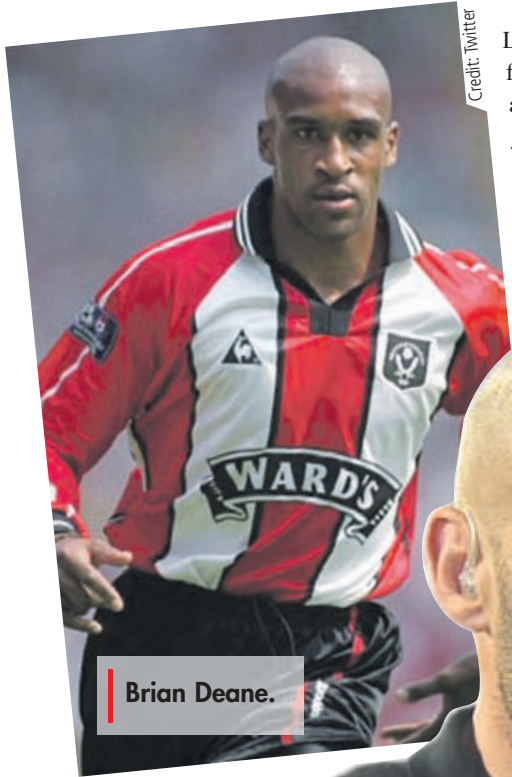
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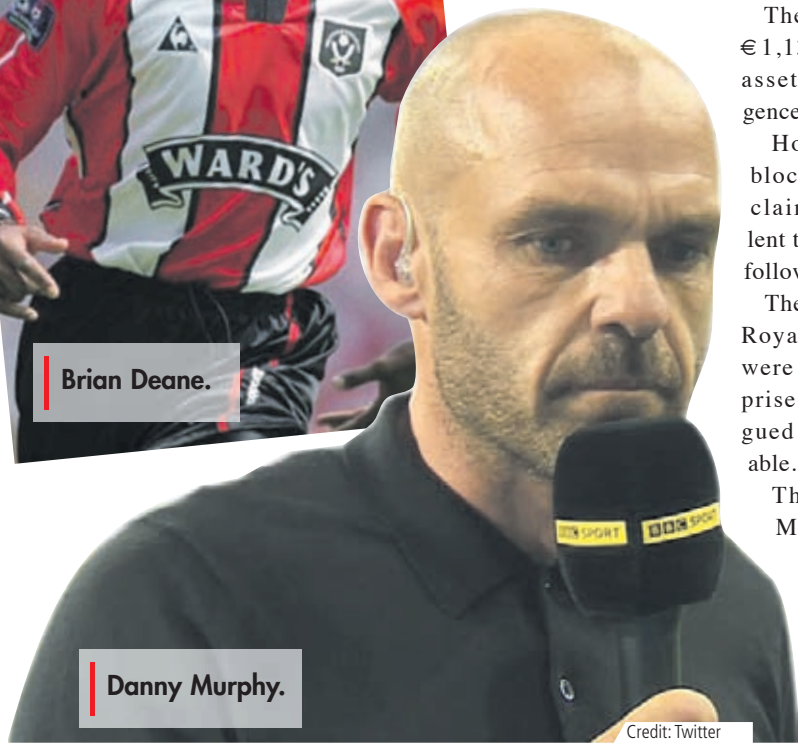
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Footballers appeal after tax own goal



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Brian Deane.



Danny Murphy.

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LAWYERS representing four ex-footballers are appealing against a judge's decision to block a legal claim against Coutts and RBS, after they lost heavily investing in controversial proper-

ty-based tax avoidance schemes in Spain and Florida.

Seven years ago former Sheffield United striker Brian Deane, 50, former Liverpool Danny Murphy, 41, former Leicester midfielder Robbie Savage, 43, and former Blackburn winger Jason Wilcox, 46, all won financial damages in the case.

These ranged from €900,000 to €1,130,000 after they accused an asset management firm of negligence.

However, a judge has now blocked a follow-up bid to make claims against two banks which lent them money to buy apartments, following a High Court hearing.

They claimed that Coutts and the Royal Bank of Scotland Gibraltar were involved with a 'joint enterprise' with their advisers, and argued that bank bosses are also liable.

The judge, Chief Master Matthew Marsh, had analysed evidence at a hearing in London in March, and his written ruling has now not gone in their favour.

Master Marsh said that

Robbie Savage.

they had not established 'liability,' but the law firm representing the players, Elbornes, announced they would be seeking leave to appeal to a High Court judge.

Elbornes claimed that in his judgement, Master Marsh had ruled on technicalities of law and did not cast any doubt on the allegations of fraud that had been made.

HM Revenue and Customs have already probed a number of claims brought against the firm in relation to the property scandal, along with dubious film investment schemes.



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Especially to those expats who would like to use their Spanish holiday homes all year round, rather than just for the summer. We also urge new owners, who have just moved to Spain this year, to consider their winter heating.

All fuel costs are rising steadily and it pays to make sure that whichever system you decide upon is efficient and economical. Remember: efficient means it does the job and economical means it's cheap to run. Many systems are one or the other, but Neater Heaters are both.

Neater Heaters are made in Norway, where they benefit from Scandinavian styling and modern, state-of-the-art, design and materials. Whether wall-mounted or free-standing, you have the confidence that these heaters will be providing a more cost-effective, efficient heat output than any of

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A couple of years ago they added the Turkish-made Vigo heater and



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PANEL HEATERS: The attractive range of heaters available.

ators to their range.

These heaters share the design technology and ethos of the current Neater Heaters, but they have two differences: The Vigo comes with a carrying handle, wall bracket and feet included in the price;

they also

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London Pride

GRAEME TYRRELL

THE Mediterranean climate allows the use in the landscape of many plants that in northern

Europe can only be used as indoor plants.

One of them is London Pride (*Crassula multicaeva*). It is a wonderful, easy to grow, self spreading succulent.

I use it as a ground cover

around taller bushes and trees. It grows quickly when planted in autumn and spreads quickly with the cooler weather and moist soil in winter.

In spring it has a profusion of small, very fine white to pink flowers on long stems that look very attractive rising high above the leaves. In summer it tolerates the heat very well with minimal watering requirements.

Its advantages are that it covers the soil with attractive foliage with minimal maintenance.

It is not invasive as it is so easy to remove from places that you do not want them to spread to. This can be a disadvantage if you have animals in the garden that scratch or dig as the plants can be quickly damaged.

A visitor to my garden, who is a professional gardener, recognised the succulent and was fascinated to see how well it had established all around the shrub beds of my terrace. He had only known it as an indoor plant.

It is a great pot plant as it is



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GROUND COVER: The attractive London Pride in flower.

so hardy. It will proliferate with even poorer soil mixes for years and is usually tolerant of irregular watering. In northern Europe it is a popular pot plant but most regions are too cold to grow it as a landscape plant in an open garden. The London Pride originates from Africa.

In the Mediterranean garden it will grow so easily. Pieces can be broken off established plants and planted wherever you want more to grow. They also seed prolifically and so renew themselves in the garden and self spread in this way.

The *Crassula* family of succulents, which London Pride

belongs to, includes Jade plants and the Silver Dollar plant that are also more commonly grown in containers. I also grow these as landscape features in the garden.

The garden needs to have good drainage so it is necessary to have compost and you can even add fine stones to ensure that the soil does not get waterlogged in wet weather or when watering. They do not tolerate wet feet for long. They are shallow rooted so a good mulch of compost can be sufficient to grow London Pride successfully in the garden without having to cultivate deeply

in established shrub beds.

You only need to water them when you see the leaves are becoming thin and perhaps wrinkled. They will normally recover quickly and swell up again to store the water that enables them to survive long periods without additional watering.

I tend to just water the shrubs in the garden as required and the London Pride take advantage of this watering, so they are not additional work to water and the thick ground cover means that there are few weeds that can compete in the dry conditions that the London Pride can survive in summer.



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Guard dogs and growling

MOST pet dogs will guard their territory by barking at intruders.

Problems arise when large, aggressive dogs are kept in a fenced area to protect commercial property. Often this happens without the owner or dog having had any sort of training.

In fact, no responsible trainer would undertake to train a guard dog unless absolutely sure that the handler was also a responsible person, if not a member of the services who, of course, have their own trainers.

The reason is that aggression, once roused, is most difficult to reverse. Be wary of putting up such signs as 'Beware of the Dog' because this is an admission that you have an aggressive or dangerous dog. The sign 'Guard Dog' is also an indication that you have a dog trained to guard and, possibly, to injure.

It's best to put up a sign that

says simply 'Dog.' Nobody can complain about that. The chances are a burglar will come in through the back entrance anyway and won't even see the sign, but he will probably hear the dog barking.

When dogs growl, they should never be corrected, whatever the circumstances. Instead, you should walk away. The animal will learn very quickly that this verbal display will cause owners to walk away and ignore them. Any verbal correction on the part of owners can cause more problems. Our voices can actually encourage more aggression.

Properly socialised dogs should not growl at any human. It is a sad fact that I get many e-mails from people from all over the world worried about their dogs growling. If the dog does so as soon as people enter the house, the answer is simple: put it away somewhere secure.

Some dogs will tolerate chil-



CAREFUL: A dog who feels threatened can turn angry.

dren, whom they see as being no threat, but will not allow adults to handle or go near them. In nearly every case, it is the owner's fault

for not having taken the dog as a puppy to dog training classes where it can socialise with other dogs and people.

The answer with an older, unsocialised dog that growls is to find a behaviourist to come to the house to deal with the problem. There is no substitute for 'hands on' work by a specialist.

There are, however, a few things which should be done to reduce the dog's dominant attitude.

Somebody emailed me about his dominant dog that growled whenever any adult came into the house, though it did tolerate children. Two baby grandchildren were to visit during the summer and he did not want them scared by the dog's growling. "Please help," he begged.

I told him his dog would regard the babies as little dogs entering his territory - dogs that would receive more attention than him. The result would inevitably create jealousy and could be potentially dangerous.

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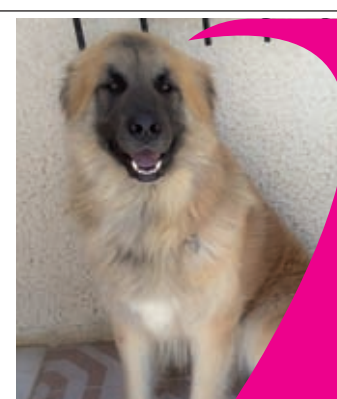
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MOTORING FACT

Car manufacturer Lotus designed Chris Boardman's sci-fi bicycle which he rode to victory in the 1992 Olympic 4,000m pursuit final.

Nano no-no

RUMOURS are rife that production of the Tata Motors model called the Nano are about to cease. Manufacturing of the Indian-made car have slumped compared to June 2017 when 275 units came off the production line.

Twelve months later, that number had dropped to one. Sales were just as poor with just three Tata Nanos being driven away from the forecourt in June 2018.

Permanent underground parking

A NIGERIAN man has had one of the strangest, but luxurious, funerals of all time.

The dead man's son always wanted to buy his dad a luxury car ... but he died before he had the chance. So, he bought a BMW X6 and his father was buried in it.

NUMEROUS new features in the area of drive-technology enhance driving fun as well as reducing emissions in the current Mini models as from summer 2018.

Emission control in all petrol-engine variants of the Mini three-door, Mini five-door and Mini Convertible, as well as the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman, will include a particulate filter as from this month.

This demonstrates how Mini consistently continues to pursue the optimisation of emissions in its current models.

The diesel engine variants of the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman have met the Euro 6d-TEMP standard since March of this year, and their emission control system includes not just a diesel particulate filter and an NOx storage catalytic converter, but also an SCR

Eco friendly Minis



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catalytic converter which features a special urea injection (AdBlue) for highly effective reduction of nitrogen oxide emissions.

In addition, the relevant model variants of the Mini Clubman and Mini Countryman will be fitted with enhanced petrol engines as from now too.

Here, optimised Mini TwinPower Turbo Technology especially benefits fuel consumption and emission levels.

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Volvo looking at mobility diversity

VOLVO is shortly to launch a new brand - Volvo M - which looks to deliver a broad range of mobility services offering 'Freedom to Move.' It is due to launch in Sweden and the USA sometime next year.

Car makers are starting to think outside the box as the future of personal mobility changes and outright car ownership, perhaps, becomes a thing of the past.

Already offering 'Care by Volvo' where customers can rent a car just like a phone, Volvo is now looking further ahead and is launching a new brand - Volvo M.

Volvo has been running a car sharing plan in Sweden for 20 years (known as Sunfleet) and it will be incorporated into the new 'M' as Volvo extends what it of-



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ALTERNATIVE: Volvo 'M' to launch its mobility initiatives.

fers. Volvo say that current mobility services, including their

own, only offer an alternative to taxis or public transport, but Vol-

vo say the new 'M' will focus on the way people use their cars and

deliver a service which can take its place.

Volvo CEO, Hakan Samuelson, said: "Volvo Cars is becoming more than just a car company. We recognise that urban consumers are rethinking traditional car ownership. M is part of our answer.

We are evolving to become a direct-to-consumer services provider under our new mission 'Freedom to Move.'

"Volvo M will start to roll out in 2019 in Sweden and the USA, and although there are no real details of what is going to be on offer, Volvo makes it clear they want to respond to needs, rather than just offer services, and aim to build five million direct consumer relationships by 2025 to deliver that through an intuitive M App."

Jaguar wins car of the year award

IN what the judges called 'a great night for Britain,' Jaguar's new all-electric I-Pace has been awarded the prestigious Auto Express car of the year.

As customers start picking up their new cars later this month, the panel of judges made special mention of the Jaguar I-Pace's style, driver-appeal, comfort and innovative all-electric powertrain.

The car accelerates from rest to 62mph in just 4.5 seconds, with a top speed of 124mph. The range on one charge, it's claimed, will take it 300 miles which is the distance between London and Newcastle.

Despite being developed and engineered by Jaguar in the UK, it's manufactured in Austria.

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Transfer rumours

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

Manchester City has agreed a €68 million deal with Leicester for long-term target Riyad Mahrez. (*Daily Mail*)

Paris St-Germain want to sign Barcelona midfielder Philippe Coutinho, 26, for €270 million to help keep fellow Brazilian Neymar at the club. (*Metro*)

West Ham hope to sign England midfielder Jack Wilshere, who is a free agent after leaving Arsenal. (*The Times*)

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez has already chosen Eden Hazard's squad number if the 27-year-old Chelsea star moves to the Bernabau. (*Talksport*)

Manchester United are confident of signing 29-year-old Chelsea forward Willian now Brazil are out of the World Cup. (*Sun*)

Everton has joined Arsenal in the race to sign Sevilla and France midfielder Steven N'Zonzi. (*Daily Express*)

Liverpool has received loan offers from Norwich and Sheffield United for 18-year-old Wales wonderkid Ben Woodburn. (*BBC*)

Arsenal's Spanish left-back Nacho Monreal, 32, is a target for La Liga side Real Sociedad. (*Daily Star*)

Manchester United are ready to bid €45 million for PSV Eindhoven's 22-year-old Mexico striker Hirving Lozano. (*Mirror*)



Credit: Al Kagou/Flickr

MERCURIAL MEXICAN: Hirving Lozano celebrates scoring against Germany.

Real Madrid want forward Cristiano Ronaldo to tell the club's fans he was not forced out of the Bernabeu if the Portugal captain moved to Juventus. (*Daily Mail*)

Paris St-Germain are willing to pay more than €113 million for Chelsea and France midfielder N'Golo Kante, 27. (*Metro*)

World Cup 2018

Hamilton fights back to stay

FERRARI'S Sebastian Vettel passed the Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas to win a British Grand Prix full of action, as Lewis Hamilton fought up from the back of the field to take second.

Hamilton drove superbly to recover from a first-lap collision with Vettel's teammate Kimi Raikkonen, and the result hinged on two late safety cars, when world champion Hamilton's Mercedes team took a strategic gamble.

Unlike rivals Ferrari and Red Bull, Mercedes chose not to pit both their drivers for fresh tyres at the first safety car intervention.

The decision promoted Bottas, who had run second



Credit: Formula1/Twitter

RAISED EXPECTATIONS: Vettel has extended his lead in the standings.

from the start, to the lead ahead of Vettel, while

Hamilton was propelled two places up to third.

It was a gamble that paid off for the Briton - winning him crucial points in his title fight with Vettel and limiting the damage that could have been caused after the first lap.

However, it didn't work for Bottas, whose tyres ran out and was passed by Vettel, Hamilton and Raikkonen before the end of the race.

Hamilton is eight points behind German Vettel in the championship, which is as tight as ever as the season approaches the halfway point.

"Winning a home Grand Prix is always a special thing," said Hamilton. "But in some ways I feel like I won today since I came from last."

Enrique steps up for his country

EX-BARCELONA and Roma coach Luis Enrique has been appointed as Spain manager on a two-year contract.

The 48-year-old former Spain midfielder replaces Fernando Hierro, who stepped down as interim boss on Sunday.

Hierro - who is not returning to his role as sporting director - was placed in temporary charge of the team after Julen Lopetegui was sacked on the eve of the World Cup.

Enrique has been out of management since leaving the Nou Camp last June.

Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) president Luis Rubiales said:

"The decision was unanimous. I like his commitment and he has turned down better-paid jobs in order to coach Spain.

"He's a coach who has all the requirements the federation was looking for."

Luis Enrique, who played for Real Madrid and Barcelona, won La Liga, Spanish Cup and Champions League treble as Barca manager in 2015.

The RFEF also announced that Jose Francisco Molina, a former Spain goalkeeper, had been brought in as sporting director.

Spain endured a World Cup tournament to forget, drawing

against Portugal and Morocco in between a narrow victory over Iran.

They were then eliminated at the hands of Russia in the last 16, and Enrique, who knows a

number of the squad from his Barcelona days, will be expected to turn their fortunes around.

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SOUTH KOREA'S Kim Sei-young broke the LPGA Tour's 72-hole record as she won the Thornberry Creek Classic with an incredible 31 under-par score. The 25-year-old's nearest challenger in Wisconsin was Spain's Carlota Ciganda (22 under).

TO READ MORE

ROHIT SHARMA made a stunning 100 not out to help India beat England by seven wickets in the third Twenty20 match and secure a 2-1 series victory.

England, batting first, could manage only 87 runs from the final 10 overs to post 198-8 in Bristol, despite Jason Roy's blistering 67 from 31 balls.

Rohit shared an 89 run stand with Virat Kohli and accelerated in the final overs to put India in control.

He and Hardik Pandya closed out the match with eight balls to spare and it was the highest run chase by any team against England in an international T20.

Three brilliant catches - one from Jake Ball and two by Chris Jordan - interrupted India's chase, but Pandya took 20 runs

Sharma knocks England for six



Credit: @JmR045/Twitter

from the 18th over - bowled by Ball - to turn the match in India's favour.

A three-match one-day series starts today (Thursday) at Trent Bridge, before the first of five Tests gets under way on August 1.

England's leading wicket-taker James Anderson remarked that it was "not a day to be a bowler" as both sides made hay on a pitch with short boundaries.

England captain Eoin Morgan said:

"That total isn't defensible when a guy comes out and plays like that on a small ground. India played better than us."

ROHITTING HARD:

Rohit Sharma's stunning century won the day for India.



Credit: Ian Parker/Flickr

FIGHTING TALK: Brailsford pulled no punches in a press conference.

Brailsford slams brakes on Lappartient

TEAM SKY cycling boss Sir Dave Brailsford has said that UCI president David Lappartient needs to learn what his 'responsibilities' are, while accusing the Frenchman of having a 'nationalistic view.'

For his part, Lappartient had commented that Team Sky's wealth allowed them to fight Chris Froome's asthma drug case in a way other teams could not have done.

Cycling's governing body dropped the case against Froome last week and Brailsford said: "He (Lappartient) has still got the local French mayor mentality, maybe."

Lappartient, 45, is the mayor of the French commune Sarzeau, where stage four of this year's Tour de France took place.

"If you want to be the president of an international federation, protect everyone in that international community, don't take a French angle, or a nationalistic view," added Brailsford.

"The quicker he can learn his responsibilities, the better it will be for everyone."

When asked if Team Sky would release the evidence used in Froome's case, Brailsford said it was up to the UCI and Wada to publish the details.

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