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Sex clinics claim

by Staff Reporter

TWO private clinics in Mallorca have come under fire after being accused of falsely diagnosing patients with sexually transmitted infections.

The Magaluf and Palma surgeries, part of the British Surgery chain of five in the heart of the island, are at the centre of an exposé by two undercover reporters from a national English newspaper - and they claim the company is putting profit before patients.

Run by British expatriate Jill Harris - believed to live in a luxury flat on the island - the clinics apparently display posters claiming '79 per cent of tourists who are tested are in-

fectected,' with an emphasis on chlamydia.

The signs go on to ask ominously 'are you sure you don't have it?'

Acting on a tip-off, two investigative reporters visited the clinics and within an hour, at a cost of around €100, were allegedly told they were positive.

Only a week earlier, and on their return to the UK, both women said they were checked

by a reputable London doctor who gave them both a clean sexual bill of health after a comprehensive consultation, adding that even fast-tracked, the results took five hours.

STI 'SCAM': The surgeries have been accused of false diagnoses.

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Heatwave warning

THE first official heatwave of the summer started yesterday (Wednesday) with daytime temperatures soaring to at least 40°C across most of the country, according to state weather office AEMET.

Young guns

WITH the appointment of Pablo Casado, 37, as president of the conservative Partido Popular, Spain and Croatia are the only two EU countries where leaders of three main political parties are under 40.

Big stink

AFTER the European Union fined Spain €12 million for failing to treat sewage in 17 larger towns, a new report pinpoints 1,000 smaller 'black spots' across the country.

Sex abuse probe

'Most wanted' Brit fugitive held

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH fugitive who appears on Europe's most-wanted list has been held in the southern Spanish city of Granada.

David Daniel Hayes, 39, from Anglesey in Wales, is allegedly a dangerous paedophile wanted for the sexually abusing of a string of children in the UK.

The former press officer for Welsh premier league club Bangor City FC is also suspected of at least three offences in Spain after giving private English lessons to children at his home under a false identity.

A probe launched in the wake of the latter claims revealed that the name and other personal details he supplied to clients in fact belonged to a British expatriate who lives in Valencia.



Photo credit North Wales Police/Guardia Civil

GOT HIM: David Daniel Hayes was arrested in Granada.

The BBC's Crimewatch programme at the time described him as 'one of the most wanted criminals in Britain,' while North Wales Police put out a number of calls for Europe when he fled to Europe.

He has been remanded in custody and will appear before the National Court in Madrid ahead of his probable extradition, a Guardia Civil statement said.

An official from North Wales Police said: "Following extensive enquiries and working collaboratively with the National Crime Agency, Crimestoppers and the Crown Prosecution Service, North Wales Police can confirm that David Daniel Hayes has now

been located, arrested and detained in Spain awaiting extradition to local jurisdiction."

DC Tim Dobson of the North Wales Police Protection of Vulnerable Persons Unit added: "Hayes mistakenly believed he could avoid police and the courts by fleeing the country following charge.

"However, with the tenacious and determined efforts of those involved in the hunt for him, we have been able to ensure that he will now face trial in relation to the offences he has been charged with and hopefully he will be brought to justice."

DS Katie Ellis said: "This is long-awaited news for the victims and their family, who have shown great courage to come forward, and further resilience and strength in awaiting the inevitable arrest of Hayes."

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Tragic Brit back home

A BRITISH man who was paralysed after hitting his head when diving into a Mallorca pool is back home after £71,475 (€80,223) was raised on a fundraiser web page. Keith Dungaith, who was not insured, has now had surgery in the UK, but it is not known if he will fully recover.

Drugs haul

A MAJOR anti-drugs operation has ended with nine arrests and €200,000 in cash seized. Guardia Civil carried out 12 raids in Pere Garau, La Vileta, Portitxol, Sencelles, Calvia and Mar-ratxi. Officers found various amounts of cocaine and hashish. Guardia Civil from the mainland were drafted in to help local colleagues.

Death trap

A TEMPORARY fence has been put up on a dangerous walkway which has seen three British tourists fall to their deaths this year. Apartment owners at the Eden Roc complex in Magaluf have agreed to the council request while a permanent safety plan is drawn up in the coming weeks.

Sent home

A BATTERED woman who took refuge in Mallorca has been ordered to return to her native Hungary and hand over her child to her ex-boyfriend. The Supreme Court has given the woman eight days to comply with a Hungarian court order giving custody of the 13-year-old girl to the child's father.

Stairs fall

AN Irish tourist, 19, is in serious condition after falling two floors down a stairwell as he tried to hop from one staircase to another at the Deya apartments in Santa Ponsa. He suffered severe injuries to his hip and spine and remains at the Son Espases hospital.

Parking fine

THE owners of three motorhomes parked up in Palma face fines of between €4,000 and €40,000 after they advertised their vehicles for short term lets on AirBnB. The renting out of tourist accommodation is strictly regulated under new regulations and must meet certain quality standards.



Photo credit Twitter

NOT APPY: Taxi drivers have been on strike across the country.

Fare game

TAXI drivers across Spain have sparked chaos after joining a strike against ride-hailing firms including Uber and Cabify.

The outraged cab owners say the companies are ruining their livelihoods and putting jobs at risk.

Protesters used their cars to block main roads in Barcelona, where the action started, Madrid, Valencia, Alicante, Malaga, Zaragoza and Bilbao, while some drivers have been camping out for days.

And hours of talks between taxi association representatives and government officials have so far failed to break the deadlock.

The groups want the authorities to enforce a law under which there should be 30 traditional taxi licences for each ride-hailing licence.

They said in a statement: "Uber and Cabify are putting the viability of the taxi sector and 130,000 jobs at risk."

The strike comes after the Spanish government appealed against a Barcelona Council ruling which limited the number of licences granted to smartphone app-based taxi services.

Drivers have warned they will extend the revolt to airports, ports and even the border with France if Madrid fails to act.

Plastic threat

MALLORCA is wallowing in a sea of plastic.

A new study has found that at the Port des Canonge, in front of the Serra de Tramuntana, an incredible 2,699,784 fragments of plastic were found in each square kilometre of sea.

Samples were taken from points all round the Mediterranean over a period of five years. These revealed that the amount of plastic in the sea - an average of 147,500 particles per square

kilometre - is between two and three times the level seen in a previous survey.

But in the Balearics the problem is even worse. Researchers of the Nixe project were surprised to find 4,576,115 fragments per square kilometre off Ibiza's Bahia de Portmany.

In the waters of Es Vedra and in the area of Portinatx, in Sant Joan, one million particles per square kilometre were greatly exceeded.

Hotels beds ruse

HOTELS in Mallorca have been accused of illegally putting extra beds in rooms to double accommodation and bypass official limits.

The UGT and CCOO unions in the Balearics say many three-star establishments are putting two extra beds in a double room.

Moreover, it is believed that even four-star hotels are getting in on the sneaky ruse to increase capacity.

Unions also claim that it is contributing to mass tourism and

labour exploitation because it gives staff extra work for no more pay.

Tourism officials are now carrying out a major inspection campaign to clampdown on the practice.

By law, hotels can only put in extra beds to accommodate children under 12 years of age, or cots for children less than two years old.

Last year 32 hotels were fined between €15,000 and €55,000 for indulging in the illegal practice.

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ABDUCTION CHARGE: Juana Rivas and (inset) demonstrators protest her sentence.

Mum jailed

A SPANISH court's decision to jail a mum-of-two for five years has sparked protests across the country.

Demonstrators have been taking to the streets in Madrid, Barcelona and other major cities to express their disgust after Juana Rivas was also stripped of custody rights for six years and told to pay significant legal costs.

Rivas went into hiding with her two sons to stop them being handed over to their father, who had been convicted of physically assaulting her.

The controversial case has become emblematic in Spain's battle against gender violence, and the verdict triggered a wave of criticism from politicians and female campaign groups.

Rivas fled Sardinia to escape Italian partner Francesco Arcuri in May 2016 and returned to Spain, where she lodged a domestic abuse report after telling him she was taking the children - now aged 12 and four - on a family visit.

But he denied the charges after previously being found guilty of hitting her in 2009, and a Spanish judge ordered her to return the boys to him last July.

She defied the ruling and vanished with them for

a month, leading a judge to order her arrest after she failed to turn up for a court summons.

And the move saw her become a social media sensation, with Twitter users adopting the slogan #JuanaEstáEnMiCasa (Juana is in my house) to show their support.

She eventually handed herself in and the children were reunited with Arcuri.

During the trial in Granada, she told the court she had been acting "as a mother," and that she did not want her children to go back to the place where she had been abused. She added she lived through hell, claiming Arcuri would "lock her up in a room for hours, hit her, spit in her face, and pull her hair," and said her children, particularly the eldest, had "suffered a lot and been witness to various things."

But the court said there was no evidence of domestic violence since the earlier incident and she had taken the boys illegally.

The ruling said a psychological analysis of her eldest son failed to reveal any trace of trauma related to abuse.

Her lawyer has called the verdict a "failure of the Spanish and Italian justice systems" and vowed to appeal.

POLL OF THE WEEK

Should the European Union do more to help Spain with the ongoing migrant crisis?

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'Tourists exploited'

» From Front page

Revealing her findings, the reporter who visited the Cami Sa Porassi surgery is quoted as saying that the chain of clinics 'exploits anxious and vulnerable tourists for profit.'

"The clinics get paid whether the result is positive or negative, but the more British who believe Mallorca is riddled with STIs, the more will walk through their doors.

"STIs are not covered by travel insurance because they are seen as preventable. But, I was advised that, along with the clinic, it should be suggested for insurance purposes that I was treated for a sore throat."

Referring to her colleague who visited the clinic in Palma Nova, the reporter added: "Both of us were told we had an infection and were given anti-

otics. Neither of us was given counselling or adequate health advice."

Dr Mark Lawton, a consultant in sexual health, and a member of the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV said: "There's no test I am aware of that could produce results for chlamydia - which can lead to infertility, cervical cancer and arthritis if left untreated - that quickly."

The British Surgery's official website claims to 'provide the highest level of medical care for British tourists and residents in Mallorca,' adding that it has been running since 2001 under the direction of Jill Harris who apparently gained her extensive paediatric knowledge at London's Great Ormond St Hospital

When the British Surgery was approached with the findings, it told the newspaper that it had taken action



CLINICS: 'Exploit British tourists for profit.'

to discipline a member of staff, but denied it was exploiting vulnerable British people.

It said in a statement: "The receptionist who saw the reporter has been given a verbal warning. The med-

ical report written by the doctor advises she was seen for a possible STI.

"As the paperwork did not match this an insurance claim was never filed. We do not make bogus insurance claims."

OUR VIEW

ID cards recommended

AS recently as 2006, the then Labour government introduced the concept of a UK identity card at an expected cost of £5 (€5.5) billion but this was scrapped by Theresa May in 2010.

Now as an ID registration system for EU citizens who want to remain in the UK after Brexit is to be introduced, a think tank suggests that this should be expanded to include all UK citizens.

The concept of an ID card must have some benefits as it is much easier to carry than a passport and can contain a large of information, but if mandatory, may cause some complaint if every citizen has to fork out £65 (€72) to comply.

One very strong argument is that the Windrush scandal would not be repeated as all of those entitled to reside in the UK would be able to prove their right rather than run the risk of old paper work being destroyed and then placing their rights to live and work in Britain in jeopardy.

This publication follows a week in which the EU has indicated that it is unlikely to agree to the May Brexit plans and the Italian Interior Minister has warned that the EU is being deceitful in its negotiations with Britain.

As Mrs May sets off on a walking holiday in Italy she will not be happy with the fact that a Sky News poll suggests that 78 per cent of those interviewed think that the government is doing a bad job on Brexit and that even committed Brexiters are now wondering whether there should be a second referendum.

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In full string

AGELESS actress Elizabeth Hurley has opened a pop up bikini boutique in Mallorca.

And the 53-year-old beauty was on hand at the grand opening as she accompanied German businessman and owner of the new shop Mathias Kuhn.

Elizabeth Hurley Beach is located in prestigious marina Puerto Portals between Calvia and Palma.



BEACH BABE: Liz models one of her creations and (inset) at the boutique opening.

Photo credit Elizabeth Hurley/Instagram/Twitter

Flack on the market

SHE'S the presenter of hit ITV2 dating show Love Island.

But Caroline Flack, 38, is herself single once more after jetting back from filming the final stages of the series in Mallorca to hand over her diamond engagement ring to ex Andrew Brady.

The former Apprentice star reportedly refused to leave her London home without the piece of vintage jewellery believed to be worth £6,500.



UNLUCKY IN LOVE: Caroline Flack.

Bear-ly credible

HE sparked controversy earlier this year for hooking up with a former Miss England semi-finalist in the wake of an acrimonious split with former squeeze Charlotte Crosby.

And reality TV star Stephen Bear set tongues wagging again after being caught fibbing about the cost of his Ibiza hotel.

The Celebrity Big Brother winner, 28, wrote that he and

model girlfriend Ellie O' Donnell, 21, had moved into the 'super luxury' accommodation after their holiday villa was burgled.

And he was filmed on a balcony with views of the Mediterranean Sea, adding the caption: 'This is the only place in Ibiza that costs 50,000 a night!'

But it was later revealed in UK media the star was staying in a four-star hotel where rooms



WHITE LIE: Ellie and Stephen.

can be booked from €224.

And when quizzed about the apparent bungle, he replied: "I just want to chill man by the pool to be honest."

Fox in the box

HE shot to fame during this summer's World Cup, where he got his head on everything.

And England star Harry Maguire delighted revellers at Ibiza's Amnesia nightclub

by nodding a giant inflatable football into the crowd.

The 25-year-old Leicester City centre back became a cult hero during the Three Lions' run to the semi-finals in Russia.



MAG-NIFICENT: Harry Maguire in Ibiza with fiancée Fern Hawkins.

By ecc!

BILLIONAIRE heiress Tamara Ecclestone has been snapped aboard dad Bernie's super yacht as it sails around the Balearics.

The mum-of-one, 34, ap-

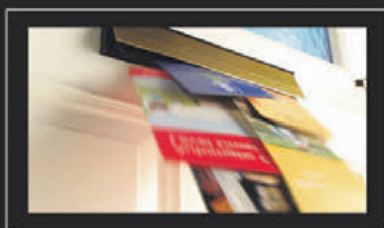


peared to be enjoying her ninth holiday of the year with daughter Sophia, four.

YUMMY MUMMY: Tamara Ecclestone with daughter Sophia.

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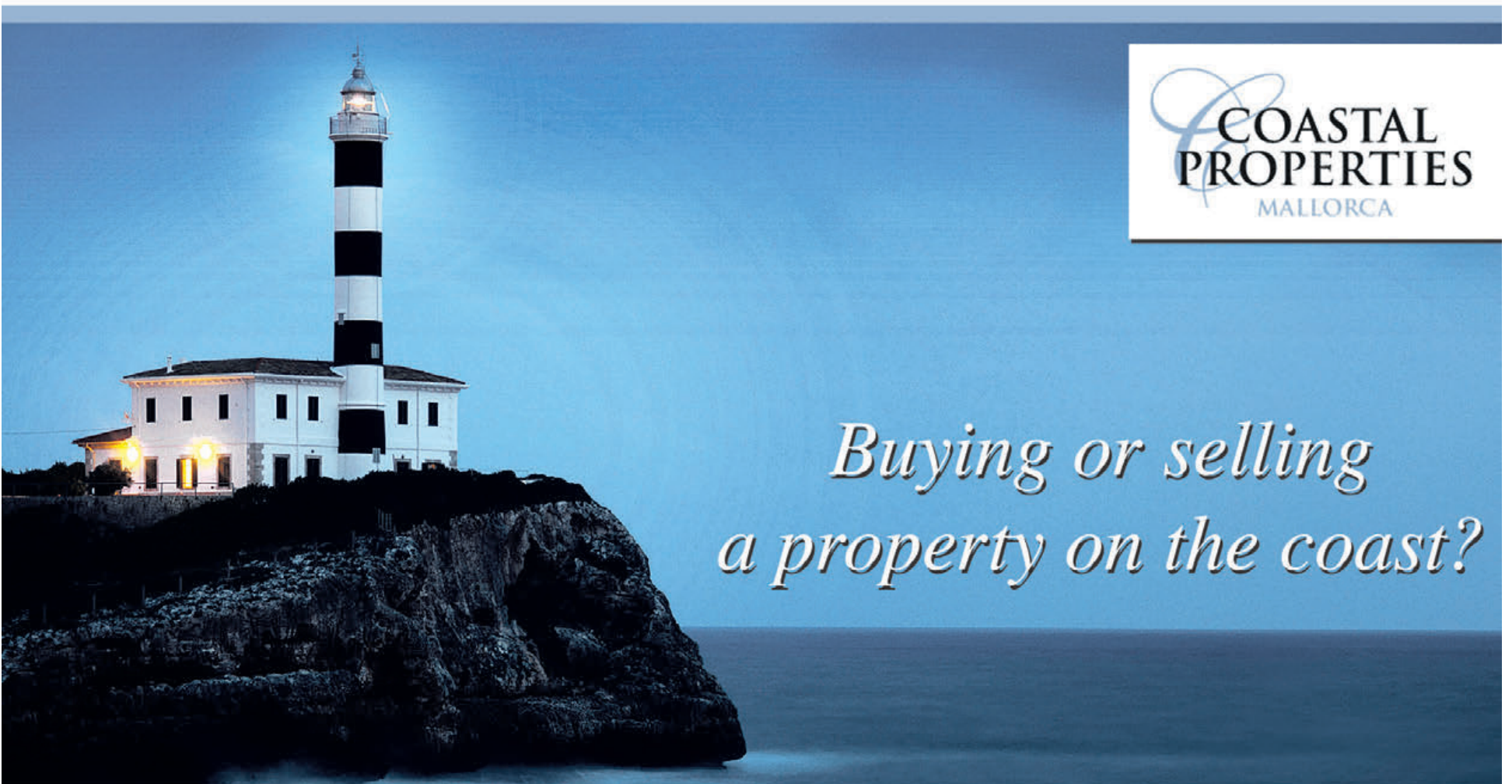
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MICHAEL, 65, on holiday from Somerset, UK

"The strikes haven't affected me but if it comes to a point when they do then it will be inconvenient. We have the same situation in England, but the main taxi companies had a long time when they were sitting pretty without much competition. It's the nature of business that others come in and challenge.

"They should economise and adapt. Uber and Cabify are clever and using technology to get the upper hand over an old model. The traditional taxis simply need to react by putting in more investment and making changes to be competitive. Adapt or die!"

Hannah Jackson, 15, on holiday from Manchester, UK

"Uber and Cabify offer a better service and have seen an opportunity in the market. Every business should be able to do what it wants. The taxi drivers can work for Uber if they want to, can't they? It might be better for their futures if they do.

"Local business is important

STREET TALK

Are nationwide taxi strikes justified?

Spanish taxi drivers have this week sparked chaos across the country after striking in protest against ride-hailing apps including Uber and Cabify. But are they right to do so?

but there should be room for everyone. I use Uber if I need a taxi and with the app it's very easy. Me or my mum can order a cab for my grandma and we can track the car so we know she is safe.

"You also have to rate them so they'll be nicer to passengers! It's also cheaper so there are many different factors I think. The other taxis need to modernise!"

Timo, 44, and Katerina, 30, on holiday from Finland

"We don't know, we don't have these new companies in Finland. We always use local taxis, we're old fashioned like

that! It's safer and easier, we don't trust the others. It's a free market though so anyone should be able to offer a service."

Jani, 41, and Anja, 34, on holiday from Tampere, Finland

"We had to walk home because of the strikes, that was not good! We've never used Uber or the other similar ones, Finland doesn't have them.

"As tourists though we would use Uber because the app is probably easy to use and more modern. Whichever service is simple and efficient is going to be popular and successful."

NO JOY RIDE: Jani and Anja.

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HOLIDAY NIGHTMARE: The suspect was arrested in Santa Ponsa.

Sex assault rap

by Matt Ford

AN Irish teenager has been held on suspicion of sexual assault in Mallorca.

The holidaymaker was arrested on a beach in the tourist town of Santa Ponsa.

Believed to be aged 18, he has already appeared in a court in island capital Palma, but it remains unclear if he has been freed on bail or remanded in custody, having

spent Thursday night behind bars. It comes after the victim, described locally as a 'foreign woman' reported the alleged attack to police.

She claims the young man forced himself on her while she was on a beach in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

Detectives are now probing the case after taking a statement from the accused.

Tattoo fury

Expat hits out at claims

By Matt Ford

A BRITISH expatriate has hit out at claims his stag party paid to tattoo his name on a homeless man's face in Benidorm.

Jamie Blake, 37, also revealed he had split up with his bride-to-be ahead of the event but decided to go ahead with it anyway.

The alleged incident sparked outrage after he and around 30 of his friends had partied in a string of bars during a night out.

But photos of a man believed to be Polish and named Tomek having 'Jamie Blake, North Shields, NE28' inked on his forehead later emerged after he reportedly bumped into the group.

Although he was smiling and making a peace sign in the pictures, the tattoo could not be finished because he was in so much pain.

Posted on Facebook by the

parlour, they were quickly deleted after being slammed by furious social media users who branded the scene "barbaric" and accused the business of a "shocking lack of ethics."

But Jamie, who works in Benidorm after moving from North Shields three months ago, claims he was not involved in the incident and says the victim is not even homeless.

He told UK media: "I was not there at the time. There was a big group of around 30 of us drinking in the bar."

"There was a group of Irish lads there as well and Tomek. He isn't homeless, he lives with my friend and works on the strip. I got drunk and was asked to leave the bar. I was never in the tattoo parlour and as far as I know he was not paid any money."

He added the first thing he knew about it was when friends



Photo credit: Facebook

STAG PRANK OUTRAGE: the incident triggered a furious response

told him it had hit the news.

"My friends and family from the UK were contacting me and asking if it was me," he continued.

"It has been a nightmare. I might have to fly home and could lose my job here."

Karen Cowles, president of the Benidorm British Business Association, told the *Star* she knows Tomek, adding: "What

they have done to this man is utterly inhuman and akin to abuse.

"I'm appalled that a group of grown men would take advantage of someone in such a vulnerable position. They have left a human being scarred for the rest of his their life."

A group of local firms has set up a fundraising page to pay for the tattoo to be removed.

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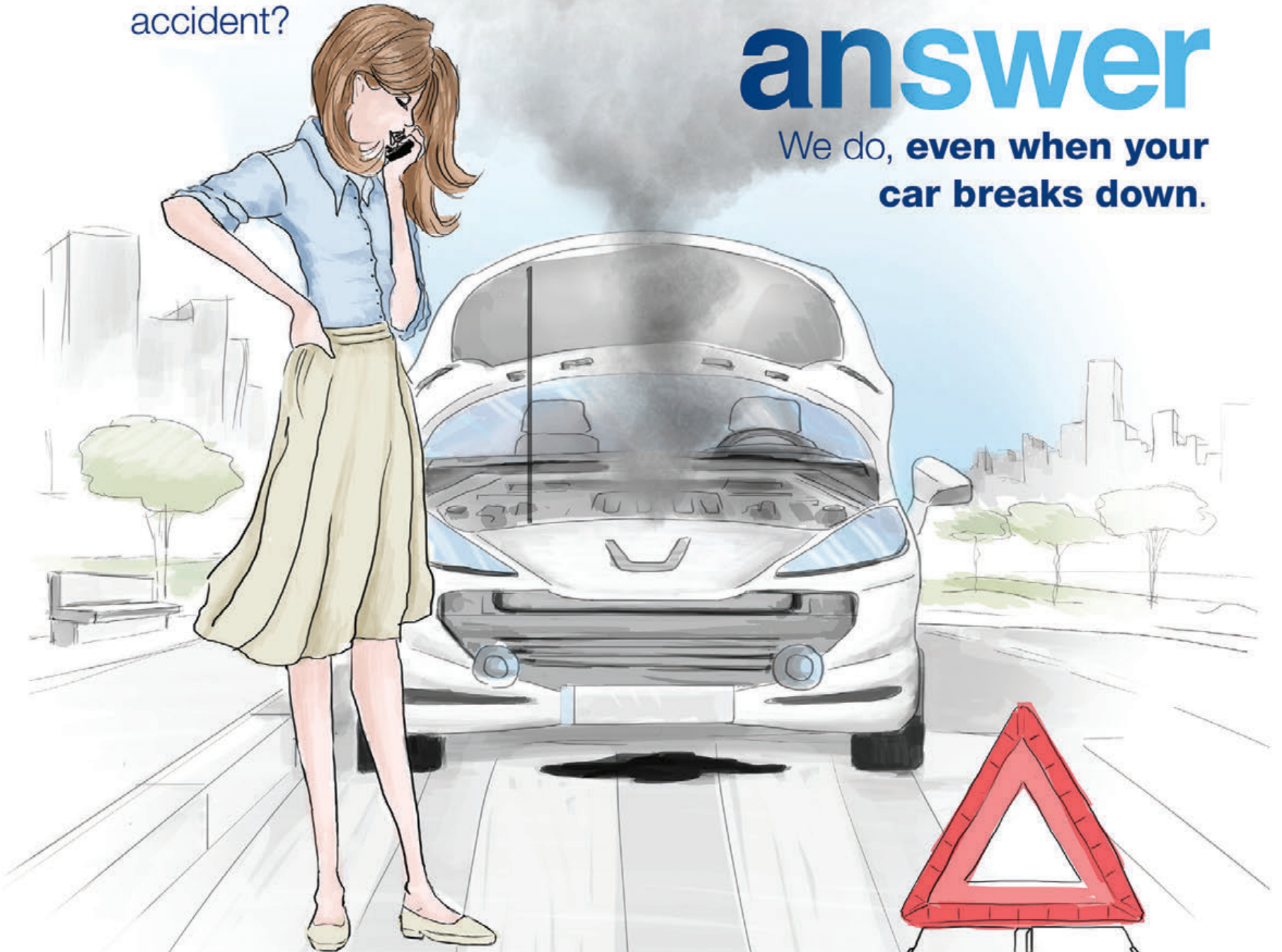
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Town hall's tram plea

CALVIA Town Hall is demanding that the regional government prioritises a new tramline from Palma through Palmanova, Santa Ponsa and Peguera. It says that it will ease congestion and help the environment.

Fast response

THE air ambulance was called in to rush a 27-year-old woman to hospital from Cabrera. She was suffering from a rapid heartbeat and needed urgent medical attention, according to a nurse who attended the tourist.

Cash boost

MALLORCA'S local councils and NGOs will get funds of €40 million to help victims of domestic abuse in 2019, announced national Equality Minister Carmen Calvo in Madrid, double this year's figure.

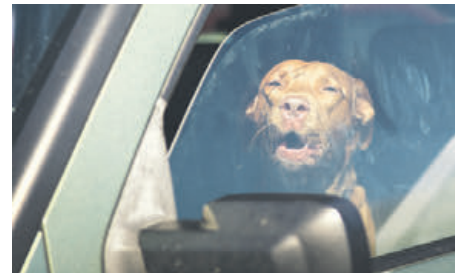
Church sorry

THE Bishopric of Mallorca has apologised to victims of child sex abuse after a third priest was found guilty of the offence by an ecclesiastical court. Antoni Cano Oleo, 75, has been defrocked.

Beach spoilt

A DISPUTE between Campos Council and the regional government has led to mountains of rubbish on El Trenc beach as the former complains it can't place bins in what is now part of a national park.

Pet warning



BAD IDEA: An open window is not enough in hot weather.

• Guardia Civil have issued several warnings this summer against leaving pets locked in cars, even for the briefest moment. Each year there are several cases of dogs dying or suffering heat-stroke because of thoughtless owners. Police warn leaving a window slightly open will not prevent such cases.

FOUR dogs have suffocated to death locked in the boot of a car while their owners went for some tapas.

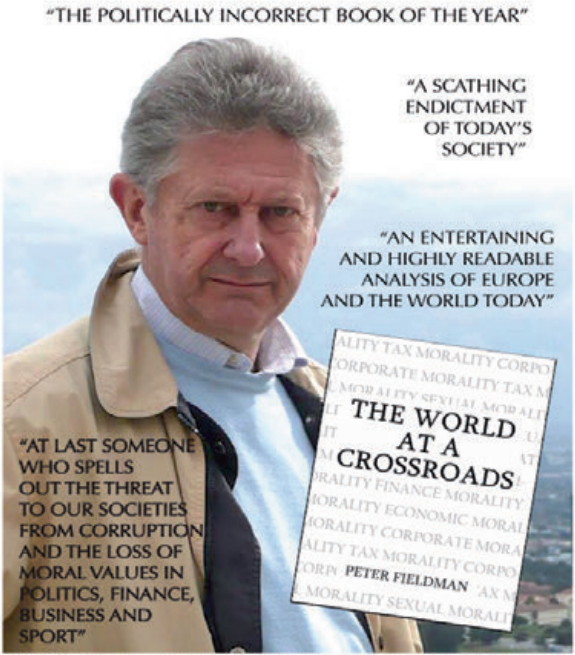
The lifeless corpses of the rottweiler, podenco and two pit bull puppies were spotted by passers-by when two men returned to the car about 1am.

Local Police were called to the car which was parked behind a discotheque on Gandia beach. They concluded that a combination of the hot weather - even though it was late at night - and a lack of oxygen in the unventilated boot were the causes of the tragedy.

The two men told police they had come from Valencia to spend the day with the four dogs before leaving them locked in the boot for between 30 to 60 minutes.

The Local Police have issued a fine to both men and reported them to National Police for an investigation into possible animal abuse.

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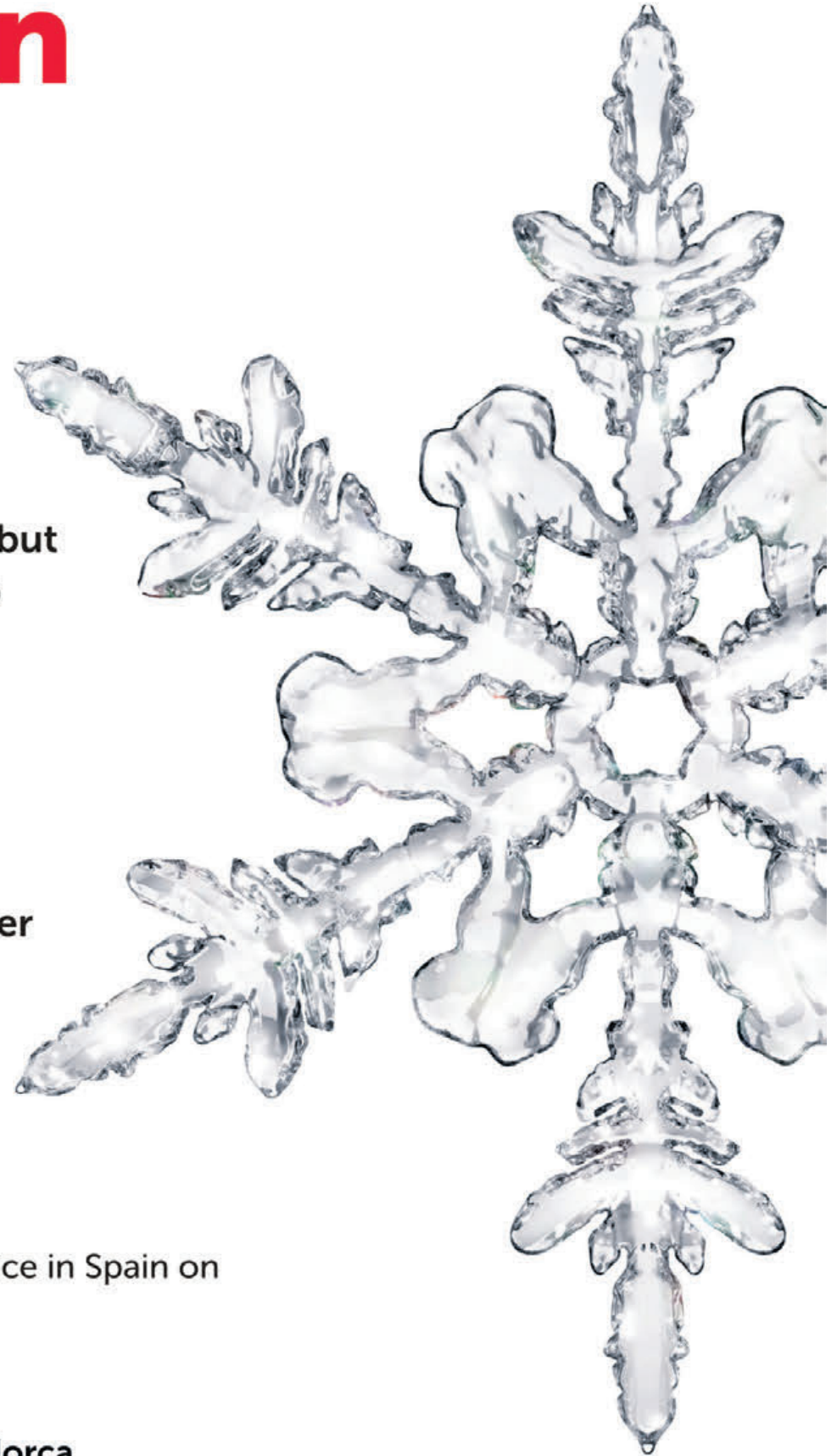
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DENMARK**Rare sight**

STARGAZERS in Denmark were given a rare opportunity to witness a rare 'blood moon' lunar eclipse last week for the first time in three years after the phenomenon began at around 9.30pm last Friday and lasted around 103 minutes.

Drug warning

SCIENTISTS have claimed an antibiotic used to medicate pigs on Danish farms is making it harder for the country's doctors to save human lives, with the overuse of Neomycin causing bacteria to adapt and develop resistances to the drug.

New species

A SPECIES of ant first discovered by Danish schoolchildren could become invasive after scientists' DNA tests identified it as *Tetramorium immigrans*, or a pavement ant, which was previously thought to only live in Southern Europe.

GERMANY**Terror probe**

KARLSRUHE police have arrested a 31-year-old who is suspected to have been a member of the Islamic State (IS) terror organisation with prosecutors alleging Sabine Ulrike S travelled to Syria to fight for the group in 2013.

Fake fall

THE amount of counterfeit euro bank-

notes in circulation fell by 6.2 per cent in Germany in the second half of last year following the introduction of improved security features in the €50 note according to the Bundesbank.

Actor thanks

UNITED STATES actor Michael Douglas has said he owes 'everything' to Germany due to the country being the first to honour him for his perfor-

mances, with the Bambi Film Prize given to him in 1976.

FGM 'rising'

THE number of girls and women falling victim to female genital mutilation (FGM) in Germany has continued to rise with an estimated 65,000 affected, according to Charlotte Weil of the Berlin based Terre des Femmes NGO.

NETHERLANDS**Trial halts**

SCIENTISTS stopped a medical trial experimenting with Viagra and its possible connection to boosting embryo growth in the womb after 11 babies died in tests, with researchers stating 17 of the 93 babies tested developed lung problems.

Deport case

A MOROCCAN national has lodged an appeal with a court after he was threatened with deportation due to his criminal record, with the 22-year-old having been born and brought up in the Netherlands.

Water worry

WATER boards in the south and east of the Netherlands have said their areas are currently facing shortages as the National Coordination Committee for Water Distribution (LCW) said the whole country would see supply issues soon.

Woman jailed

A DUTCH woman has been sentenced to five years in prison and slapped with an almost €169,000 fine for attempting to smuggle 3.25 kilos of cocaine into Britain in four orange syrup bottles, with Beryll Landveld caught in Dover.

SWEDEN**Fire request**

PRIME MINISTER Stefan Lofven said Sweden would appeal for help to tackle forest fires from outside the EU after member states' aid to the country was due to be pulled back so planes and helicopters could fight other blazes.

Body found

POLICE have opened an investigation after the remains of a woman were found in Vasteras, with officers suspecting she may have been killed, but with no suspects identified as of last week.

Envoy speech

BRITAIN'S ambassador to Sweden has delivered a summer talk in the country about his thoughts on being in the post which included David Cairn pointing out that his hosts had never been invaded by his home nation.

Man held

OFFICERS in Kalmar have arrested a 30-year-old man in connection with an alleged burglary in Vimmerby and at least two others in Vaxjo in Kronoberg and Strangnas in the country of the same name.

NORWAY**Girl injury**

A 14-YEAR-OLD girl was left with life threatening injuries after a swimming accident in the Halden area doctors from Oslo University Hospital said after she was rescued by divers and airlifted for emergency treatment.

Union poll

ABOUT half of Norwegians backed their country's current relationship with the European Union in a survey which also found almost half of Swedes and Danes would prefer a 'Nordic Union' between their countries, Norway, Finland and Iceland over EU membership.

Oil deal

CANADIAN authorities said they had reached an agreement with a Norwegian oil firm over the creation of a new oil field off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic as a senior Equinor representative said the deal gave the company clarity.

Famer call

A LAWYER and farmer has said Prime Minister Erna Solberg should cancel her holiday to return and address what he claimed was a 'disaster' in the country's agricultural industry, with Merete Furberg calling on her to provide financial aid.

FRANCE**Aide speaks**

A FORMER security aide to President Emmanuel Macron has said he made a 'huge mistake' when he dressed up as a police officer and was caught on camera beating protestors on May Day, with a probe opened into Alexandre Benalla.

Trade deal

BRUNO LE MAIRE, France's Finance Minister, has said the country welcomed trade discussions between the United States and the European Union if terms were reciprocal after Commission President Jean Claude Juncker met with President Donald Trump in Washington.

Heat alerts

SEVERAL parts of the south and south west of France had to take measures against rising levels of pollution in the atmosphere brought on by summer temperatures as 18 departments were placed on heatwave alert last week.

Company sale

OFFICIALS from the government in Paris said they would not object to a Chinese firm taking over a French smart chip component maker, with Linxens set to be bought out by state firm Tsinghua Unigroup for around €2.2 billion.

BELGIUM**Child claims**

DOCTORS in Belgium have euthanised three children in the past two years according to a report from the country's euthanasia regulators, with the youngsters the first to undergo assisted dying since age restrictions were lifted.

Burkini appeal

GHENT'S council is set to appeal against a ruling which said women should be allowed to wear full body 'burkini' swimsuits due to them having no hygiene issues, with an authority spokesperson stating the decision did not go far enough.

Bet figures

AROUND 300,000 people in Belgium placed wagers totalling about €333 million on matches during the World Cup in Russia with around half of those having never done so before according to the country's Gambling Commission.

TV blunder

A BROADCASTER has apologised to viewers after a seconds-long clip of pornography accidentally appeared behind reporters during a live news programme, with presenters and pundits on the Quoi De Neuf show not appearing to notice.

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An unsung hero

'every day of the year'

MICHEL EUESDEN, the leading lady at *Euro Weekly News*, has bagged a special one-off award which recognises the tireless work some expatriates put into helping their communities in Spain.

The Unsung Hero award, from TV show *Marbella Now*'s presenter Nicole King, has been running since 2017. Nicole broke with convention this year to honour Michel with a lifetime achievement award alongside this year's annual winner.

Nicole travelled to the *EWN* head office in Fuengirola to chat to Michel about the honour, and said she was an unsung hero 'every year.'

"What Michel does is incredible. On a personal and a professional level she is an unsung hero," Nicole explained.

Michel replied she felt humbled after she accepted the award at the *EWN* Royal Wedding Party held earlier this summer.

"I'm lost for words. I'm not accepting the award for myself. I'm accepting it on behalf of everyone involved with the *EWN*," she said.

Nicole insisted she had chosen to 'break the system' in order to give Michel the honour. It is usually given to people annually, but Michel's was a timeless award, she added.

"This award is a lifetime achievement award. One for the past, present and future. We've created it especially for her and I don't think we'll award another like it again," Nicole said.

"You can see and read Michel's spirit of compassion on every page of the *EWN*. Lots of professional journalists work but they don't necessarily care about the issues they're reporting on. The *EWN* does care and that is down to Michel," she added.

Michel revealed her philosophy stemmed from the feminist and women's liberation movements giving her a head for a hard-edged business approach with a softer personal side.

"My first thought is that I mustn't judge anyone. It dawned on me that women put themselves down without realising that we are all beautiful inside.

"When I saw how women put themselves down when they had no reason to I swore never to put another woman down. That all goes back to when I was involved with *Spare Rib* which was one of the first feminist magazines," she said.

Nicole remarked Michel took on board any issue or problem she found.

"What Michel does for me is incredible. Especially when I think about how many 'me's' there are in her life.



'HUMBLED': Michel (left) and Nicole (right) outside EWN head office in Fuengirola.

"Michel is there all the time. Most people have a limit. Michel isn't one of them," she said.

Michel admitted one issue that was always close to her heart was that of the homeless.

"The homeless is something I feel really strongly about. People often don't look at a place like Benidorm for example when they think of issues such as the homeless, but Benidorm has an abundance of problems," she said.

"I remember there was a homeless man sleeping on copies of the *EWN*. I went down to ask how he'd ended up on the streets and he told me he had a host of drink and drugs problems.

"I asked where his family was and he told me his family didn't want him. I managed to get hold of his father and we were able to reunite them in Britain. He's now getting care there and he's due to go to rehab. But it goes to show that some people are so badly affected that they feel they can't go back home," Michel added.

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Nicole said Michel always had time for her ideas and that she makes *EWN* feel like a family.

"The *EWN* is a home. It makes people feel wanted, special and appreciated. The way Michel treats me and everyone else who comes into her world just shows her character," Nicole said.

Michel said she recognised she had a pivotal role to play in the *EWN* but that it was a wider family.

"My team are this great family and the paper is a reflection of what's going on in the community. We're not here just to report the news. We're here to help the community.

"I heard someone say once that everyone should try and pick up three pieces of plastic a day. I take it further. I think everyone should try and pick up three people a day."

The Unsung Hero award is also being handed to Otilia Diaz-Ambrona, a worker at the Foreign Resident and Tourist Office who has put in 13 years of service there.

Kara Robertson of The Boardwalk took home the award in 2017. Kara has worked with orphans in Malaga for more than a decade with the aim of getting older ones back into the community once they left orphanages.



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Back of the net for media hub

NETFLIX has revealed it is establishing its first European content production hub in Spain.

The United States-based video entertainment platform said in a statement the new production centre will be located on the outskirts of Madrid and will occupy almost a quarter of a media hub currently under construction by Spanish firm Grupo Secuoya.

The studios are expected to be operational by September and will concentrate on the company's 'growing slate of Spanish-language original content.'

Car rental price hike 'rip-off'

TWO of the world's biggest car hire firms have sparked outrage amid accusations they charge Britons more than other nationalities.

It comes after a probe by consumer group A Spokesman Said revealed how Europcar and Avis charge motorists 'rip-off rates' depending on where they booked the rental from.

And the charges are different even when hiring the same vehicle in the same location for the same amount of time, according to the investigation.

A British driver renting a Holden [Chevrolet] Spark from Europcar for

by *Matt Ford*

five days in New Zealand would be charged £124, while a holidaymaker travelling from Afghanistan, India or Australia would pay the equivalent of £95.

German motorists would be charged £1 more than Britons, while Americans would pay £119.

And Avis charged drivers from Afghanistan, Germany and India £98 for booking a Toyota Yaris for five days in New Zealand, while British customers were expected to shell out a whopping £150.

Similar differences were found for visitors to the UK, with those from Germany, Italy, France and Spain charged less than Americans or Australians.

When quizzed, Europcar said the discrepancies were down to "dynamic pricing [which] means that rates are never static."

Nic McBride from A Spokesman Said, explained: "This is an absolute rip-off, no two ways about it.

"Why should someone's country determine the price they pay for the exact same product?"

Pirate mission in Brexit move

EUROPEAN states have voted to move the headquarters of their Atlanta anti-piracy mission from the UK to Spain and France amid fears over Brexit.

The operation has fought pirates off the Horn of Africa for the last decade, and its command will next March move from Northwood, Hertfordshire to Rota, Cadiz, and Brest, Brittany. And British chief, major general Charlie Stickland, will be replaced by Spanish naval officer, major general Charlie Stickland.

Diplomats also agreed to spend €11.8 million on extending the mission by a year to December 2020.



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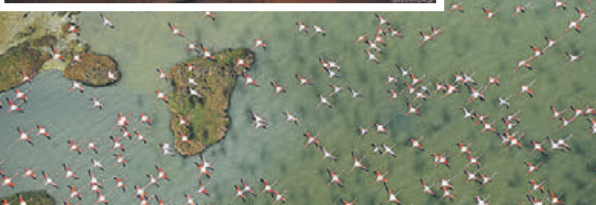
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Gas guzzlers to face national park probe



FRESH HOPE: Greater flamingos fly over Doñana as Greenpeace activists protest the scheme.

THE Spanish government and Junta de Andalucía pledged to investigate plans by Naturgy, formerly Gas Natural Fenosa, to extract gas near Doñana National Park.

Jose Fiscal, environment and planning minister for the southern region, said in his opinion "the only solution is to wave a final goodbye to the project."

It comes after Andalusian Parliament earlier this summer approved a motion by left-wing populist party Podemos urging the

national government to "immediately paralyse" the scheme.

The conservative Partido Popular and centre-right Ciudadanos abstained from voting on the proposal, but the new socialist administration led by Pedro Sanchez has promised to form a commission ahead of an official probe.

And in September European parliamentary officials will visit the park, which straddles Cadiz, Huelva and Sevilla provinces, to assess the risk.

» BUSINESS EXTRA

No more playtime

COLLAPSED high street favourite Toys R Us has requested approval of a €35 million deal to sell its businesses in Spain and Portugal 'as soon as possible' in a filing to a United States Bankruptcy Court in Richmond, Virginia.

High fliers

AERONAUTICAL firm Airbus has forked out and the Spanish government has forked out €392.6 million to extend the company's headquarters in Getafe, Madrid by 400,000 square metres, with the new facilities to be complete by 2020.

Lucky Spar

CONVENIENCE store chain Spar has opened eight new shops in the Canary Islands and mainland Spain since April, and refurbished two of its larger premises in Gran Canaria, the company revealed in a statement.

Decoy olive to catch crooks

SPANISH farmers are taking extreme measures as they battle against income lost to olive thieves.

Organised mafias plunder the valuable fruit during the night from November to January.

And Andalusian firm AgroSecurity has unveiled its latest high-tech invention in the rural struggle.

Dubbed 'Señuelo,' the device features a decoy replica olive fitted with satellite tracking technology

to help police trace stolen crops.

These are hung on olive trees, and tripped by sensors installed in pressing machines when looters sell their haul to oil companies, alerting police.

"Now that we've got our patents and blueprints in order, we're looking for investors so that we can manufacture a prototype," said AgroSecurity founder Ricardo Cardenas. "That's the next step."



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Currency outlook: Pound under pressure

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Euro

EUR/GBP: Up from £0.87 to £0.89

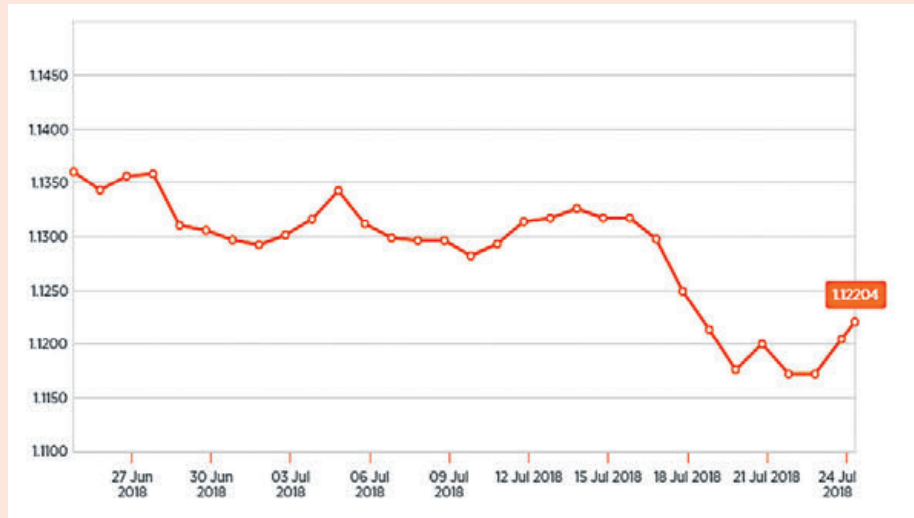
EUR/USD: Up from \$1.16 to \$1.17

AFTER being plagued by political uncertainty in June, the euro (EUR) has trended higher over the last month, as concerns were eased by EU leaders finally reaching an agreement over migration.

Further aiding the euro's move higher in July has been a swell of supportive Eurozone data, with the bloc appearing to have found its feet again at the end of the second quarter, much to the relief of EUR investors.

However, somewhat undermining the single currency has been a step up in rhetoric from Donald Trump, with the US President becoming increasingly critical of the trade imbalance between the US and the EU, stoking fears that Washington could impose tariffs on some EU exports.

Looking ahead, the end of July will see the European Central Bank (ECB) hold its latest policy meeting, with the euro potentially dropping if the bank's guidance continues to become increasing-



POUND: Facing considerable selling pressure.

ly dovish in the face of growing global trade tensions.

Meanwhile movement in August may be driven by the Eurozone's second quarter GDP report, with any uptick in growth likely to strengthen the EUR exchange rate.

Pound

GBP/EUR: Down from €1.13 to €1.12

GBP/USD: Down from \$1.32 to \$1.31

Sterling (GBP) saw some heavy losses throughout July, with the pound facing consider-

able selling pressure as political jitters and weak economic data prompted markets to sour on the currency.

On the political front the pound was rocked by the resignation of two senior Cabinet ministers, with markets fearing the departure of Boris Johnson and David Davis could lead to a leadership challenge.

While this was narrowly avoided, undercurrents of uncertainty pulled down Sterling throughout the first half of the month.

The second half of the month was marked by the release of a string of soft UK economic data, with domestic wage growth, inflation and retail sales all printing below expectations.

This run of data had a dramatic impact on the pound, sending it spiralling to new multi-month lows against both the euro and US dollar.

With economists suggesting it is now a toss-up whether the Bank of England (BoE) will choose to push ahead with a rate hike next month or not, is looks likely August's policy meeting is likely to be the key focus for GBP investors in the coming weeks.

Looking past the rate decision, markets are likely to turn their attention back to Brexit, with Sterling set to slide if progress remains slow.

US Dollar

USD/GBP: Up from £0.75 to £0.76

USD/EUR: Unmoved at €0.85

Trade in the US dollar (USD) was mixed in July, with US economic data released failing to lend much support to the currency. This was particularly the case with the most recent payrolls figures, which suggested the US jobs market may not be running as hot as it once was.

However the US dollar did continue to find support from rising trade tensions between the US and China, with markets flocking to USD as safe-haven demand soared.

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The Orwellian nightmare is here

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



CONTRARY to the popular opinions of some who regret the human ageing process, I think the last thing I would want to be in this day and age would be a teenager.

Heaven only knows how most of today's youngsters are going to cope with the 'slings and arrows' of the real world, when they finally realise that they are actually responsible for their own well-being and survival!

With the nanny state they are being raised in becoming more and more prevalent by the day, I can see them becoming utterly reliant on their robotic communicators, expecting them to solve just about any problem that happens to arise.

The Orwellian nightmare of brain-dead zombies, totally unable, or even willing to make a single decision for themselves, finally reaching manifestation. To tell the truth I think vast majorities of them are already there. It's actually not their fault. It's the so-called adults who have decided to interfere with just about every aspect of their young lives.

This week the 'nannies' delivered a real humdinger. In order to avoid accusations of rape among students, they have suggested a series of requests to be implemented and replied to at every



'NANNY STATE': Are young people being brainwashed?

step of the 'petting' process. For example: May I walk with you? May I hold your hand? Do you mind if I put my arm around you? Would you be willing to let me ... !? Well I think you can probably imagine the rest!

Personally, I can't think of a worse passion-killer than that scenario. In my day the girl soon

let you know whether you could 'touch' something or not. You often came up against some resistance; but then a young lady wouldn't want you to think she was 'easy' would she?

Whatever the case, ultimately your own judgements usually prevailed, leading to a satisfactory outcome for both parties. I also notice it's always

the female point of view they are discussing. Implying of course the age-old misconception of the young that it's only the boys who 'want it.' Utter nonsense. 'Yes of course you can touch it darling, you really didn't need to ask!'

Slightly nonplussed with the post-trial remarks of Cliff Richard last week. His Buddha prayer attitudes and his confession that he 'didn't think he would be able to look at anyone's child again' did somehow imply that the successful outcome of his case was in some way an exoneration of the criminal paedophilia charges that he was accused of.

This case had nothing to do with that. This was an invasion of privacy trial. The 'Elm Guest House affair' was never resolved, and was only dropped when the police decided there was not enough evidence to proceed. If he really wanted the public to believe in his innocence, he should be suing the police for a whole multitude of false accusations.

Personally, if I were innocent of these charges, and at this time there is no reason to believe otherwise. I would be fighting it with every breath of my being. Someone rummaging through the half empty drawers of one of my many 'homes' would, by comparison, be very small potatoes indeed!

Keep the faith.

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TECH FOR THE TIMID



Nostalgia? I remember that ...

Terence Kennedy wonders when he could last recall a phone number

I DON'T actually need Google. My wife knows everything.

Well no, she doesn't, and of course I seek stuff online, but it makes a great 'music hall-type' comedian's joke. If we still had music halls.

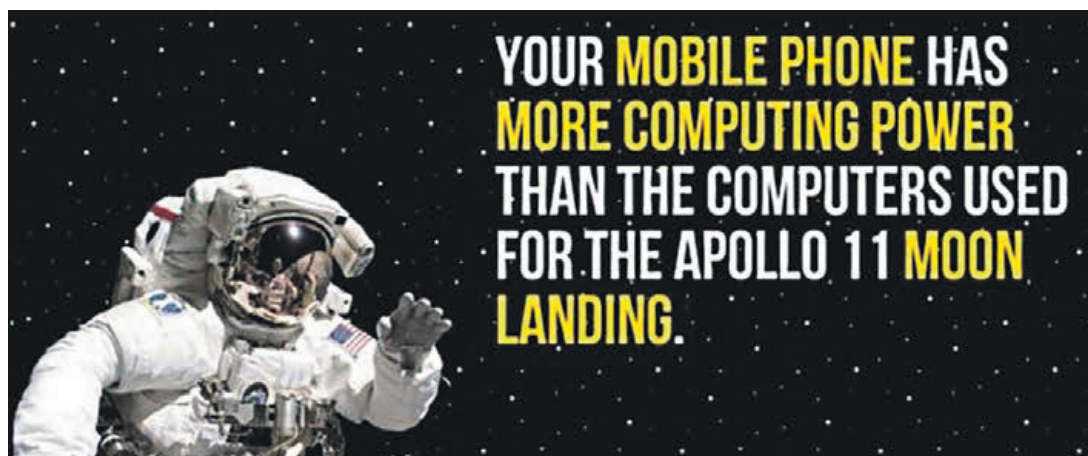
Those died long before our new technological age, but it's actually breathtaking just how many other things have gone south in just the past few decades.

Go on, off the top of your head, what's your partner's or best friend's phone number?

Don't worry, you're not alone; nobody knows them any more and why should we when it's all on that little pocket device said to be 1,300 times more powerful than the computer which took Neil Armstrong to the moon.

A while back I had to break the bad news to an inquiring motorist that he was several hundred kilometres off-track from the destination he intended, because he slightly mistyped it into the GPS and didn't actually have a folding map any more. Do you?

Remember the Yellow Pages, com-fortingly vast and heavy enough to



build up your biceps? Gone.

Calculate the discount on an offer in your head? As Mafia types might say: 'fuhgeddabaddit.' Even exam students use (phone) calculators now, and the world has not ended. Yet.

CD or record collections? Going, going, gone. Mixtapes? Ah, them wuz the days. Planning your viewing around the live TV schedules? Dinosaur stuff.

Let's not even mention the last time you wrote (or even typed) an actual letter. Who can actually remember a time when that involved inky fingers

and the trek to the post office (also going, going ...) to buy and lick a stamp. I wonder what philatelists collect these days, email auto-signatures?

Looking things up meant a trip to the wonderfully musty local library staffed by equally musty librarians. Finding new words involved hefting a brick of a dictionary, where now I have the entire 24-volume Oxford in a digital space freed-up by one unwanted cat video.

Remember when we had to carry jangling change in our pockets if seized by the need to use a public

phone? Come to that, remember actual phone booths?

Travel agents, like photo shops, are clinging on for dear life in our brave new world. And I recently dusted off the last cheque I wrote - nearly a decade ago.

But the ultimate chapter closed by technology for me as a writer, was the one which recently befell the very last typewriter I once cherished.

I finally, reluctantly, donated it to a typewriter museum. Which has now been demolished to make way for a data centre.

Analogging on

MY father once rejected the idea of giving a friend a book: "He already has one."

In fact, someone did just give me a book, and what a time-travelling experience this lump of dead trees has been in the e-book era.

But curiously and curiously - as Alice said in *Wonderland* - books, like vinyl records, are actually mounting a rearguard action and more of both were sold last year than the one before.

So perhaps the future is not entirely digital, or at least not yet.

I adore my Kindle with my ludicrously excessive 2,000 books or so. But unlike an old-fashioned book, I really don't recommend an e-reader when you absolutely have to hurl Dan Brown's latest piffle of a bestseller against the wall in rage.



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Breaking Views



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RECENT shock figures reveal that fewer than 5 per cent of UK street robberies and burglaries are solved, and the proportion of suspects caught and punished for all crimes has more than halved over the past five years to just 9 per cent.

The Metropolitan Police admit it solved fewer than 4 per cent of all domestic burglaries in London last year.

Do the values of the UK government and its various institutions no longer reflect the values of the majority of the British people? Do they hear only the shrill voices of the PC mob in its desire to fight perceived 'wrongs'?

As for the police, let's look at a couple of examples. Firstly, it seems there are insufficient funds to protect young teenage girls from sexual abuse, yet apparently unlimited funds to investigate allegations of historic crimes by people long since deceased. Allegations against Ted Heath, for instance, surely weren't justified so how can investigating such cases outweigh the need to protect the vulnerable of today?

Secondly, two fit, healthy men break into the home of a 78-year-old man who fights back and one dies. The police accuse him of

Isn't an Englishman's home his castle?



BE CAREFUL: It might be best not to defend yourself against burglars?

murder, defending the 'rights' of the traveller community to construct a shrine to the deceased outside the man's property, apparently unconcerned about threats against him.

If you're a middle class 'baby boomer,' it seems from a police perspective you can't be a victim. If you're burgled, you can afford it - the burglar was probably hard up and therefore vindicated! If you're attacked by a minority group, you'll probably be accused of assaulting your assailant if defending yourself.

As a taxpayer, you're paying for this 'service' but, unfortunately, can't change it.

Is it me or is the place going to hell in a hand cart as everyone's listening to the shouting of the PC brigade? The silent majority's being led by the vocal minority!

Finally, many thanks to all of you who have purchased my crime thrillers (all profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity)

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

Can they get natural gas?

Q. I am president of my urbanisation and I seek your advice on bringing a supply of natural gas into our urbanisation. Some owners want gas and others do not. My questions are: Does the president have the power to disallow companies from bringing a gas supply into an urbanisation? Also, do owners have the right to order a gas supply even if the president rules against this? Finally, should such decisions be decided at an AGM by voting?

EC (Costa del Sol)

A. Properly, the installation of natural gas into a building or a housing estate of detached

David Searl
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villas must be voted at the AGM because the installation involves work on common elements, such as walls of the building or streets in a housing estate. This vote requires a three-fifths majority, or only one-third approval if it involves renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power.

One owner alone must ask the community for permission if he wishes to do works on community property. The president on his own has no powers to permit or deny. Owners who do not want the new service are not obligated to connect to it.

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Advertising Feature

Let the games begin!

WELL the World Cup is over and another competition here in Spain starts. Yes it's 'grab a sun bed season.'

My usual chart goes up on the balcony wall, marking off the Community guests strategically placing their towels on beds before breakfast. My earliest recorded time was 5.30am - but what was I doing up at that time I hear you ask?

Then there's the 'that's my parking place competition,' a little more serious amongst the older residents, who don't even have a car, closely followed by the 6ft hurdles designed specifically for those that have not paid management fees so insist on straddling the swimming pool and health club gates because they haven't got the current entry codes.

The joys of the summer season - I suppose that's why many of my calmer neighbours prefer to keep well away during August. Unfortunately it does not always cure the non-payment problem, it just makes it a little more entertaining.

The more serious side of non-payment is when the poor renter realises that they cannot access some of the facilities and

worse still, as on more and more communities, they cannot even get through the gates, having endured a long flight, waiting two hours for a hire car, driving from the airport with three hungry children in the back - shameful really that some owners are so arrogant in thinking that everything will be as usual even though they delay payment of fees.

Well, at last, many communities have started to take a more proactive stand against non-payers by denying the relevant apartment or villa those facilities that can be legally withdrawn or restricted. The good news is it is working. Urgent calls from owners to get the facilities back on again followed by card payments or swift bank transfer payment for the overdue amounts which caused



the problem in the first place is the order of the day.

Some may argue that it is a little extreme and it is a shame that the holiday renter is the one that has to take the fall, but as long as the Community is quickly able to restore the facilities on receipt of payment it is the wayward owner who is really at fault here and has usually been warned by letters, emails and telephone calls over many months.

There was a recent situation where an owner said that they had never received an overdue letter or statement and had actually moved from the address on file two years previously.

Firstly it makes one wonder why said owner did not contact the Community, they knew fees were not being paid. But it also highlights how important it is to

ensure that address details, telephone numbers and emails are kept fully up to date.

Just one more, but very important, thing to do: emails going out at least once a year to ensure that administrators and communities are up to date with their information is a very simple low-cost operation.

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Enjoy the summer games!

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	7:00pm	BBC News at Six	4:30pm	Coast and Country	6:00pm	The Chase	7:00pm	The Simpsons	5:00pm	Super League
	7:30pm	BBC London News	5:15pm	Auctions	7:00pm	ITV News London	7:30pm	Hollyoaks	5:00pm	Live Premier League Launch Show
	8:00pm	The One Show	6:15pm	Flog It!	7:30pm	ITV Evening News	8:00pm	Channel 4 News	8:00pm	Football
	8:30pm	EastEnders	9:00pm	European Championships 2018	8:00pm	Emmerdale	9:00pm	Ackley Bridge	11:00pm	The Debate - Live
9:00pm	European Championships 2018	10:00pm	Inside the Factory	8:30pm	10k Holiday Home	10:00pm	999: What's Your Emergency?	12:00am	Fantasy Football Show	
10:00pm	Age Before Beauty	11:00pm	Horizon	9:00pm	Love Your Garden	11:00pm	The Foreign Doctors are Coming	12:30am	Live ATP 1000: Toronto	
11:00pm	BBC News at Ten			11:00pm	Long Lost Family					
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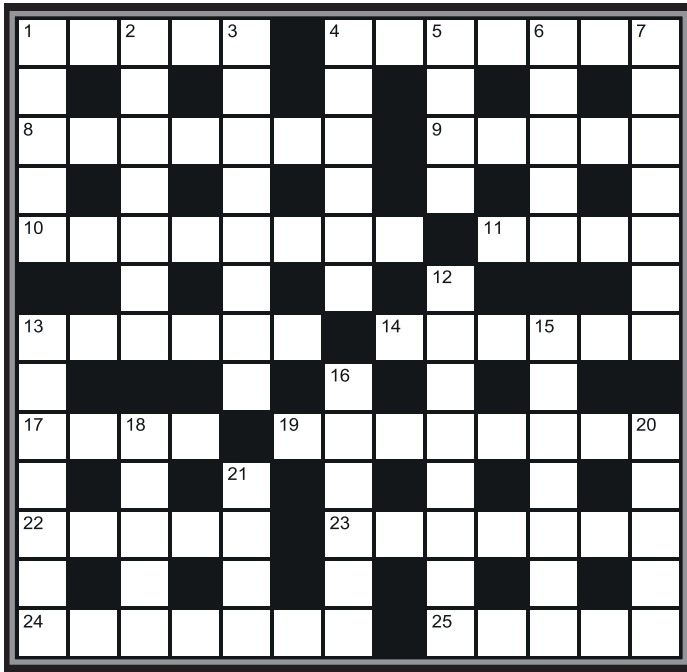


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Cryptic

Across

- 1 The fruit of engagements (5)
- 4 Penny lets out suits (7)
- 8 Having broken toe with rake, produces acorns (3,4)
- 9 Swim or go on all fours (5)
- 10 Irregular form of PC's radio (8)
- 11 Erotica used in part about the ears (4)
- 13 Tone down safety first repeatedly (6)
- 14 Something lucky in grandma's cottage (6)
- 17 Source of danger irks badly (4)
- 19 Draughts in politician's country house reported (8)
- 22 Parts of Delaware are well informed (5)
- 23 Very serious in grammatical form (7)
- 24 Problem behind TV (7)
- 25 Cold warmth? That's a fraud (5)

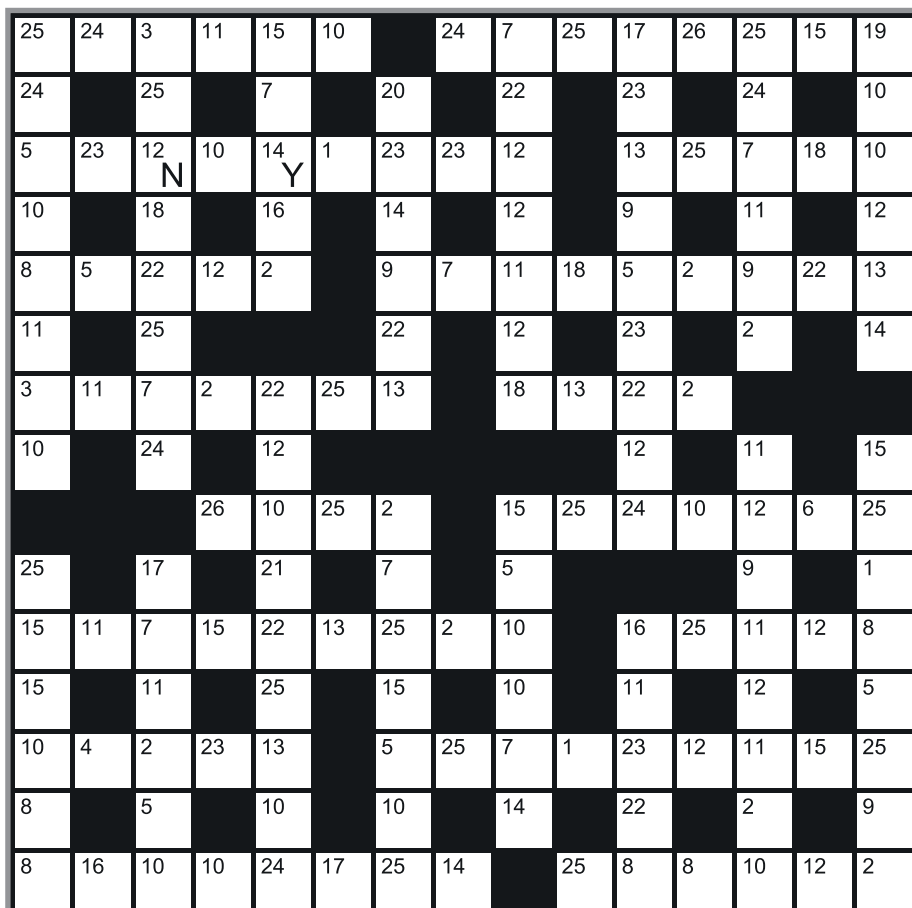


Down

- 1 Jim Morrison's band's openings (5)
- 2 Mimic a rocket launch (4,3)
- 3 Vessel carrying right flag (8)
- 4 Referee seen in photos for a starter (6)
- 5 Eat into some wet chips (4)
- 6 Quiet at back of tunnel (5)
- 7 Seek proper treatment of colitis (7)
- 12 Drug out of place on Arctic (8)
- 13 Runs naked around skaters (7)
- 15 Can eels somehow purify? (7)
- 16 Psychiatrist's contract (6)
- 18 Stylish, second trading place (5)
- 20 Paper put to bed (5)
- 21 Greek goddess is part of the Ram constellation (4)

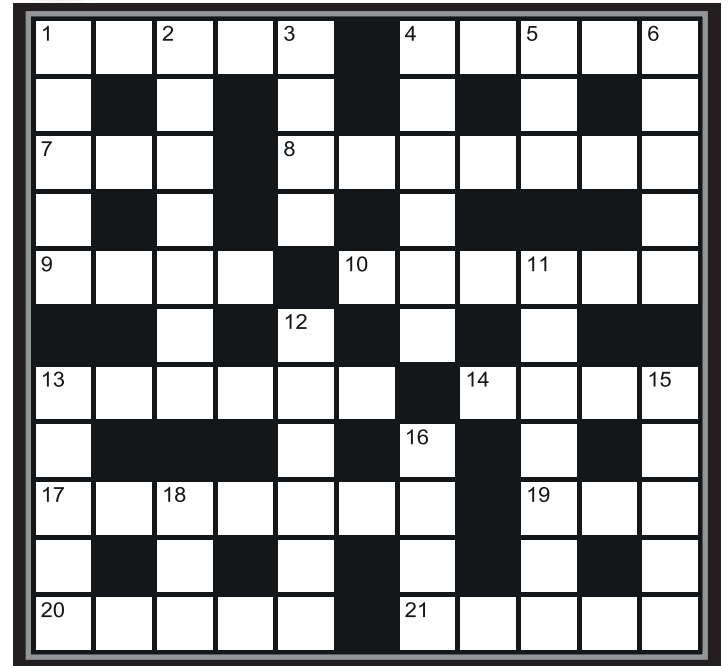
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 12 represents N and 14 represents Y, so fill in N every time the figure 12 appears and Y every time the figure 14 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

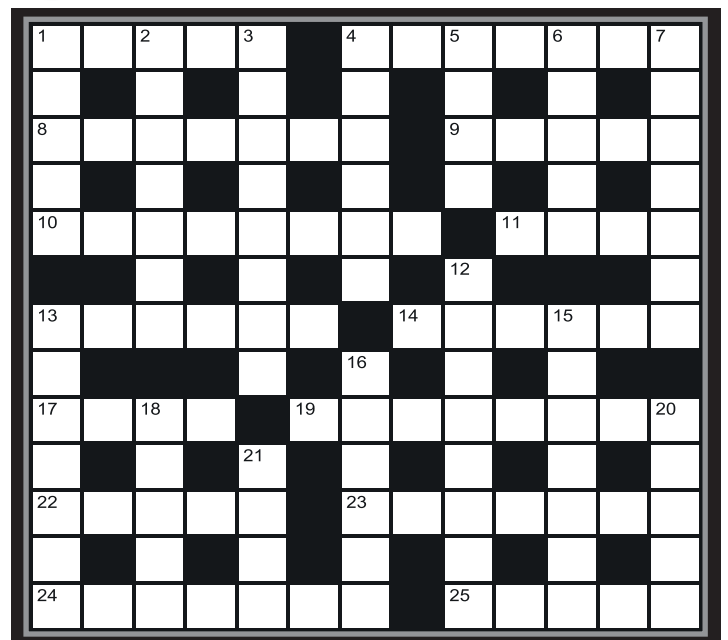
- 1 Happen again (5)
- 4 Have in common (5)
- 7 Young of fox, bear or lion (3)
- 8 Extra (7)
- 9 Very light coloured (4)
- 10 Leisurely (6)
- 13 To or in a foreign country (6)
- 14 South American Indian (4)
- 17 South American country (7)
- 19 Wager (3)
- 20 Post a message on Twitter (5)
- 21 Enthusiastic (5)

Down

- 1 Summarise briefly (5)
- 2 Shoe repairer (7)
- 3 Get up (4)
- 4 High-pitched and piercing (6)
- 5 Everybody (3)
- 6 Short piece of writing on a particular subject (5)
- 11 Person who talks at length but says little of any value (7)
- 12 Brigand (6)
- 13 Prevent (5)
- 15 Theatrical performer (5)
- 16 Impulse (4)
- 18 Put into service (3)

English - Spanish

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



Across

- 1 To quote (writer, line, passage, source) (5)
- 4 Mustard (7)
- 8 Perdido (7)
- 9 Strawberry (5)
- 10 Puntos (costura) (8)
- 11 Box (4)
- 13 To crash (cars, trains) (6)
- 14 Tatuaje (6)
- 17 Gancho (4)
- 19 Ashtray (8)
- 22 Suma (5)
- 23 Bracelet (7)
- 24 Amanecer (7)
- 25 Fright (sudden fear) (5)

Down

- 1 Beds (5)
- 2 Witness (7)
- 3 Impermeable (8)
- 4 Imán (6)
- 5 Caja fuerte (4)
- 6 Pavement (for walking on) (5)
- 7 Device (technical) (7)
- 12 Toothpicks (8)
- 13 Rockets (fireworks) (7)
- 15 Hay (5,2)
- 16 Gente (personas) (6)
- 18 A menudo (5)
- 20 Decline (5)
- 21 There (indicating place) (4)

CROSSWORD PAGE

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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.

		3		21					21		3
5									7		
	3						4				
			10								
			11								
	3										3
5											

Nonagram

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

T	A	C	
E	P	L	
I	I	M	

TARGET:
Average: 10
Good: 13
Very good: 19
Excellent: 25

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

arco, cant, cart, ciao, coat, coin, coir, conn, corn, cran, icon, narc, orca, otic, taco, torc, acari, acorn, actin, actor, antic, cairn, canna, canon, canto, carat, coati, narco, tonic, action, aortic, arctan, arnica, atonic, cannot, canton, cantor, carina, carton, cation, citron, contra, crania, craton, tannic, cantina, carotin, contain, ocarina, raincoat, CARNATION

LOTTERY

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY
Saturday July 28

11 29 31 **BONUS BALL**
32 38 45 10

IRISH LOTTO
Saturday July 28

7 23 27 **BONUS BALL**
28 37 44 5

EURO MILLIONS
Tuesday July 24

2 4 23 **BONUS BALL**
39 40 9

EL MILLON: FTF66927
Friday July 27

11 17 22 **BONUS BALL**
23 41 11

LA PRIMITIVA
Thursday July 26

13 25 31 **BONUS BALL**
32 38 40 7

JOKER: 2 638 522
Saturday July 28

2 10 12 **BONUS BALL**
20 43 46 7

EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Sunday July 29

22 25 34 **BONUS BALL**
43 48 8

YOUR STARS

FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

AQUARIUS
(January 21 - February 19)

Feel sympathy for those who lack the gift of insight. Their lack of understanding upsets you, but their horizons are narrow. This is a time of giving to yourself. Look forward to some time away or indulging in something that really relaxes you. Should you be searching for someone special, they may be closer than you know.

PISCES
(February 20 - March 20)

This is not a time to drift into things because the planets are urging you to take control and forge ahead. Let others know exactly what you want and expect from them.

ARIES
(March 21 - April 20)

Someone who appears to be putting themselves in the way of your progress could simply be trying to help. They may have a valid point to make but just not be good at expressing themselves. Be aware of this because there could be a link to your health and love life.

TAURUS
(April 21 - May 21)

With your mind sharp and energy high, you want to make fast progress and, indeed, you can. You are only too aware of the time that has been wasted waiting for others. Now, most of that may be dealt with. See how others react when you do not. Leaving others to their own devices works better than nagging. Your lack of interest could worry them.

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)

When you meet opposition try to use persuasion and logic to win the day. Failing that, you may decide that 'enough is enough' and forge ahead, anyway. In this positive mood you find yourself attractive to the opposite sex. That does not mean you have a right to be pushy. Just use your charm. Combining business with pleasure could lead to trouble, so try to keep these two areas separate.

CANCER
(June 22 - July 23)

There is a strong feeling of 'self' this week, and you realise that you have many things to be thankful for. These thoughts come after a period of uncertainty that saw a lack of progress.

LEO
(July 24 - August 23)

You know in your heart that you should take control of your future. This is a time to talk with others and consider their thoughts. At the end of the day, however, you are the one who has the final say.

VIRGO
(August 24 - September 23)

At times this week you will feel that a certain relationship is not developing along the right lines. Although it seems that your efforts are often in vain, this is a situation that requires thought and patience on your part. It is perhaps a good time to look to your business matters for a change of scene and to set your mind on a more constructive course.

LIBRA
(September 24 - October 23)

You should not feel responsible for the failings of others. Although you may think you could have done more in a certain situation, it is unlikely that any significant difference would have resulted. This is a busy time but also one in which a small persistent voice will be heard: the voice of logic and practicality. Listen to it.

SCORPIO
(October 24 - November 22)

A long-term relationship has its wobbly moments this week, but all is not lost. Listen to your heart as it speaks louder than any other voice. You know what you need but that may conflict with what you feel you should want. In an ideal world, these two areas would be in harmony. Give a little happiness to others and your own heart will be lighter.

SAGITTARIUS
(November 23 - December 21)

Making firm decisions in your love life may prove difficult. Do not be rushed. This is far from a straightforward week and you need to remember how to relax. You are able to deal with what comes your way but it is upsetting to find that someone has been less than honest.

CAPRICORN
(December 22 - January 20)

Your sense of balance in the universe could be upset, but do not let this sour either your thoughts or your character. You are in the eye of the storm so take this time to think. A bit of care and attention is what you need and you know where to find it.

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

ENGLISH-SPANISH

Across:

1 Later, 4 Taste, 7 Escarlata, 8 Huespedes, 12 Alcachofa, 14 Ovens, 15 Olive.

Down:

1 Lamb, 2 Tie, 3 Rucksacks, 4 Terremoto, 5 Spade, 6 Edad, 9 Uncle, 10 Mayo, 11 Knee, 13 Ahi.

CRYPTIC

Across:

1 Castaway, 7 Elope, 8 Brilliant, 9 Lab, 10 Rent, 11 Chance, 13 Turner, 14 Hassle, 17 Abroad, 18 Calm, 20 Sad, 22 Seminoles, 23 Nails, 24 Brighton.

Down:

1/13 Caber tossing, 2 Spinner, 3 Ally, 4 Apache, 5 Noble, 6 Verbouse, 7 Etonian, 12 Redress, 15 Scarlet, 16 Hammer, 17 Admit, 19 Mason, 21 Snug.

QUICK

Across:

1 Dainty, 4 Ideals, 9/25 Tip off, 10 Avocado, 11 Utensil, 12 Spare, 13 Usual, 15 Eager, 20 Award, 22 Arrives, 24 Evening, 26 Detest, 27 Weasel.

Down:

1 Detour, 2 Impress, 3 Traps, 5 Dead Sea, 6 Aroma, 7 Sacred, 8 Jolly, 14 Address, 16 Envious, 17 Ballad, 18 Basic, 19 Useful, 21 Alert, 23 Rogue.

CODE BREAKER

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

KAKURO

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

QUIZ: DEM BONES, DEM BONES

Answers:

All the questions relate to human bones

- Also known as the breastbone, what name is given to the flat bone that articulates with the clavicles and the first seven pairs of ribs?
- From the Latin for 'to bind', what name is given to the sheet or band of tough fibrous tissue connecting bones or cartilages or supporting muscles or organs?
- 'Quivers down my back bone, I've got the shakes down the kneebone' are lyrics from which 1960 UK number one hit single?
- The coccyx, the small triangular bone at the base of the spinal column, takes its name from an ancient Greek word for which bird?
- What are the names of the two long bones that make up the forearm?

- What is the anatomical name for the kneecap?
- What name is given to a fracture of a bone, occurring typically in children, in which one side of the bone is broken and the other only bent?
- What name is given to the branch of medicine dealing with the correction of deformities of bones or muscles?
- Where are the metatarsal bones located?
- Which tiny bone (ossicle) in the middle ear is the smallest in the body?

Not a lot of people know that... the hyoid bone in the throat, which is responsible for holding your tongue in place, is the only bone that doesn't connect to a joint

- STERNUM, 2. LIGAMENT, 3. SHAKIN' ALL OVER (Johnny Kidd and the Pirates), 4. CUCKOO (Kokkux), 5. RADIUS and ULNA, 6. PATELLA, 7. GREENSTICK FRACTURE, 8. ORTHOPAEDICS, 9. IN THE FOOT, 10. STIRRUP or STAPES

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'Free health cover' costs the UK government

THE so-called free medical cover UK nationals who have retired to Spain enjoy by means of a form S1 from DWP is not free.

For each person qualified, the DWP currently pays a flat rate of £4,172.59 (€4,700) a year. They also pay a flat rate for each qualified person's dependants according to age: For those under 19 years old it is £585 (€645) pa; those aged 20 to 64, £802 (€885). The amounts are paid each year irrespective of how much or little use is made of the service.

I was urged to get the exact figures when a few Spaniards in the health system told me they understood we paid nothing, believing the cost was covered by Spanish workers' social security payments. I wanted to be able to assure them we Brits are not parasites.

Re EHIC treatment. When used, the Spanish health authority bill the UK for the actual cost involved. Unfortunately the refunds must be sent to Madrid, and are then distributed to the various health authorities. I understand it is not done on the basis of treatments

Horse taxis need control in Fuengirola

THIS is not an attempt to stop the horse taxi service in Fuengirola, as I understand it is a part of the Spanish tradition and a tourist attraction.

However, I and many others, are concerned about the life and health of those horses that are used in front of these passenger carriages licensed by the town hall in Fuengirola. On the evening of Wednesday, July 18, we witnessed another example as one of the horses sadly collapsed at the horse taxi stop by PYR hotel next to the children's playground, so many children and adults were upset and concerned by it.

This is an example of how a horse taxi service should not be run and it is not the image we want for the town of Fuengirola. Therefore, I am kindly asking the town hall to consider stricter rules when issuing the permits and the licences to run a horse taxi service in Fuengirola.



Credit: Elliott Brown, flickr

TRADITIONAL: A typical Spanish horse taxi.

Firstly, every horse owner who applies for a licence should have a recommendation from a vet (similar to MOT for cars) to prove that the horse is fit and healthy enough to work in the taxi service, to pull the carriage/taxi with passenger/s, including children and disabled people.

Secondly, from July 1 to October 1 no horse should be allowed to work at least between 2pm and 5pm because of the scorching heat.

Thirdly, all the horses should have at least one day of rest during the week when they do not work at all.

Ann Ravn Jarlsdatter, Fuengirola

Editor's note: This is an extract from a longer letter sent to the Fuengirola Council and copied to Euro Weekly News.

provided, thus the main tourist areas which treat many more patients, are not compensated pro rata, thus inevitably lose out.

Julian Ward, Spain

Animal cruelty

OUR three neutered cats went missing over a period of three weeks in Calpe.

Our neighbour who knew the cats well by sight volunteered the information that they had been trapped on one visit and taken from his adjoining property by the cat protection service from the town hall.

This was emphatically denied by the society who only take strays and they do not take neutered cats (their ears are clipped to mark them). As the neighbour then described each cat individually he obviously knew them from seeing them each day.

The date that he gave for the trapping of the cats was after the cats disappeared which conveniently covered the fact that we believe he had already disposed of them himself.

I hope that you will give this publicity in order to raise public awareness of the continued wanton cruel acts to animals from people you would least suspect and the lack of legal protection from these abusers.

Peter, Calpe

Humans make mess

MY friend and I walk along the La Mata beach nearly every day and fill two or three carrier bags of plastic every day.

I've even picked up a toilet seat and all the mess is left by humans not dogs.

Dogs need somewhere to swim and cool off, if you don't like dogs don't sit there.

I don't like the smell of pig mess so I didn't buy a house next to a pig - simple, but please don't deny dogs some freedom and enjoyment, and by the way even if people didn't pick up their dog's mess (which they should) it goes back to nature unlike used nappies, empty bottles, and everything else we pick up daily.

Coleen Bryan, Animal Lover, La Mata

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Taxi strikes Spain: Costa cabbies join nationwide strikes

A bit of competition and these taxis complain.

Richard Taylor

I don't blame them, they have to pay a lot for the licence to work the airport ranks. Uber etc don't.

Bill Newall

Brits rally in Benidorm after stag party pay 'vulnerable' man for tattoo of groom's name on forehead

How about getting rid of the stag parties? Whilst spending money into the Benidorm economy they seem to think it's ok to behave like animals, drinking themselves to oblivion, throwing up in the street and behaving in a way no normal persons would when sober.

Stuart Ridgley

Bleeding disgusting, shouldn't be too hard to find them and charge them and name the tattoo artist as well.

Kim Johnston

I'd love to know what the bride to be thinks of all this? I would be disgusted if my man did this. I think it would change my opinion on wanting to marry him.

Zara Mária

Comments from EWN online

Brand new tattoos cannot start to be removed until six months has passed then it can take up to two years to be almost completely removed. This guy should sue!!!

Jennifer Knowles

Is this for real? Seriously what in God's name is wrong with people? Beggars belief.

Maria Thompson

Hang your heads in shame, it's abuse, you are the lowest of the low and should be named and shamed.

Pip Riley

Pensions warning: MPs told no-deal Brexit could see expats left with no money

Please correct me if I am wrong but aren't the Brits the third largest non-Spanish community in Spain, behind the Romanians and the Moroccans. Thus, despite the

exchange rate, their spend must be not inconsiderable?

John Price

I cannot understand why we British remain so arrogant as to think that all international economies are dependent on the British spending. I see the Spanish economy growing against a backdrop of a dwindling British expat community! Also there are far more French, Dutch and Belgians holidaying on the Costas these days. British money and investment is no longer the Aladdin's lamp it used to be. Wake up to the realism that it is the UK that is going to be MOST severely impacted as a result of turkey Brexit.

Mike Giles

Suffocated: Four dogs die in hot car while owners enjoy tapas

No words for such an irresponsible act from these egoist perpetrators. Hope in some near future they suffer intensely...

Felipe

A fine? Possible animal abuse? GOT TO BE KIDDING. Despicable gits.

Wyn

First of all they should be locked in a car for a few hours... Heavily fined and never allowed to have another dog.

Belinda Shaw

Reality smiles down on us

LOVE ISLAND is the reality show like marmite, you either love it or hate it. But one thing is for sure, the fame hungry reality stars, who all look tanned and body perfect, place more pressure on us to get that beach body to die for.

With the likes of Meghan, who allegedly spent £25,000 on a makeover before she entered the Love Island house, or Jack, who travelled at great expense to Turkey to perfect his choppers, and with viewing figures just over the three million mark, the contestants want to look their best which requires time and money.

For most of us who aspire to be like these tanned gods and goddesses, dental enhancement is the first thing we tend to put on the list. It's a more realistic personal improvement that can be achieved simply and cost effectively at home.

Teeth whitening products are a far cheaper option to achieve the perfect smile without having to spend thousands on implants and crowns.



ALL SMILES: Meghan Barton Hanson.

In recent years with demand increasing, prices start from as little as £10 with the added benefit that the ingredients of finely ground activated charcoal and bentonite clay can replenish essential minerals as

well create the perfect pearly smile.

James Finley, Sales Director at Pro Teeth Whitening Co, who confirmed that sales have rocketed 30 per cent since the beginning of the show, said, 'Reality TV

programmes like Love Island are a great advertisement for us as all the cast have a great set of white teeth. Whether they've had professional cosmetic whitening treatments to achieve this is hard to tell. But home teeth whitening products are a simple and cost-effective option for anyone to use and our products work really well and safe on enamel.

"Certain brands will always benefit from the power of celebrity, and teeth whitening products are one of these.

"But it's also a seasonal trend, as summer is a time when most people are pre-holiday prepping and teeth whitening has become another part of that beauty regime.

"This could be coincidental, but one thing reality TV celebs all have in common is their perfect, white smiles."

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SUNBATHERS are increasing the risk of skin cancer by failing to apply the right amount of sunscreen to the body, according to new research.

On average, people are using less than half the tanning lotion than is advised by the manufacturers because they apply such a thin layer.

A new study conducted by scientists at Kings College London recommend using a safer method to ensure sufficient protection called the 'teaspoon method.'

Anthony Young, a professor of Photobiology from the university, split 16 volunteers into two groups of eight. The first group were exposed to ultraviolet

radiation to simulate sunlight over one day, while wearing sunscreen of varying thickness. The second group received exposure similar to conditions on a five-day holiday to destinations such as Tenerife, Florida or Brazil.

Biopsies taken after the experiment concluded that proper sun cream use lowered damage seven-and-a-half times compared to using no sun protection, even when the UV rays were very weak. Those exposed to five days of high ultraviolet rays, who wore the correct amount of sunscreen, showed significantly less damage and sunburn was reduced by 40 per cent.

The new measurement method to apply sunscreen is a simple gauge to ensure correct dosage of the cream keeping ahead of the recommended 2mg of cream per cm² of skin.

For instance, an average woman should apply a total of six teaspoons of cream every time she puts on sun protection - half a teaspoon to each arm, face and neck, and then one full teaspoon to each leg, front and back of the body. This should be applied three times a day depending on sun exposure.

"Most people who use an SPF 20 sunscreen will actually be getting something like SPF 4 because they aren't applying enough," said Professor Young.



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A ride in time

CLASSIC CAR enthusiasts reunite in Mallorca for the annual classic car and yacht week between September 19 and 23.

Held in Port Adriano, the elegance of the classic cars combines perfectly with this luxurious port full of beautiful yachts, designer boutiques and a number of international and local restaurants.

The event is organised by a group of car clubs together with the port authorities to help raise money for local charities. Car club members are charged to exhibit and enter their vehicles for different events during the four days, however admission is free for visitors.

On Wednesday, September 19 at 6pm, a 'Welcome Hamburger Barbecue' is planned to introduce participants and discuss the events they will take part in during the following days.



CLASSIC CAR: Classic style.

Thursday and Friday there are rallies and a pleasure drive ending in a 'petrolhead' hour!

Saturday, September 22 is the main event of the occasion. From 11am there will be an exhibition of all the cars. Organisers stress that a Seat 600 is just as welcome as a Rolls Royce, it is the condition of the car that will be judged.

During the afternoon groups

of musicians and dancers will entertain the visitors and at 4pm it's the prize-giving for 'Pin-up Girl' competition.

The highlight of the day will be at 5pm with the International Concourse of Elegance where a jury will judge the classic cars and the Russell Stevens Award will be presented to the winner.

On Sunday, September 23 at 11am, the Mallorca Sight-

seeing Drive will follow a planned route through scenic parts of the southwest of the island, arriving back at the port around 3pm.

The entries are limited to 100 classic cars and 10 classic yachts.

For more information please consult the website www.mallorcaclassicweek.com.

The amazing Shaolin Monks

SHAOLIN MONKS are due to perform at Palma Auditorium on August 24 and 25.

The audience will witness amazing acts of mental strength and physical endurance performed by the monks. The acts almost appear like stunts - they are not. While seeming to achieve the impossible, they have spiritually developed their minds and bodies through years of arduous training and dedication.

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Eat Well to Live Well



by Andrew Harding

AS PROMISED this week I will discuss the remaining two fat soluble vitamins; Vitamin E and Vitamin K.

Vitamin E helps maintain healthy skin, eyes and strengthen the body's natural defence against illness and infection (the immune system). Vitamin E is found in a wide variety of foods. Good sources include: Plant oils such as soya, corn and olive oil, nuts and seeds and a particularly rich source is wheatgerm, found in cereals and cereal products and wholemeal bread.

Sunflower oil is another good source with 100 ml containing 500 per cent of the ADR (Adult Daily Requirement).

Vitamin K is essential for blood clotting, but Vitamin K deficiency is very rare due to the following:

- There are a huge variety of food-stuffs that contain it (green leaved vegetables, such as broccoli and spinach), vegetable oils and cereal grains are the main sources.
- The tiny amounts required to maintain health (one microgram a day per one kilogram of body weight).
- Any unused Vitamin K is stored in the body, for future use.

Eat Well to Live Well!



SPICE UP YOUR LIFE: Ceylonese prawn curry.

This week's recipes:
Ceylonese Prawn Curry
Serves 4

- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 6 whole garlic cloves, sliced
- 2 tablespoons of ginger, peeled and grated (more if you like the heat!)
- 750 grams fresh prawns, shells and intestinal tract removed (or 600 grams of frozen prawns, after defrosting, the amount of each will be roughly the same)
- 2 cups coconut milk
- 2 teaspoons tamarind pulp
- 2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1 can peeled tomatoes
- 4 tablespoons of cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1 seeded and chopped red or green chilli pepper (or more if you like the heat!)
- Fry the onion in oil, until golden.
- Add ginger and garlic continue to fry until the garlic becomes transparent.

Add all the remaining ingredients, except for the prawns.

Simmer for 10 minutes

Add the prawns and simmer until the prawns lose their transparency.

Serve with this:
Garlic Fried Rice

Serves 4

- 2 cups long-grain rice (ideally Basmati)
- 1 whole vegetable stock cube, crumbled
- 4 cups water, boiling
- 1 small lotus leaf (optional)
- 1 large onion, skinned and chopped
- 8 whole garlic cloves, skinned and chopped
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 whole red pepper, deseeded and chopped
- 2 teaspoons black peppercorns, ground
- Juice of 2 limes
- Place rice, stock cube and the lotus leaf in a rice steamer and add the boiling water. Microwave at 850 Watts, for 12 minutes. Discard the lotus leaf.
- Pour the vegetable oil into a wok, heat and add the onion. Stir-fry for two minutes, add the garlic and stir fry for a further two minutes, two minutes more with the red pepper added.
- Add remaining ingredients stir and place in a warmed, covered dish.
- Serve.

Banks forecast strong housing market performance

LEADING banks expect 2018 to be a bumper year for the property market.

Both Bankinter and Solvia (the property arm of Banco Sabadell) have high expectations, with the latter forecasting 570,000 transactions by the end of the year, 7.2 per cent more than 2017.

Bankinter's forecasts say that the growth of employment, the attractiveness of property as an investment and

reduced financing costs will make residential demand grow to a volume close to 540,000 homes in 2018 and 580,000 units in 2019, compared to 464,423 operations in 2017.

When it comes to prices, Solvia estimates that they will rise by 6.1 per cent in 2018, meaning the average Spanish property will have gained 16.6 per cent from the lows recorded in 2013.

While this is a significant increase, it

is still far below the highs seen in 2007, meaning property is still relatively affordable and there is plenty of room for growth.

Bankinter is slightly more cautious, but still considers strong demand and the rebound of rental levels will push up the average price per square metre around 4 to 5 per cent, although the increase could be higher in the big cities and coastal Solvia expects an increase

of 7.1 per cent in the average value of housing in Madrid, while in Cataluña it expects an increase of 10.5 per cent.

However, Bankinter warns that persistent increases close to 10 per cent are not in line with sustainable long-term trend, and can lead to overheating in 'peripheral areas.'

The bank calculates that the Valencia and Murcia regions will see average house prices rise by 5.4 per cent

and in Andalucia it forecasts an increase of 5.3 per cent. The forecast for the Balearic and Canary Islands is an increase of 8.9 per cent.

On the other hand, the servicer points out that since the minimums registered in 2013, home purchase and sale transactions between individuals have increased by 140 per cent, driven by the improvement in the economic situation and employment.

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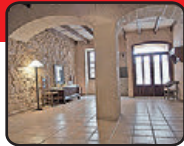
Ref 3152, La Rapita, 255,000 €

Semi-detached chalet, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Lounge with open Kitchen, community pool. Living area 100 m2, Plot 150 m2.



Ref 3138, Lluçmajor, 260,000 €

Renovated Townhouse, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, Lounge, Dining room, Roof terrace, Living area 157 m2, Plot 107 m2.



Ref 3154, Vallgornera, 550,000 €

Chalet which needs modernising, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, lounge, dining room, Kitchen, Pool, living area 185 m2 plus 92 m2 Garage. Plot 1,500 m2.



Ref 3146, Lluçmajor, 275,000 €

Big townhouse which needs modernising with garden. 3 bedrooms, 2 more rooms, 2 Bathrooms, Hallway, lounge, dining room, Kitchen, living room 264 m2, garden 82 m2, plot 180 m2.



Ref 3136, Vallgornera, 195,000 €

Apartment in a very good state of repair. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, lounge, Kitchen, large terrace, Parking place, Pool, living area 84 m2.



Ref 3149, Felanitx, 140,000€

Townhouse for reform with garden. 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Hallway, lounge, Kitchen, living area 147 m2, plot 265 m2.



Schumacher's wife lands island mansion



Credit: Associated Press

ISLAND LIVING: The Mallorca mansion is set in idyllic grounds.

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER'S wife has bought a €30 million mansion in Mallorca from Real Madrid president Florentino Perez, it has been reported.

Corinna, 49, signed off on the villa, which comes with a 161,000 sq ft estate, in May.

The stunning pad, near Andratx on the Mediterranean island, also features two swimming pools, a large garden, a helipad, a guest villa and unrivalled sea views.

According to media sources Corinna - who married Formula 1 legend Michael in 1995 - intends to use the property, known as Villa Yasmin, as a holiday home.

The couple previously owned a villa on the island and are thought to have holidayed there regularly before his devastating skiing accident in December 2013. Little is known about Michael's life since he was hurt in France and the seven-time F1 World Championship winner has remained

out of the public eye.

He was put into a medically induced coma for six months after the injury to his head and is now believed to be receiving medical care at his home in Switzerland.

Billionaire Spaniard Perez bought the villa in 2005. Following the death of his wife Maria in 2012, however, Perez stopped visiting the estate and put it up for sale last year, having paid €25 million for it 12 years previously.



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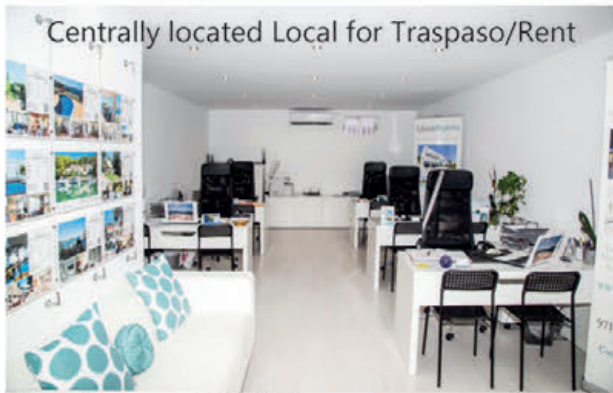
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TV COUCH CRITIC

by Adam Whalley-Lewis

THIS week is probably my last chance to mention *Love Island*, ITV2.

Now, the ratings have been sky high and the UK press don't seem to be able to get enough of the beautiful contestants falling in and out of love and then spilling the beans about how their lives have been shattered by one of the other beautiful young things not finding them quite beautiful enough...

You might be surprised to read that I did watch one of the visits to the Island over the weekend, only one mind you and I had a lie down afterwards. I tuned in to see Danny Dyer make a massively hyped appearance to give his verdict of his daughter's pairing with Jack.

Danny is so famous that he could only squeeze in an appearance via FaceTime and luckily for Jack, Danny seemed to approve of him, especially his normal, rather than chiselled, tummy. Two things though. First, just when did Danny become so famous and second, I'm not sure why he's commenting on Jack's tummy, chiselled or flabby (he isn't at all flabby, but you get what I'm thinking).

I do realise, you know, that for someone who has consistently whined on about how much he dislikes *Love Island*, I do manage to drone on about it.

Goodbye to the island and food from scraps



ISLAND WINNERS: Danni and Jack.

Did you catch *Animals Behaving Badly*, BBC1 Sunday morning? Last week was all about how cunning our animal friends can be when it comes to securing food, you know, like the middle isle in Lidl when they have those really cheap solar lamps on special offer. Liz Bonnin is the host who guides us through macaques using psychological tricks to steal food and tigers, well, being tigers. I loved the hummingbirds stealing nectar, put me in mind

of a Red Bull dash to the local shops to fight off a Monday morning hangover!

If you are a fan of anything food or of *Bake Off*, I'm sure you will already have found *Nadiya's Family Favourites*, Monday BBC2. This week the lovely Nadiya was creating fabulous dishes out of stuff which my Mum would probably throw out. Nadiya also uses what she calls cupboard staples in her dishes. I think this is just to make those of us who call our cup-



Photo credit ITV/BBC

MONKEYING AROUND: Animals Behaving Badly.

board staples (really expensive) baked beans and some chicken soup, feel inadequate. The food is great and you will get some smashing ideas for easy to make dishes.

TV News, E4 have announced the line up for *Celebs Go Dating*. Series five won't air until October and when it does you might struggle to recognise some (all) of the celebrities, but the hosts are the reason I tune in and thankfully Nadia and Tom are back. Eden isn't. He had a bust up with Nadia. He's been replaced by Paul C Brunson. If you are inclined, Google Paul.

This weekend the BBC are showing the *European Championships from Glasgow*.

Go team GB.
Happy Viewing.



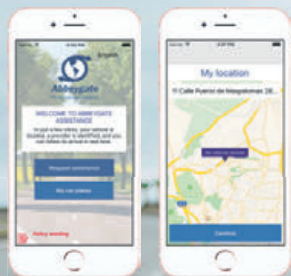
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'Teflon' Trump

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



WELL I've tried to ignore him - I really have, but unfortunately I can't. Who am I talking about? I like to call him Stormy Daniels' ex-lover, otherwise known as Donny 'Teflon' Trump.

This week alone I've read that his lawyer taped a conversation about paying off another woman. The recording offers the public a glimpse at the confidential discussions between Trump and Cohen, and it confirms the man who now occupies the Oval Office had knowledge of a proposal to buy the rights to the story of Karen McDougal, a woman who has alleged she had an extramarital affair with Trump about a decade ago.

He goes on to talk about paying cash. Yet another bit of evidence that he is just a scum bag. There are well over 20 women that allege he assaulted them. The mind boggles as to how he has got away with it. They can't all be liars can they?

He went to Helsinki and, in a press conference standing next to Putin, Trump said he didn't have reason to think Russia meddled with the US election, contradicting the find-

ings of US intelligence agencies. "I don't see any reason why it would be Russia who interfered in the 2016 election," Trump said. However, on Tuesday, after massive backlash from scores of US politicians and general outrage in the media, Trump did a complete U-turn on these comments, claiming he had intended to say "I don't see any reason why it wouldn't be Russia."

Many people, including me, just do not buy this utter codswallop. Especially because Trump waited an entire day to correct himself. I mean really, come on, do any of you believe him?

How about this one? In the midst of an interview with the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell told him of some breaking news. "The White House has announced Vladimir Putin is coming to the White House in the fall," she said. Coats replied, "Say that again." "Vladimir Putin," Mitchell said. "Did I hear you?" he said. Mitchell confirmed Coats heard her correctly and he said, "OK ... that's gonna be special." This is the Director of National Intelligence!

So it goes on. This lying, cheating, racist misogynist carries on because, for some reason, his followers allow it and for the life of me I don't know why.

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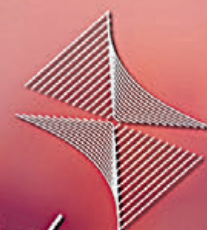
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It is a challenge to have a successful vegetable garden in the Mediterranean climate.

The reward is the freshest of produce grown with your own care and management. You know exactly what has gone into growing it and you can harvest it just at the right time to fully appreciate it at its best. Tomatoes ripened on the plant to full maturity have a taste and quality that cannot be obtained through most bought produce outlets.

Often the harvest will have an abundance of produce all at the same time. Even careful planning cannot completely elude the tendency of nature to have her feast and famine cycles. The good thing about this though is the ability to share and conserve produce.

Sharing is best when the it is of mutual benefit for everyone. Many gardeners love to share their produce with others but over time,

when they consider the work necessary to grow the produce, it is less inspiring if those they share with have not shared the work or returned the favour in some way. This is a shame as the appreciation of quality produce requires the appreciation of the quality producer.

An abundance of produce to harvest is a good opportunity to help conserve much of the produce for the seasons of the year the produce cannot be grown. Opening a jar of fully ripened aromatic tomatoes in winter can bring back the memory of the summer harvest and provide a nourishing addition to the meal. Even if you are not a gardener it is a great opportunity to help out to preserve the fruits of the summer harvest for the colder months.

The summer garden harvest provides the key ingredients for many Mediterranean salad and cold soup recipes.

The addition of fresh, full flavoured, fully matured, crisp and turgid items from the garden really does take the meal to another level of quality. Whether it is a potato salad, pasta salad, salad for paella, gazpacho, cold soups or a Spanish-style bread roll with cheese, tomatoes and other regional ingredients according to taste, they will all be enhanced by the fruits of the garden in the summer harvest.



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The king is back

THERE is one man whose name is always on the trophy at Palma's premier regatta - and he has been back in town again for the 37th Copa del Rey MAPFRE.

King Felipe, a keen sailor, is in Mallorca for his annual family holiday at the Almudaina palace - with his wife Letizia, 48, and their two daughters Princess Leonor, 12, and Princess Sofia, 11.

Each year he times his lengthy summer break to take in the Copa del Rey.

This year he once again took the helm as part of the Aifos team. Sunday's training day was the first time he had taken charge of the new Aifos 500 which is named after his mother - it is Sofia spelled backwards. In Monday's Swan 50 class the king placed third.

In total, 127 boats made their debuts on Monday - the first day of racing. Four teams made perfect starts by winning two races each.

Dieter Schoen's Vrolijk Maxi72 Momo made an excellent start in Mallorca Sotheby's IRC 0, as did Karl Kwok's Botin 52 Team Beau Geste in Mallorca Sotheby's IRC 1.

Nacho Montes and Oscar Chaves' all star cast on the DK46 Estrella Damm took



KEEN SAILOR: King Felipe looking relaxed on the high seas.

two victories in the BMW ORC 1 class. Germany's Sonke Meier scored two wins on NiRaMo in the ClubSwan 50 fleet.

Tuesday saw the six-metres join the action on the Alpha course nearest the shore. The class was split into Classic and Modern

categories, with seven entrants in each.

Sophie II, sailed by Hugo Steinbeck, won both races in the Modern fleet with Jose Cusi and Pedro Campos, repeating the feat in the Classic fleet aboard Bribon.

Yesterday (Wednesday) it

was the turn of the GC32 flying catamarans and the Melges 40s to start their race programmes.

The G32 category is one of the most anticipated events due to the spectacular sight of the catamarans raising themselves up on hydrofoils to 'fly' above

the water at speeds of up to 40 knots.

With the Melges 40s also entering the fray it meant that yesterday saw a total of 152 boats competing in all of the regatta classes - a new record for the Copa

del Rey.

In the coming days the excitement will build as the competitions reach a climax, with the final races being sailed on Saturday.



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SMOOTH: Sweeping lines give the car a muscular but elegant look.

THE new limited edition Bentley Mulsanne has been unveiled - and it is a stunning example of the luxury that the marque is so rightly renowned for.

The Mulsanne WO Edition by Mulliner was conceived as a homage to the founding father of the company.

To follow this theme, the Crewe-based manufacturer has cleverly decided to incorporate a real piece of Bentley history in every car.

Each of the 100 limited edition

Mulsannes will have a slice taken from the original crankshaft of WO Bentley's personal eight-litre car displayed in the interior.

It was the last model he designed for the company, way back in 1930. The crankshaft was removed and put into storage with no one quite sure what to do with it - up until now that is.

The Mulsanne WO Edition can be specified on any of the three-model Mulsanne range, based on customer preference. Key fea-



tures include a colour split interior cut from Heritage Hide reflecting the patina of vintage cars, elegant Beluga black wheels and a stunning cocktail cabinet or bottle cooler, featuring a slice from the original crankshaft, set into the armrest.

This special model will make

LUXURY: The immaculate details are inspired by 1930's British cars.

its public debut at Monterey Car Week in California, USA in late August, with customer deliveries starting in 2019 - Bentley's centenary year.

The new Mulsanne WO Edition by Mulliner draws on design cues taken from the eight-litre - built in an era that has been defined as the 'golden age' of mo-

toring in Britain. Just 100 examples will be handcrafted by Mulliner.

The interior displays a range of exquisite features inspired by luxury living in the 1930's - key to which is the Mulliner illuminated cocktail cabinet. A marquetry depicting the geometric front matrix grille and headlight of the eight-litre - reveals a display window, inside which the piece of the

crankshaft from WO Bentley's own eight-litre car is showcased.

To create the marquetry scene, a number of different veneers and materials were used. Four different wood types give contrast and depth to the piece, while aluminium is used to achieve the highlights, signature and geometric pattern. The diamond-like borders that run parallel to each side add to the contemporary look while retaining an art deco feel.

New Macan's Chinese launch

PORSCHE has unveiled the new Macan, four years after the original was unleashed on the world.

At the time it was decided to fill the gap between its traditional sports car models and the bigger Cayenne SUV - and do it in style.

Since then the Macan compact SUV has been a huge success with more than 350,000 units sold - 100,000 of them in China.

This probably explains why this model was officially launched in Shanghai, with Porsche hoping the facelift will help it maintain its popularity in the Chinese market.

The car has been enhanced in terms of its design, comfort, connectivity and driving dynamics, says Porsche. One thing hasn't changed though - it remains the sportiest option in the compact SUV sector. The new Macan certainly is stylish, with both visibility and

stand-out looks enhanced by a three-dimensional LED tail light strip. LED technology also features in the headlights as standard.

On the inside, an 11-inch touch screen is central to the new Porsche Communication Management (PCM), while air vents have been redesigned and repositioned. It also features the GT sports steering wheel familiar from the 911.

The PCM enables access to new digital functions, such as intelligent voice control and the online navigation system provided as standard. The vehicle's range of comfort equipment has also been expanded to include an ioniser and a heatable windscreen.



UNVEILED: The new Porsche Macan hopes to emulate the success of its predecessor.

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One of the boyos

GERAINT THOMAS became the third Briton to win the Tour de France when he crossed the line in Paris.

The Team Sky rider, 32, follows Sir Bradley Wiggins in 2012 and four-time Tour champion Chris Froome as Britain celebrates a sixth win in seven years.

Alexander Kristoff won the final sprint finish on the Champs-Elysees as Thomas crossed the line arm-in-arm with Froome after three weeks of racing.

He beat Dutchman Tom Dumoulin by one-minute 51 seconds, with Froome third.

The Welshman, who rode in support of Froome in each of his four wins, had built up that lead over the previous 20 stages, and Tour convention dictates that the yellow jersey is not chal-



Credit: @chrisfroome/twitter

G WHIZZ: Thomas and Froome cruise to the finish line.

lenged on the final stage.

“When I rode on the Champs-Elysees for the first time in 2007, that was insane, just to finish the race and be a part of it,” said Thomas.

“I seem to be floating around on cloud nine. Maybe when I’m 70, sat in a corner of a pub telling some 18-

year-old what I used to be, it will sink in.

“It’s incredible, the stuff of dreams.”

Froome was the heavy favourite to become the fifth rider to win a record-equalling fifth Tour de France title.

However, he had never be-

fore ridden the Giro d’Italia in the same year and it seemed to sap his energy levels in the Pyrenees mountains, as Thomas proved the stronger rider.

Thomas’ victory comes in his ninth Tour and cements his place among Britain’s greatest cyclists.

McEvoy swings German title

ENGLAND’S Richard McEvoy won his first European Tour title after a dramatic finish to the European Open in Hamburg.

The 39 year-old carded a one-over-par 73, which included a 20-foot putt for birdie on the final hole, to finish one shot ahead of Renato Paratore, Christopfer Blomstrand and Allen John.

American Bryson DeChambeau began the final round as joint leader but fell to a tied 13th after a six-over 78.

“It was a roller coaster ride, but I fought hard,” said McEvoy.

“I’ve tried to enjoy my golf that little bit more and it’s come up trumps.”

England’s Paul Casey finished joint seventh, while compatriot Matthew Nixon and Scotland’s David Drysdale finished joint-ninth.

McEvoy, who turned professional in 2001, is the first player this season to win on the Challenge Tour and European Tour on successive weeks.

Lew beauty

Hamilton extends F1 lead

LEWIS HAMILTON won a tense strategic battle at the Hungarian Grand Prix to head into Formula 1’s summer break with a 24-point championship lead.

Ferrari appeared to blow their best chance to challenge the Mercedes driver, delaying a pit stop for Sebastian Vettel long enough to lose his advantage over Hamilton’s teammate Valtteri Bottas, emerging behind the Finn.

It was a critical error that could have cost Vettel second place, but he fought back and passed Bottas with five laps to go.

Bottas misjudged an attempt to defend from Vettel, locking a wheel and even hitting the Ferrari, but Vettel emerged unscathed and overtook on the outside into Turn Two.

Bottas then slid into Red Bull’s Daniel Ricciardo, which allowed Kimi Raikkonen to also pass through, and Bottas ended a forgettable race in fifth position. Hamilton’s points advantage with nine races to go is almost a race victory and puts him in a strong position for when the season restarts in Belgium at the end of August.



Credit: @Formula1/twitter

SWEATY WORK: Hamilton reflects on his important victory.

“We need to apply more pressure in the second half, this is where we need to turn up the heat,” said Hamilton.

“It’s been trying - physically, mentally and emotionally demanding - but a period I am really proud of, and look where we are standing,” he said.

Vettel said he was confident Ferrari would be able to mount a serious challenge to Mercedes in the remaining races, and thinks his car has the pace to challenge Hamilton.

Lions roar again

THE British and Irish Lions are set to tour the southern hemisphere in 2019 after a Rugby League International Federation (RLFF) meeting in Singapore.

It was threatened by a proposal from Australia, who wanted to tour the UK in 2019 but will now

do so in 2010, with New Zealand coming in 2018 and 2022. The tour would be the Lions’ first action for 12 years after the team was disbanded in 2007 having beaten the Kiwis 3-0.

The RLIF aims to get this proposed calendar confirmed in November.

Transfer rumours

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

Leicester and England defender Harry Maguire, 25, is keen on a €73 million move to Manchester United, but will not force the transfer. (*Mirror*)



Credit: @HarryMaguire93/twitter

HOT PROPERTY: Harry Maguire’s good form has put him in Man Utd’s sights.

Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, 24, who has been linked with Chelsea, is set to be offered a new contract at the Toffees. (*The Times*)

Real Madrid have made Chelsea an opening offer of €112 million for Belgian keeper Thibaut Courtois, 26, and Brazil midfielder Willian, 29. (*Daily Mail*)

Chelsea are in talks with Borussia Dortmund over a possible move for 19-year-old American winger Christian Pulisic, who would be available for €73 million. (*BBC*)

Aston Villa have made a bid for Liverpool’s Ben Woodburn on loan, with the 18-year-old Welsh forward set to be withdrawn from a training camp in France. (*Telegraph*)

Liverpool’s Spanish midfielder Pedro Chirivella, 21, is set to seal a €4 million move to Norwegian side Rosenborg. (*Sun*)

Real Sociedad remain hopeful of signing Real Madrid full-back Theo Hernandez on a season-long loan. (*Goal*)

Chelsea are preparing a €34 million bid for Arsenal midfielder Aaron Ramsay, who is currently in ongoing contract talks. (*Telegraph*)

Barcelona have confirmed that Lucas Digne has left the club’s training camp in the USA and is expected to finalise a move to Everton. (*Talksport*)

Juventus want to resign Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba, and are willing to offload a raft of players to finance the deal. (*Independent*)

Barcelona striker Pablo Alcarcer is weighing up an offer to move to Leicester City after a €30 million bid. (*ESPN*)

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MICHAEL SCHUMACHER'S 19-year-old son Mick, has claimed his maiden Formula 3 victory on the Spa-Francorchamps circuit, 26 years after the legendary German driver, won his first F1 title there.

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BARCELONA Football Club has sparked a sexism row after players of the men's and women's teams flew in separate parts of the plane.

The men's team enjoyed the luxury of business class on a flight bound for Portland, United States where the club's pre-season tour is taking place.

But photos on social media show that the women's team were forced to put up with economy seats, causing widespread outrage.

Prior to take-off both the men and the women posed for a photo-op in business class as part of Barcelona's first ever mixed-sex tour.

Most of the men's squad were made up of 'B' team players as stars like Lionel

Plane crazy!



Credit: @BarcaWomen/Twitter

SEAT SAGA: Barca will make sure the incident will not happen again.

Messi and Luis Suarez are given extended rest from the

World Cup in Russia last month.

Social media users vented their anger over gender inequality in the sport, but both Barcelona and a member of the women's team have played down the situation.

The club said it didn't know that the women's team would be joining the tour when they chartered the flight, and that there were only 36 spaces in first class.

Women's striker Alexia Putellas said:

"Barcelona back women's football, but it's something that can't go straight from zero to 100."

Gareth won't Bale

WELSH galactico Gareth Bale is reportedly willing to extend his contract with Real Madrid next summer, committing his long-term future to the Spanish giants.

With the departure of Cristiano Ronaldo to Juventus and the arrival of new head coach, Julen Lopetegui, the ex-Tottenham Hotspurs player sees an opportunity to finally cement his place in the club's starting 11.

Just two months ago, speaking after Real Madrid's Champions League triumph in the Ukraine, Bale spoke of his determination to find regular football, even if that means leaving the club.

He said: "I think I have to play every week. If I can't do it at Real Madrid then it's something I have to think about."

"Now I have time and have to wait to see what happens in the future."

Bale is currently contracted



CREDITED: @GarethBale11/Twitter

PARTING WAYS: Bale hopes to step out of Ronaldo's shadow.

to Real Madrid until 2022, after renegotiating his contract in 2016.

His future at the club is looking much brighter after this summer's developments, with former Real Madrid star Steve McManaman tipping him for success.

"I think Julen Lopetegui

wants Bale to assume the leadership role Ronaldo had at the club.

"It's very difficult because Cristiano averaged a goal every game, but he (Bale) is a different kind of player, very dynamic and he will have a magnificent season," explained McManaman.

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BRITISH former world heavyweight champion Tyson Fury says a deal to fight Deontay Wilder is "almost done."

Fury made his return to boxing after a 32-month absence with an easy victory over Sefer Seferi last month.

The 29-year-old is set to fight Italian Francesco Pianeta on August 18 and said a bout with America's WBC title holder Wilder could follow in December.

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